

Biographie

1982

Naissance
à Saint-Cloud.

2003-2004

Deug de droit,
Nanterre-Paris X.

2005-2010

École supérieure
des beaux-arts de
Nantes-Métropole.

2010

55^e Salon d'art
contemporain
de Montrouge.
Exposition
à la Galerie Jean
Brolly, Paris.

2011

Prix Antoine
Marin, Galerie
municipale
Julio-González
(Arcueil).

2012

Exposition
au Musée
des Avelines
(Saint-Cloud).

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Mathieu Cherkit

THE RECLUSIVE PAINTER by Colin Cyvoct

To paint a portrait of the young painter Mathieu Cherkit may seem simple. After a law degree, he entered the Beaux-Arts in Nantes then lived in 2009 in Leipzig, in former East Germany, where he studied at the Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst. Back in Saint-Cloud, he started painting the house and the garden where he has always lived and still lives. Since 2010 he participated in the 55th Salon de Montrouge, where he was strongly noted, it works very well for him. He is represented by Galerie Jean Brolly and sells everything he paints.

But this portrait misses what matters most. Mathieu Cherkit is a successful young artist, it is true, and he is fully aware that it is a chance. He also knows that nothing is more fragile than the market of taste, fluctuating by nature. But his strength is elsewhere, a force far from the vagaries of fashion: he paints only what he knows well, what is absolutely familiar to him. It is important for him to work to unveil the most unlikely mysteries that hide behind the most ordinary appearances. Cherkit paints his kitchen, living room, his mother's room, the staircase or the garden of his childhood. Only perfectly known places and objects, and absolutely mysterious.

There is some Vermeer in the posture of this young painter, a Vermeer attentive to the most troubling reality, since absolutely intimate, and always loaded with mystery. The artist is a weapon, he knows that his research only makes sense if he persists in pursuing this thousand-year-old ontological questioning in the face of appearances. As a real painter, it is a courageous positioning for a young artist in France, in 2012.



Artiste

Mathieu Cherkit
LA PEINTURE RECLUSE