

MARTIN PAASKESSEN

Martin Paaskesen is the son of a nurse and an engineer. Moved to Copenhagen in 2009 to become an actor, was admitted to a highly recognized acting school (The Danish National School of Performing Arts), but discovered painting during his education and it took over. Today Martin has several shows on his CV and is currently working together with different galleries and collectors around the world.

In his work practice he explores the expressionistic and narrative painting. His approach is very intuitive and impulsive and originates from a huge urge to explore an imagery that balances between figuration and abstraction. The figuration is always present in his works but the approach is free as an abstraction. The process is very physical and tactile. He is present in the painting literally. Perhaps it's because he has a background as an actor where he was used to use his body in his expression.

Thematically, he works with the chaotic, destabilizing and incoherent, though in a clearly intentional ambiguity. He finds great inspiration in the imperfect - which often results in random occurrences that are very important to embrace. To him the most important is that fantasy, physics and the narrative goes up in unity.

CV

SOLO SHOWS

2023

- **Tissue.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2022

- **Under the Dome We Roam.** Mott Projects. New York, USA

2021

- **Shotclock.** Galeria Fran Reus. Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2020

- **Slow dancingwithfastfeet.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- **ICE ON.** Arte Nova Gallery. Aarhus, Denmark

2019

- **Soloshow.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2018

- **North Artfair.** VAEG Contemporary Gallery. Aalborg, Denmark
- **On behalf oftheuncut.** VAEG Contemporary Gallery. Aalborg, Denmark

2017

- **Aller MediaArtAssociation.** Aller Media Headquarters. Copenhagen, Denmark
- **DLA PiperArtAssociation.** DLA Piper Headquarters. Copenhagen, Denmark
- **RAW.** Gallery Jacob Herskind. Vedbaek, Denmark
- **Her er jeg.** Copenhagen, Denmark

GROUP SHOWS

2023

- **ChartArt Fair.** Annika Nuttall Gallery. Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Art Rotterdam.** Valerius Gallery. Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- **Art Herning.** Annika Nuttall Gallery. Copenhagen, Denmark

2022

- **Luxembourg Art Week.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg

- **Enter Art Fair.** Annika Nuttall Gallery. Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Trespassing.** Ainori Contemporary Art Gallery. Lisbon, Portugal

2021 **Untitled Art Fair.**

- Galeria Fran Reus. Miami, USA
- **Fluffy Bananas.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- **How's the weather over there.** Annika Nuttall Gallery. Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Pavilion.** Galeria Fran Reus. Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2019

- **Winter selections.** VAEG Contemporary Gallery. Aalborg, Denmark
 - **Cal – Arts Summer Groupshow 2019.** California Institute of the Arts. Los Angeles, USA
 - **Luxembourg Art Week.** Valerius Gallery. Luxembourg, Luxembourg
 - **North Artfair.** VAEG Contemporary Gallery. Aalborg, Denmark
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