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Artist Profile: Michael Swaney

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Michael Swaney

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Michael Swaney is a Canadian-born, Barcelona-based multi-disciplinary artist, specialising in painting, collage and video. Swaney's paintings are characterised by simplified and graphic compositions, geometric forms, naive figures and a bold use of colour and texture.

Drawing inspiration from all aspects of life; his childhood, his Spanish surroundings and the expansive depths of his subconscious, the resulting work is an amalgamation of forms and ideas on canvas.

Michael Swaney, *Finger Family 82nd*, 2022, oil, oil bar, acrylic, spray paint, ball point pen, graphite and gouache on canvas, 150 x 140 cm

Swaney has exhibited throughout Europe and North America, including New York, Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco, Paris, Brussels, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Madrid, Stockholm & Zurich.



Michael Swaney, *Stripey off the Grid Square Pants*, 2021, mixed media on canvas, 190 x 170cm

Biography

EDUCATION

BA in Design & Illustration,
Capilano University, Vancouver

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 ***Apricot Chakra***, PIERMARQ*,
Sydney, Australia
Untitled, JVDW, Dusseldorf,
Germany
Jardin de Luz, Delimbo Gallery,
Sevilla, Spain
- 2022 ***Four Hands***, Steve Turner,
Los Angeles, USA
***How Many Paintings in a Roll of
Canvas?***, NBB Gallery, Berlin,
Germany
- 2021 ***Finger Family***, Allouche Benias
Gallery, Athens, Greece
Torrential Avalanche Sandwich,
Breach, Miami, USA
- 2019 ***Peanut Butter & Honey Moon***,
Sorry We're Closed, Brussels,
Belgium
- 2018 ***Here I am, here I am, how do you
do?***, L21, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 2017 ***Ongange Lellow***, Gnyp Gallery,
Berlin, Germany
- 2016 ***Papisho***, Charlotte Fogh Gallery,
Aarhus, Germany

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 ***La Terre Est Bleue Comme Une
Orange***, Alzqueta Gallery, Madrid,
Spain
MAMA, I'M COMING HOME, Tim
Arte Contemporaneo, Santiago, Chile
- 2022 ***Plays Well With Others***, Freight +
Volume, New York, USA
Paradisio, Breach Miami, USA
Dream Paper, Galerie Slika, Lyon,
France
Familiar Faces, Mini Galerie,
Rotterdam, Netherlands
NBB III, NBB Gallery, Berlin,
Germany
- 2021 ***NBB PAPERWORKS VOL II***,
NBB Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Paper, BEERS London, UK
CRYSTAL, Delimbo, Seville, Spain
Now Now, Breach, Miami, USA
Perfect Conditions, Galerie Slika,
Lyon, France
- 2020 ***Then and Now***, Allouche Benias
Gallery, Athens, Greece
The Edge of Chaos, The News

- stand Project, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018 ***3 person show***, Ever Gold Projects,
San Francisco, USA
***As If A Field Could Become Some
Dream***, No Place, Columbus, Ohio,
USA
Velvet Ropes GIFC, David Risley
Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 ***In Paper We Trust***, The Dot Project,
London, UK
Three-way Ticket, Needles And
Pens, San Francisco, USA

RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Simcor Residency, Los Angeles,
USA
- 2014 CCA Aandratx Residency, Mallorca
- 2013 Noestudio, Madrid, Spain
- 2008 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, USA



Michael Swaney, *Labyrinth People*, 2022, mixed media on canvas, 150 x 140 cm