

MATHIAS HERKENHOFF

INTERNATIONAL PAINTER



MATHIAS HERKENHOFF IN HIS STUDIO. CIRCA 2026

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BIO

BORN IN 1999 IN BRAZIL, MATHIAS HERKENHOFF IS A CONTEMPORARY PAINTER WHOSE PRACTICE UNFOLDS THROUGH CONTINUOUS EXPERIMENTATION AND REVISION. HIS WORKS EVOLVE IN LAYERS, COLORS, AND FORMS ACCUMULATING UNTIL A DISTINCT VISUAL LANGUAGE EMERGES.

HIS PROCESS CARRIES AN ONEIRIC TOUCH, IMAGES, COLORS AND FORMS APPEAR THE WAY THEY DO IN DREAMS: FRAGMENTED, UNRESOLVED AND STIMULATING THE IMAGINATION.

FOR HERKENHOFF, GESTURE IS NOT SIMPLY A MARK ON A SURFACE, BUT A RUPTURE: A DECISIVE INTERRUPTION THAT REDIRECTS THE MEANING AND STRUCTURE OF A PAINTING.

COLOR PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN HIS PROCESS. HIS EXPANSIVE COLOR FIELDS OFTEN RESEMBLE SUSPENDED BALLOONS FORMS THAT SUGGEST LIGHTNESS AND GRAVITY AT ONCE. THEY APPEAR TO SWELL AGAINST THE LIMITS OF THE CANVAS, GENERATING A SUBTLE SENSE OF WEIGHT AND RELEASE. THESE FIELDS ARE NOT STATIC BACKGROUNDS BUT ACTIVE FORCES WITHIN THE COMPOSITION, SHAPING EMOTIONAL ATMOSPHERE AND SHIFTING PERCEPTION.

APPROACHING PAINTING AS AN OPEN AND DYNAMIC FIELD, HERKENHOFF MAINTAINS AN ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN INTUITION AND INTENTION. HIS WORKS DEVELOP THROUGH CYCLES OF CONSTRUCTION, LAYERING, AND ERASURE AN ACT OF BUILDING AND DISMANTLING THAT REFLECTS HIS BELIEF IN PAINTING AS A LIVING, TRANSFORMATIVE SPACE.

HERKENHOFF HAS EXHIBITED INTERNATIONALLY ACROSS EUROPE, ASIA, AND SOUTH AMERICA, WITH PRESENTATIONS IN FRANCE, BELGIUM, SOUTH KOREA, AND BRAZIL.

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026

- GIFT SHOP – C-MINE, GENK, BELGIUM

2025

- FORM – CICAMUSEUM , GIMPO, SOUTH KOREA
- EAT THIS – CC DE SCHAKEL, WAREGEM, BELGIUM

2023

- OPENScreens – NFT FACTORY, PARIS, FRANCE

2019

- COLETIVA – Z42 ARTE, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS

- NATIONAL LIBRARY OF RIO DE JANEIRO – RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
- FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ESPÍRITO SANTO – ESPÍRITO SANTO, BRAZIL

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

- GALILA'S P.O.C – BELGIUM
- CILDO MEIRELES – BRAZIL
- CHAGAS FREITAS COLLECTION – BRAZIL/GERMANY