

Nicolas Mehdi Pour Vahid

(Born in 1995 in Tours, France)

Nicolas Mehdipour is a Franco-Iranian painter based in Paris. After studying object design, he published a graphic novel in 2021 with Apeiron Editions, followed by a comic book in 2022 with Bang Editions, which was also translated and distributed in Spain. He regularly participates in group exhibitions in Paris

(Laffanour Downtown, Cohle Gallery, Bastille Design Center, ICART Prize, Yellowcube Gallery, Espace Voltaire). Recently, his work was featured in a solo exhibition at Cohle Gallery in Menorca, Spain.

My childhood memories are an important source of my work. I draw from them the raw emotion of the first experience, the sensation of an infinite and possible world. My paintings stand on the threshold between wonder and the loss of innocence. The young, solitary figures suggest the melancholy of childhood gone by. I like to capture them in their essence, holding them entirely in my line, projecting them to life with little. Occupying the center of my compositions, they remind me of the religious icons that populated my mother's studio.

In my landscapes, there is always a horizon, a distant place, a promise. Forests and mountains are, after all, just surfaces of color that invite primitive emotions. My paintings are an attempt at repair, an invitation to reinvest that imaginary world into which I escaped as a child.

Exhibitions

2024 I Italia Galerie Laffanour / Downtown + Hotel de l'industrie, Paris 6

Hall of Fame Artist Run Space Le Pré Saint Gervais, France (93)

Confluences Group show Cohle Gallery, Paris 1

Perceptionis Curation Maria Cifuentes Bastille Design Center, Paris 11

2023 I Après le Chaos Solo show Cohle Gallery, Minorque, Espagne Highlight Group show Cohle Gallery, Paris 1

Prix ICART Group show Fluctuart, Paris 7

2022 I Manticore Artist Run Space Serge Bloch studio, Paris 10

Opening Group show Cohle Gallery, Paris 1

First Thursday Group show Young Blood Gallery, Cape Town

Cabinet de curiosités Group show Yellow Cube Gallery, Paris 13

2021 I Le Carré dans Le Rond Artist Run Space Espace Voltaire, Paris 11

Boundlessly fertile Group show Yellow Cube Gallery, Paris 13

La féte est finie Group show Yellow Cube Gallery, Paris 13

2020 I Sens Dessus Dessous Artist Run Space Le Pré Saint Gervais, France (93)

L'Homme Moderne Tours, France (37) Edition

2022 I Walter et Milou Comics Bang Éditions 2020 I En un Mot Graphic novel Apeiron Edition

Press

2024 I Elle Décoration Magazine Lauranne Elise Schmitt's press article

2021 I Couverture du Vanity Teen 15 Collaboration with Bleu M

Price

2023 I Prix ICART 15th edition finalist

Residencies

2020 l Mode d'Emploi Tours, France