

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

- 2026** Artist in residence (Gallery Sofie Van de Velde), Javéa, Spain.
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.
2018 Grant Award of Painting Ernest Albert, Mechelen, Belgium.
2013 Selection BNP Fortis Paribas Young Talent Award, Belgium.
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

- 2026** **[Upcoming]** Sofie Van de Velde Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium.
 Sky Atlas, Johnson Lowe, Atlanta, USA.
2025 *Lightly, Lightly*, De Markthallen, Herk De Stad, Belgium
Homecoming, Pron Gallery ,Paris, France.
2024 *Awake, Sleep*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.
Retracing Walkways, De Buck Gallery, Saint-Paul de Vence, France.
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.
A Curated Flashback, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX, USA.

- 2022** *Galatea*, Thalassa Blues, Annarumma gallery, Napels, Italy.
Art Rotterdam, Solo Presentation, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
Kunstenfestival, Aardenburg, 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.
2018 *Romeo's Tune*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.
Jenny Kissed Me, De Buck Gallery, New York, USA.
2017 *In The Picture*, Gallery Sofie Van De Velda, Antwerp, Belgium.
Annual Christies Auction, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, Belgium.
2014 *The Summer Collection*, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.
Destination Unknown/ Paintings & Drawings, Eastmen Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium.
De Kleine Prins, Cmine, Genk, Belgium.
2013 *The Joy of Painting*, Limburg, Voka, Hasselt, Belgium.
Impulse, Multitude Projects, Antwerp, Belgium.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2026** The Armory Show (De Buck Gallery), New York, USA.
 Contemporary Istanbul (SMAC Gallery), Istanbul, Turkey.
New Space, Kers Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
 Zona Maco (Nil gallery), Centro Citibanamex, Mexico City, Mexico.
 Bestiari, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain.
 Art Brussels (Gallery Sofie Van de Velde), Antwerp, Brussels.
Where Art Feels at Home, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde in collaboration with The Adelante Homes, Javéa, Spain.
2025 Zona Maco, (nil gallery), Centro Citibanamex, Mexico City, Mexico.
 Group Exhibition, (Gallery Pron) , Paris, France.
 The Armory Show (De Buck Gallery), New York, USA.
 Art Brussels, (Gallery Sofie Van De Velde), Brussels Expo, Brussels, Belgium.
 Dallas Art Fair, (NIL Gallery), Dallas, USA.
 Group Exhibition, (Seojung Art), Seoul, Korea.

- Opening Presentation, The Third Gallery , Seoul
Westbund Art & Design (Carte Blanche), Shanghai, China.
Investec Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery) Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2024** *Don't think twice, it's all right*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp Belgium.
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, (SMAC Gallery) Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.
FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2023** *XMAS'23 - The Annual Winter Group Show*, Galleri Christoffer Egelund, Copenhagen, Denmark.
SP-ARTE, Nil gallery, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Expo Chicago, De Buck Gallery, Chicago, USA. *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.
- 2022** *8th Edition Biennale of Painting*, Museum van Deinze en de Leiestreek (Mudel), Deinze, Belgium.
Art Antwerp, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.
Untitled Art Miami Beach 2022, De Buck Gallery, Miami, USA.
- 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.
Looking at the World Through Rose Colored Glasses, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde and

Plus-One Gallery, Nieuw Zuid, Antwerp, Belgium.

- 2018** *Soft? PLUS-ONE Gallery & Fashion Museum Antwerp*, Antwerp, Belgium.
In The Picture, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2017** *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.

PUBLICATIONS

Lammertijn, W. 2021. *Gommaar Gilliams, Sunkissed, Moonlit*, Gallery Sofie Van de Velde, Antwerp, Belgium.

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PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

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