

# GOMMAAR GILLIAMS

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**BIOGRAPHY**

b. 1982, Lier, Belgium.  
Lives and works in Hasselt, Belgium.

**EDUCATION**

- 2016** Master of Arts Degree: Painting, PXL MAD School of Arts, Hasselt, Belgium.  
**2013** Bachelor of Arts Degree: Visual Arts, LUCA School of Arts, Brussels, Belgium.

**AWARDS & RESIDENCIES**

- 2023** The Fores Project Residency, London, United Kingdom.  
**2022** SMAC Gallery Art Residency, Cape Town, South Africa..  
**2019** Ernest Albert Grand Prize Laureate, Mechelen, Belgium.  
La Brea Art Residency, Los Angeles, USA.  
**2012** Grand Prize for painting A.Blomme, Dendermonde, Belgium.  
**2011** 11th International Hoppeland Prize for Painting, Benelux and Nord-Pas de Calais, Belgium.  
Dexia Prize, Brussels, Belgium.  
**2010** Frans Van der Cammen Prize, Belgium  
Prize of the City of Harelbeke, Harelbeke, Belgium.  
**2009** The Sea, CC Keerbergen, Keerbergen, Belgium.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024** *Celestial Garden*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*The Ballad of my Lover's Boat*, Arusha Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
**2023** *Yesterday's Blooming*, Art Antwerp, Solo Presentation, Gallery Sofie Van De Velde, Brussels, Belgium.  
*Moonstruck*, Galerie Italienne, Paris, France.  
*My noon, my midnight*, Installation Project, Town Hall, Tongeren, Belgium.  
*Eight Lullabies*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA.  
**2022** *Galatea*, Thalassa Blues, Annarumma gallery, Napels, Italy.  
*Art Rotterdam*, Solo Presentation, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.  
*Under Cassiopeia*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA.  
*Sunkissed*, *Moonlit*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.

- 2021** *If You Were Dreaming*, De Buck Gallery, Saint-Paul de Vence, France.  
*What Do You Want?*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*Fly Me To The Moon*, Nil Gallery, Paris, France.  
**2020** *Always Been Told*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA.  
*In The Ballpark*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*Z33 House for Contemporary Art*, Borgloon, Belgium.  
**2019** *Art Brussels*, Solo Presentation, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Brussels, Belgium.  
*Always Come Back*, The Cabin La Brea Art Residency, Los Angeles, USA.  
*Looking at the World Through Rose Colored Glasses*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde and Plus-One Gallery, Nieuw Zuid, Antwerp, Belgium.  
**2018** *Romeo's Tune*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*Jenny Kissed Me*, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA.  
**2014** *The Summer Collection*, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.  
*Destination Unknown/ Paintings & Drawings*, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.  
*Impulse*, Multitude Projects, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*De Kleine Prins*, Cmine, Genk, Belgium.  
**2013** *The Joy of Painting*, Limburg, Voka, Hasselt, Belgium.

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024** *Investec Cape Town Art Fair*, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2023** *XMAS'23 - The Annual Winter Group Show*, Galleri Christoffer Egelund, Copenhagen, Denmark.  
*SP-ARTE*, Nil gallery, Sao Paulo, Brazil.  
*Investec Cape Town Art Fair*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
*felt cute, might delete later*, Arusha Gallery, London, United Kingdom.  
*Expo Chicago 2023*, De Buck Gallery, Chicago, USA.  
*The Cabin LA Presents: A Curated Flashback*, curated by Danny First, The Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, USA.

- Tour & Taxis*, Art Brussels, Gallery Sofie Van De Velde, Brussels, Belgium.  
*Untitled Art Miami Beach 2022*, De Buck Gallery, Miami, USA.
- 2022** *Expo Chicago 2023*, De Buck Gallery, Chicago, USA.  
*8th Edition Biennale of Painting*, Museum van Deinze en de Leiestreek (Mudel),  
 Deinze, Belgium.  
*Art Antwerp*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2021** *Landscape 2.1*, De Salon Sittard, Museum Hedendaagse Kunst De Doijnen's Biennial,  
 The Netherlands.
- 2020** *Art Borgloon*, Monica, Barcelona, Spain.  
*Kronos*, Present Section, Museum Santa Monica, Barcelona, Spain.  
 'Untitled Miami', with De Buck Gallery NY, Miami  
 'Come fly me to the moon', Nil Gallery, Paris, France.  
*De Salon, Landscape 2.0*, De Salon Sittard, Museum Hedendaagse Kunst De  
 Doijnen's Biennial, The Netherlands.  
*Investec Cape Town Art Fair*, Gallery Sofie Van De Velde, Cape Town International  
 Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Art Toronto*, BeersLondon, Toronto, Canada.  
*Art Aspen*, BeersLondon, Aspen, USA.  
*Proposal for a Collection*, Gallery Annarumma, Napels, Italy.
- 2019** *Art Rotterdam*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2018** *Grant Award of Painting Ernest Albert*, Mechelen, Belgium.  
*Soft? Tactile Dialogues*, Maurice Verbaet Center, Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2017** *In The Picture*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*Annual Garden Party*, Christie's Live Charity Auction, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens,  
 Deurle, Belgium.  
*Unblinking Devotion*, curated by Niels Van Tomme, Z33 House for Contemporary Art,  
 Hasselt, Belgium
- 2016** *Trash*, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.  
*Gardening In The Night*, PXL School of Arts, Hasselt, Belgium.  
*100001 (Nyckel)*, PXL School of Arts, Hasselt, Belgium.  
 ATC, Galerie Martin Van Blerk, Antwerp, Belgium.  
*Works On Paper+1*, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.
- 2015** *Art The Hague*, Eastmen Gallery; Fokker Terminal, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- 2014** Selection BNP Fortis Paribas Young Talent Award, Cannes, France.

## PUBLICATIONS

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## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

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