

THIJS JANSEN

b. Groningen 1986

Thijs Jansen lives in Hoogezaand and works in Groningen and Hoogezaand. The artist approaches his paintings as a kind of diorama, a stage. Or at least as an imaginary space where he can handle things, add and omit to evoke a mood or set an atmosphere. He believes one of the most fascinating things about painting is displaying an illusionary three-dimensional space on a two-dimensional plane. This literally gives space; a stage is available with minimal resources.

The starting point of his recent paintings are memories of specific public spaces. Not a pure memory, rather something that he experienced unconsciously in passing and returned to later. They are also not so much literal and place-specific, but are more of an atmosphere, a feeling.

The compositions have been chosen with the utmost care; The depicted objects provide just enough grip for a positioning, for example the interior of a supermarket, video store or gas station, but they give more to the viewer's imagination than you might think.

Collections

Drents Museum, Assen
Fries Museum, Leeuwarden
SCHUNCK*, Heerlen
Museum Jan Cunen, Oss
Albert Heijn Kunststichting, Zaandam
Menzis Kunstcollectie, Wageningen
Enexis Kunstcollectie, Den Bosch
UMCG Kunstcollectie, Groningen
Stichting Gerrit van Houten, Groningen

Solo Exhibitions

2021 Kunst op de WC: Thijs Jansen, Museum Jan Cunen, Oss
2019 Thijs Jansen, De Schilder, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Beetsterzwaag
2015 EXTRA ORDINAIR, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Beetsterzwaag
2013 TOTAL THIJS, Drents Museum, Assen
2012 Alle 13 goed, SCHUNCK*, Heerlen
2012 High Definition, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Beetsterzwaag

Group Exhibitions (selection)

- 2023 Art Rotterdam 2023, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2022 The Pink Edition, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam
- 2022 Unlimited, Drents Museum, Assen
- 2022 Minerva meets Leipzig, Drents Museum, Assen
- 2021 Art Rotterdam 2021, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2021 Untitled Art, Miami 2021, Miami Beach, Miami (VS)
- 2020 Ongemak, Galerie Fleur en Wouter, Amsterdam
- 2020 Untitled Art, Miami Online, Rutger Brandt Gallery
- 2020 EXPO Chicago Online, Rutger Brandt Gallery
- 2019 Art Beetsterzwaag, Projectruimte Hoofdstraat 17, Beetsterzwaag
- 2019 It was a pleasure, DAK Utrecht
- 2019 PAN 2019, Collectie Harms Rolde, RAI, Amsterdam
- 2019 Art Noord 2019, De Kunstdames, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen
- 2018 Northeners, Paviljoen Welgelegen, Haarlem
- 2018 Thijs Jansen en Johannes Langkamp, I presume, DAK, Utrecht
- 2018 Art Noord 2018, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen
- 2018 Cherry Picking, Galerie With Tsjalling, Groningen
- 2017 Art Noord 2017, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Museum Belvédère, Heerenveen
- 2017 Painting Now, Gallery Livingstone, Den Haag
- 2017 Generatieportretten 3, Museum Waterland, Purmerend
- 2017 Binnenstebuiten, Galerie Mozaiek, Zuidlaren
- 2017 Art Rotterdam 2017, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Van Nellefabriek, Rotterdam
- 2017 Lekker, Stichting WEP, Groningen
- 2016 Hoogezand Centraal, Galerie Werfkade 16, Hoogezand
- 2016 Art Rotterdam 2016, Kunstruimte Wagemans, van Nelle fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2016 Prospects & Concepts, Art Rotterdam, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2016 Martijn Schuppers: Pentimenti, Museum Gegenstandsfreier Kunst, Otterndorf (D)
- 2015 THE AFFAIR OF PAINTING, Frank Mohr Institute - Praediniussingel 59, Groningen
- 2015 Art Rotterdam 2015, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Van Nelle fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2014 Buning Brongers Prijswinnaars; De Schoonheidvanhetverschil, Museum Henriette Polak, Zutphen
- 2014 Daar komen de Putters!, Museum Kasteel Keukenhof, Lisse
- 2014 I am not doing anything until I feel the need, De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam
- 2014 De Kunstdames: Pop-Up Artstore #1, Folkingestraat 33, Groningen
- 2014 QUAKE AID SHOW, Bart Invites: Kunstruimte Wagemans, Amsterdam
- 2014 Start Buying Art, Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam
- 2014 NOK 6, Voormalig Grietenijhuis, Beetsterzwaag
- 2014 Cécile Verwaaijen, Henk Peeters, JCJ Vanderheyden & Thijs Jansen, Kunstruimte Wagemans, Art Rotterdam 2014, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2014 Prospects & Concepts, Mondriaan Fund presents young talent, Art Rotterdam 2014, Van Nelle Fabriek, Rotterdam
- 2013 The Gathering, Mytoro Gallery, Hamburg (D)

- 2013 Van Bommel Van Dam Preis 2013, Rudolph Scharpf Galerie, Wilhelm Hack Museum, Ludwigshafen am Rhein (D) Horizonnen, kunst in een veranderend Friesland, Fries Museum, Leeuwarden
- 2013 Academie Minerva in het UMCG, UMCG, Groningen
- 2013 Van Bommel Van Dam Prijs 2013, Museum Van Bommel Van Dam, Venlo
- 2013 DOWNSTREAM, groepsdruk in beeld, 37PK, Haarlem
- 2013 Stichting WEP in het CBK, CBK Groningen, Groningen
- 2012 The Gathering, Yukiko Kawase Galerie, Paris (F) Real Fiction, SIGN+, Groningen
- 2012 Realisme 2012, Passenger Terminal, Amsterdam
- 2011 Gerrit van Houten prijs 2011, Koetshuis Fraeylemaborg, Slochteren JCE Biennial'11, La Fabrique, Montrouge, Paris (F)
- 2011 Groupshow, Fred Wagemans, Nieuw Annerveen
- 2011 HiHaHo, Gallery With Tsjalling, Groningen
- 2011 NOK 2011, Egberts Lent, Nieuw Annerveen
- 2011 Oude helden, jonge meesters, Academie Minerva, Groningen We like Art! @ Art Amsterdam, RAI, Amsterdam
- 2011 Realisme 2011, Passenger Terminal, Amsterdam
- 2010 Buning Bongers Prijzen 2010, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam
- 2010 Koninklijke prijs voor vrije schilderkunst 2010, Koninklijk paleis, Amsterdam Vier positionen der MFA Painting, Stiftung Burg Kniphausen, Wilhelmshaven (D) Cowabunga!, Stichting WEP, Groningen
- 2010 Post Dordt, CBK Dordrecht, Dordrecht
- 2010 Present Work, Frank Mohr instituut, Groningen
- 2010 FMI Masters op de Kunstvlaai, Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam

Education + Residencies

- 2017 Thijs Jansen in Residence, Kunsthuis SYB, Beetsterzwaag
- 2008-2010 MFA Frank Mohr Instituut, Groningen
- 2004-2008 Academie Minerva, Groningen
- 2007 California College of the Arts, San-Francisco, Californië

Awards + Grants

- Kunstenaar basis, Mondriaan Fund (2021)
- Werkbijdrage Bewezen Talent, Mondriaan Fund (2017)
- Werkbijdrage Jong Talent, Mondriaan Fund (2014)
- Startstipend, Mondriaan Fund (2012)
- Bommel van Dam Prize, (Nominee) (2013)
- Gerrit van Houten Prize, (2011)
- Buning Brongers Prize, (2010)
- Royal Prize for Painting, (Nominee) (2010)
- Klaas Dijkstra Academy Prize, (Nominee) (2008)