



## Xarli Zurell

is a painter who, through his works, seeks to capture the diversity of motifs from his native region, the Basque Country. First and foremost, he engages with the territory through walking. He traverses these mountainous landscapes, tracing the contours of the terrain with his steps, absorbing the contrasts of the scenery, and physically confronting the diversity of the Pyrenean lands. During these hikes, he gathers photographic material that he later reinterprets through his brushstrokes.

His painting series “Born in Fantasy,” which he has been developing for the past four years, freezes these hiking moments through a process of simplifying forms. He creates a cartography marked by vivid contrasts and dazzling chromatic ranges. Figures and objects with dissonant proportions punctuate the landscapes, hollowed by materiality, bearing witness to a transposition of reality into the encounter with an imagined world.

The emergence of the dragon figure introduces a shift within the series. Paintings that once translated reality now confront the contours of myth. This oral tale, once whispered in the valleys, has endured through the centuries and remains deeply rooted in the territorial reality of the Basque Country today.

### Solo shows

2026 | Following light, a66Gallery, Santanyí, Mallorca  
2023 | Original(e)s II, Centre d’art les Eglises, Chelles  
2022 | Lucioles, Savoir/Dessiner, Paris  
2021 | Les Sélénites, Galerie Sobering, Paris  
2020 | Les idoles fauchées, Art au centre, Liège  
2017 | *Rebut Reboot*, Galerie du Second Jeudi, Bayonne

### Group shows

2025 | Feu, Galerie Ad Astra, Paris  
Paysages Anthropiques, Galerie de la Main de Fer, Perpignan  
2023 | Call Of The Wild, Galerie Sabine Bayasli, Paris  
Les affleurements, Station V, Bayonne  
2022 | Le Lab, Galerie Sabine Bayasli, Paris  
Alumni.ae, Beaux-arts de Nantes  
2021 | Tableau, Savoir Dessiner, Paris  
Assemblage 30, Julio artist-run space, Paris  
Transitoire, Atelier de la Ville en Bois, Nantes  
Theneverendingstory, le SHED, Rouen, Commissariat Bruno Peinado  
A la différence près que, Le Houloc, Aubervilliers

2020 | Galerie des futurs, BOZAR, Bruxelles  
Manivole, Le Maga, Brussels Gallery Weekend, Bruxelles  
Peinture Party, Petite Maison, Bruxelles

2019 | Novembre à Vitry, Galerie Municipale Jean Collet, Vitry  
Sub Sole, L'Annexe, Paris  
*Hiatus*, Galerie V2Vingt, Bruxelles  
Finalement, Grande Surface, Bruxelles  
Minuit Blanche, Palais de Justice de Joigny, Joigny  
Spacehopper, Knust Festival, Bruxelles