

Thierry Carrier

Thierry Carrier (b. 1973) is a contemporary French artist known for his evocative portraiture that challenges traditional notions of identity and presence. Born and based in Souillac, France, Carrier reinterprets classical portraiture with a minimalist yet profound approach, exploring themes of anonymity, solitude, and isolation.

A graduate of the École des Beaux-Arts in Toulouse, Carrier pursued figurative painting when abstraction and conceptual art dominated the French art scene. Undeterred by prevailing trends, he remained committed to his craft, using painting as a means of self-discovery and expression. His work is influenced by cinema, particularly Wim Wenders' *Wings of Desire*, coalescing solitary figures with surreal atmospheres.

Carrier's paintings defy the conventions of portraiture; his subjects exist in undefined, timeless spaces, untethered from narrative or geography. Eschewing traditional titles, he invites viewers to engage with his work on a purely emotional level, creating a contemplative experience that mirrors his own pursuit of silence and introspection.

His work has been exhibited internationally, with shows in France, Norway, Denmark, London, Munich, and the USA, garnering acclaim for its profound simplicity and emotional depth.



Thierry Carrier CV

b. Bort-Les-Orgues, France, 1973

Education

1992 BAC F12 Applied Arts in Aurillac

1995 Toulouse School of Fine Arts

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Silent, until reaching the horizon*, H-Gallery, Paris, France
- 2023 *The march of parallels*, Art space, waterfall gallery, Salles-la-Sources, France
- 2022 *Face to face*, Bayart Gallery, 16 rue des minimes, Paris, France
- 2022 *We are only seconds*, Stoerpunkt Gallery, Munich, Germany.
- 2020 *Silent retreat*, Priory of Pont-Loup, Moret-sur-loing, France
- 2020 *ENIGMA*, Saint-Pierre des Minimes, Bayart Gallery, Compiègne, France
- 2020 *TWILIGHT ZONE*, Galerie l'Imagerie, Toulouse, France
- 2019 *Garde-fous exhibition*, St-Libéral Chapel, Brive, France
- 2018 *Hotel rooms*, Les Frigos, Paris, France
- 2018 Galerie Albane, Nantes, France
- 2017 Galerie Catherine Mainguy, Lyon, France
- 2017 *Sanctuaries*, Ulrike Petschelt Gallery, Kassel, Germany.
- 2016 Museum of Popular Arts, Draguignan, France
- 2016 Courcelles Gallery, Paris, France
- 2016 The Carmes stables, Aurillac, France
- 2015 *If we are mute, I am not deaf #2*, Galerie l'Aiguillage, Paris, France
- 2015 *If we are mute, I am not deaf*, Galerie à l'Ane bleu, Marciac, France
- 2014 *Exhibition the angle of balance*, Espace Bonnefoy, Toulouse, France
- 2014 *Exhibition La sentinelle*, Contemporary art space "L'arteppes", Annecy, France
- 2013 *Docks art fair*, 22 Gallery, Lyon, France
- 2013 Galerie l'Aiguillage, Les Frigos, Paris, France
- 2012 Contemporary art space, Espace Vallès, St Martin d'hère, France
- 2012 *UNFOUNDABLE*, Fondation Pioch pelat -ARPAC, Montpellier, France
- 2011 The Pont des Arts, Marcillac, France
- 2011 LASECU Contemporary Art Space, Lille, France
- 2011 Maison Carrée and Manoir St Félix, Rodez, France
- 2007 Can'art Gallery, Toulouse, France
- 2003 Can'art Gallery, Toulouse, France
- 2002 *I saw Aphrodite again whistling a last glass*, Conservatoire Clermont-Fd, France

- 2001 *Elements, events*, Can'art Gallery, Toulouse, France
- 2001 *I saw Aphrodite whistling a last drink*, Galerie le rire bleu, Figeac, France
- 2000 *Ten on skin*, Casa di Arte Gallery, Houston, Texas, USA
- 1997 *Still images*, Can'art Gallery, Toulouse, France

Group shows

- 2025 *But what stories!!!*, APONIA, Art Center, Le Monastier sur Gazelle, France
- 2025 Ryan Graff Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2025 ART PARIS, The Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2025 *Portraits: Through the looking glass*, JD Malat Gallery, London, England
- 2024 *Hunting stillness*, Galerie Espaço exibicionista" Lisbon, Portugal
- 2021 *Hell*, Galerie Bayasli, Paris, France
- 2021 *Body/Antibody*, Galerie l'imagerie, Toulouse, France
- 2021 *AT THE EDGE OF REALISM*, KIRK Gallery, Aalborg, Denmark
- 2020 *Lille Art'up*, Lille, France
- 2020 30 years of Espace Vallès, Espace Vallès, St Martin D'heres, France
- 2020 London Art Fair, with Bayart Gallery, London, England
- 2019 *Heroes*, Bayart Gallery, Le Touquet, France
- 2019, *The new portrait*, Galerie Stoerpunkt, Munich, Germany
- 2015 *The Transfigured Real*, 22 Gallery, Lyon, France
- 2014 *OFFLINE* exhibition with the RZG Gallery, Paris, France
- 2013 *TWENTYTWO* Gallery, Lyon, France
- 2013 *PASSENGER*, Gallery of the Compagnie du Monde, Paris, France
- 2012 *MAC PARIS Exhibition*, Espace Champerret, Paris, France

Publications

- 2019 Catalogue of the *Garde-fous* Exhibition.
- 2013 Magazine *Miroir de l'art n°43, 100 contemporary paintings*
- 2013 *Mirror of Art No. 42*, Magazine.
- 2012 Exhibition catalog / Espace Vallès.
- 2009 Azart magazine.

Selected Artworks



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Untitled, 2021
Oil on canvas
63 x 51 1/8 in
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