

# Matthias Schaareman

B. 1986, Arnhem

“My work is a collection and amalgamation of my fascinations. I have a fascination for architecture and especially the details and decorations in architecture. These details can be an ornament or part of a fireplace, a drainpipe, etc. By painting this, I appropriate that which fascinates and inspires me. Painting is for me collecting, eliminating, making choices (usually intuitively) and organizing impressions until there is a composition is created.”

Matthias Schaareman creates paintings on paper which investigate the tension between two and three-dimensional space. The forms in his works refer to industrial heritage, theaters, ornaments and furnishings from old houses. He is inspired by decorative patterns and shapes that are used in historical architecture from Arabic miniatures to Russian icons. In the flat spaces or vistas in his works, the spatial elements are ordered and played with in a collage- like manner until all the separate parts come together in the right way.

Schaareman’s fascination for details has to do with care, attention, control and craftsmanship with which they are made. The graphical constructions, which are used to create the decorative patterns, are still visible when the work is finished. This loads the works with their own history and provenance.

Schaareman’s process of painting is visible in the layers of paint that are built up and removed time after time. The forms in Schaareman’s works always possess a certain abstraction. The origin and context from which these shapes are created are still visible, but the artist allows himself to build them up, polish them and break them down again in such a way as to give them a more autonomous form. A core characteristic of his works are the recurring graphical and decorative patterns. These designs are not simply decorative, but he also investigates their narrative and spatial meanings.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 North Brabant Museum, Den Bosch Willem II Hall of Mirrors, Den Bosch
- 2014 Color Space Arnhem, Arnhem

## Group Exhibitions / Fairs

- 2022 The Pink Edition, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam  
Expo Chicago, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Chicago
- 2021 Yellow, Manure Lab 31, Arnhem
- 2020 Untitled Art. San Francisco, Rutger Brandt Gallery  
Volta New York, Rutger Brandt Gallery
- 2019 Art on the Coffee, Arnhem  
Art Rotterdam, Rutger Brandt Gallery

- 2018 Amnesia, Studio Seinen, Rotterdam  
 Untitled MIAMI, Rutger Brandt Gallery  
 Art on paper, Luycks Gallery  
 Volta Basel, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Basel  
 Art Paris, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Paris  
 Prospects en Concepts, Art Rotterdam
- 2017 Duo exhibition with Arash Fakim during the Kunstnacht, Expoplus Nijmegen  
 Matter of Time, De Cacaofabriek, Helmond  
 Graphics and the Young Artist, Willem II, Den Bosch  
 The Barracks, Luyck's Gallery, Tilburg  
 Kunstrai Amsterdam, Luycks Gallery  
 For real beurs voor hedendaags realisme, Luycks Gallery
- 2016 On Some Shelves of the Universe, Luycks Gallery Tilburg  
 Jump Guest, Van Abbe Museum  
 This Art Fair, Galerie with Tsjalling duo met Anne van As  
 Art den Haag, Luycks Gallery
- 2015 A Joy Forever, Luycks Gallery Tilburg  
 Duo exhibition with Jenny Wilson, Gallery Tsjalling, Groningen  
 A Narrative and a Punchline, PACK Gistel (BE)  
 Group exhibition, Rain Affects the Grass, TETEM Enschede  
 Group exhibition "Jump Beyond Borders", Polygonal Hall Tilburg  
 In-crowd the final love story, Castle in the Air, Arnhem  
 Duo exhibition with Roos Holleman "solidified life", Luycks Gallery Tilburg  
 Group exhibition, Land Castle in Arnhem, Arnhem Castle in the Air
- 2014 A Thing of Beauty, Luycks Gallery Tilburg  
 Group Exhibition, Young Professionals Arnhem  
 "Jump" Group Exhibition, BKKC Tilburg  
 Group Exhibition, "Magma Crowded", with Timo van Grinsven, Magma Antwerp 2014  
 "Space/Space", VORT Den Bosch
- 2013 Group Exhibition, Rock starts Arnhem  
 Group Exhibition, Young professionals Arnhem  
 Group Exhibition, Anonymous Drawings Berlin/Leipzig/Berlin Selection
- 2012 Final exhibition, AKV St Joost, Den Bosch  
 Group Exhibition STRAF, Art stage T, Tilburg  
 Group Exhibition: EVERYTHING THAT SHINES, CBK Den Bosch

### Grants & Prizes

- 2018 Le Prix L'art est vivant (prize for best newcomer at Art Paris)  
 2016 / 2017 Mondriaan Fund Young Talent Award  
 2015 / 2016 Jump! talent development trajectory, Kunstloc Brabant in collaboration

with 4 Brabant galleries