



EELCO MAAN

Lyrical abstract paintings

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As all young children sing, dance, draw and paint, making art apparently is high-wired into our brains.

I (re)discovered the whole spectrum of The Arts around the age of 13. Music contained a whole world I hadn't been aware of. Between the lines of a poem stirred a vista I could have only dreamt of. So, I bought a cheap guitar and I learned to play "The house of the rising sun" and began writing my first songs and lines of poetry. I played in a couple of bands and finished a volume of poetry under the title "Aan de vooravond".

Little did I know that this was all preparation to eventually becoming a visual artist. Around my 32nd birthday I received from a friend, an amateur artist, as a gift some brushes and some paint. "You just try a bit of painting", he said, "it will do you good".

So it did. It felt like coming home at last. Within nine months I had a small gallery show in Amsterdam and sold six of my paintings. I was ready to follow my passion. My voyage into painting had begun.

Strangely enough the process of creation didn't feel much different from making a poem or composing a song. Whilst the expression differs, the drive of creating comes from the same eternal source. Poets get inspired by paintings. Choreographers and dancers would be non-existent without music. Composers get inspired by literature. Most painters, including myself, have music on while at work in the studio.

Nature as the great inspirator and the same pastoral longing that characterizes my poetry (and that of poets I admire) can be related to my visual work. I guess my background in photography helped in achieving a sense of composition, music in finding harmony and poetry in aiming for the lyrical aspect in painting.

Making Art compels us to explore "Meaning" in the broadest sense of the word and I believe that such explorations are directly linked to a healthy growth in consciousness, empathy and wisdom. The creation of a painting

is deeply personal and highly universal at the same time. To a certain extent it is what defines me. It is a way to get a grip on life that, at its core, seems to me as elusive as an abstract painting. It is a way to get access to what I don't know, to what I have forgotten. To me making art is trying to rediscover something that is missing, something in life that I feel that is or should be there but that remains, most of the time, just out of reach. Making art is like bringing a vision, laying dormant in the soul, to the light of day. In this way, all artists are mystics.

"The dreamers are the saviours of the world. As the visible world is sustained by the invisible, so men, through all their trials and sins and sordid vocations, are nourished by the beautiful visions of their solitary dreamers. Humanity cannot forget its dreamers; it cannot let their ideals fade and die; it lives in them; it knows them as the realities which it shall one day see and know. Composer, sculptor, painter, poet, prophet, sage, these are the makers of the afterworld, the architects of heaven. The world is beautiful because they have lived; without them, labouring humanity would perish."

- James Allen, "As a man thinketh", 1903

The way I make art is not something you can learn like, say, a computer program. It's much more intuitive, and it can be confronting, even very frustrating at times. Time and time again I have to find my own personal translation from soul to vision to matter and make it universal. Not that there is much of Me involved in the creative process, come to think of it. Material Me has to be present to handle the paint and the brushes. But the conscious, thinking Me, Ego Me, better keeps a low profile when the painting is in the making.

I always have cherished the idea of being like an open window through which the great spirit of creation comes flying in and does its work.

Excerpt from an interview with Jan Woodward / NovelHovelPress, summer 2021

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Read the whole interview here:

<https://www.novelhovelpress.co.uk/interview-with-contemporary-lyrical-abstract-artist-eelco-maan/>



Eelco Maan | **Transition** | 170 x 70 cm | mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Blue Dawn** | 160 x 90 cm | mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Autumn symphony** | 160 x 90 cm | mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Luminance** | 120 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Poetic reflections** | 65 x 45 cm | Acrylics and crayon on paper



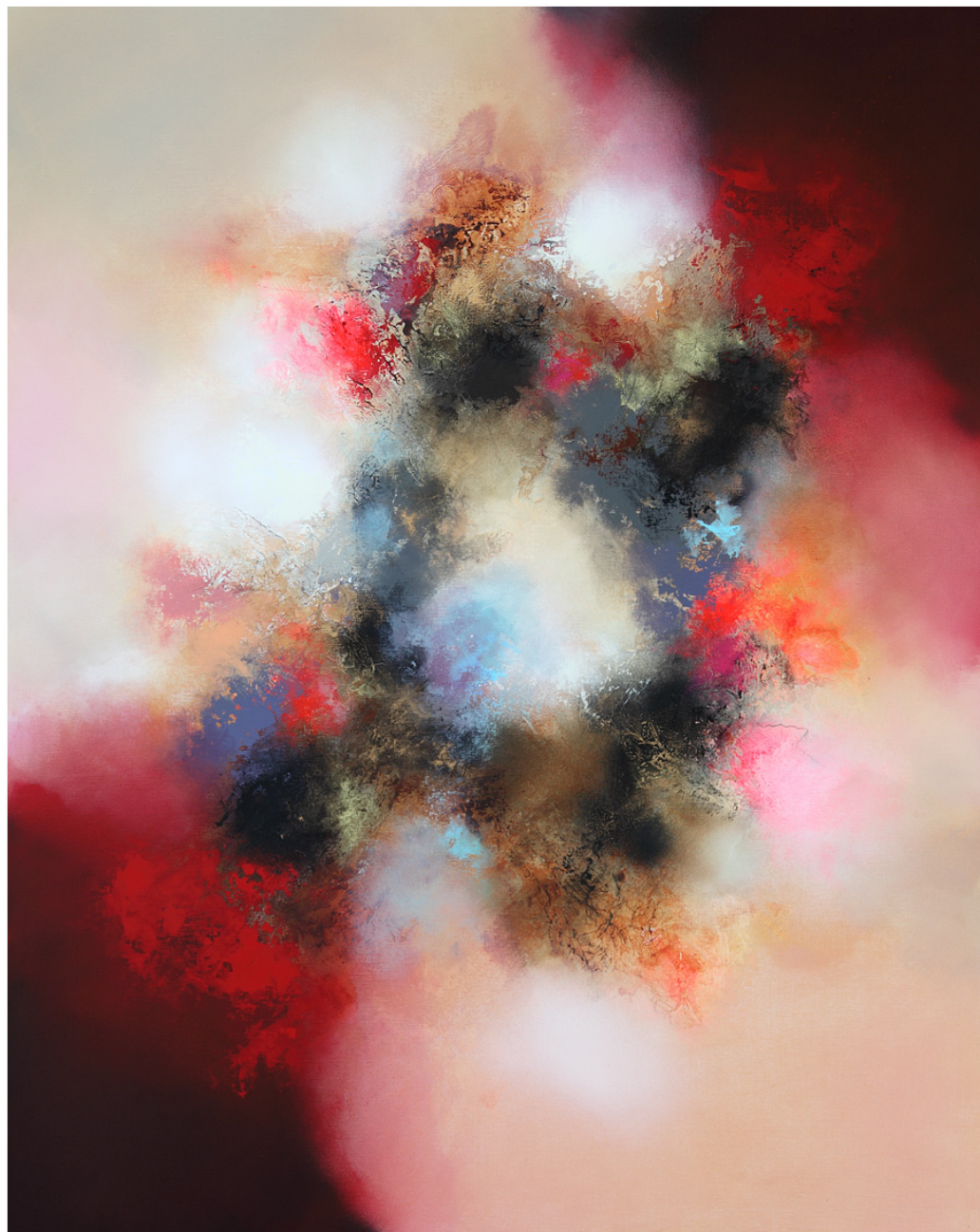
Eelco Maan | **Inner sanctuary** | 130 x 90 cm | mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **After all this time** | 140 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Gathering** | 110 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



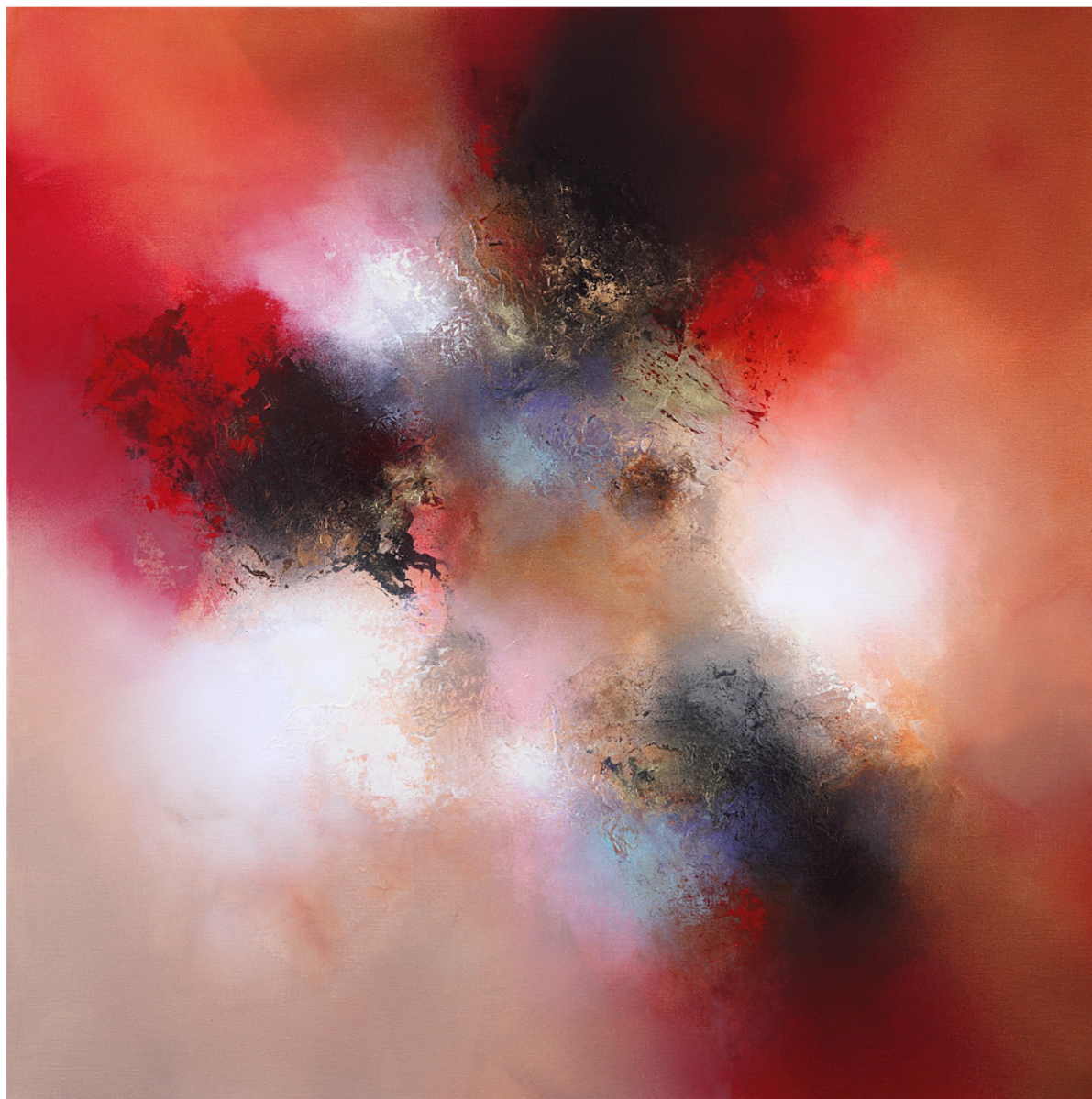
Eelco Maan | **Mystery of Autumn** | 120 x 150 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Adagio** | 80 x 150 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Arise** | 70 x 170 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Changes** | 90 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



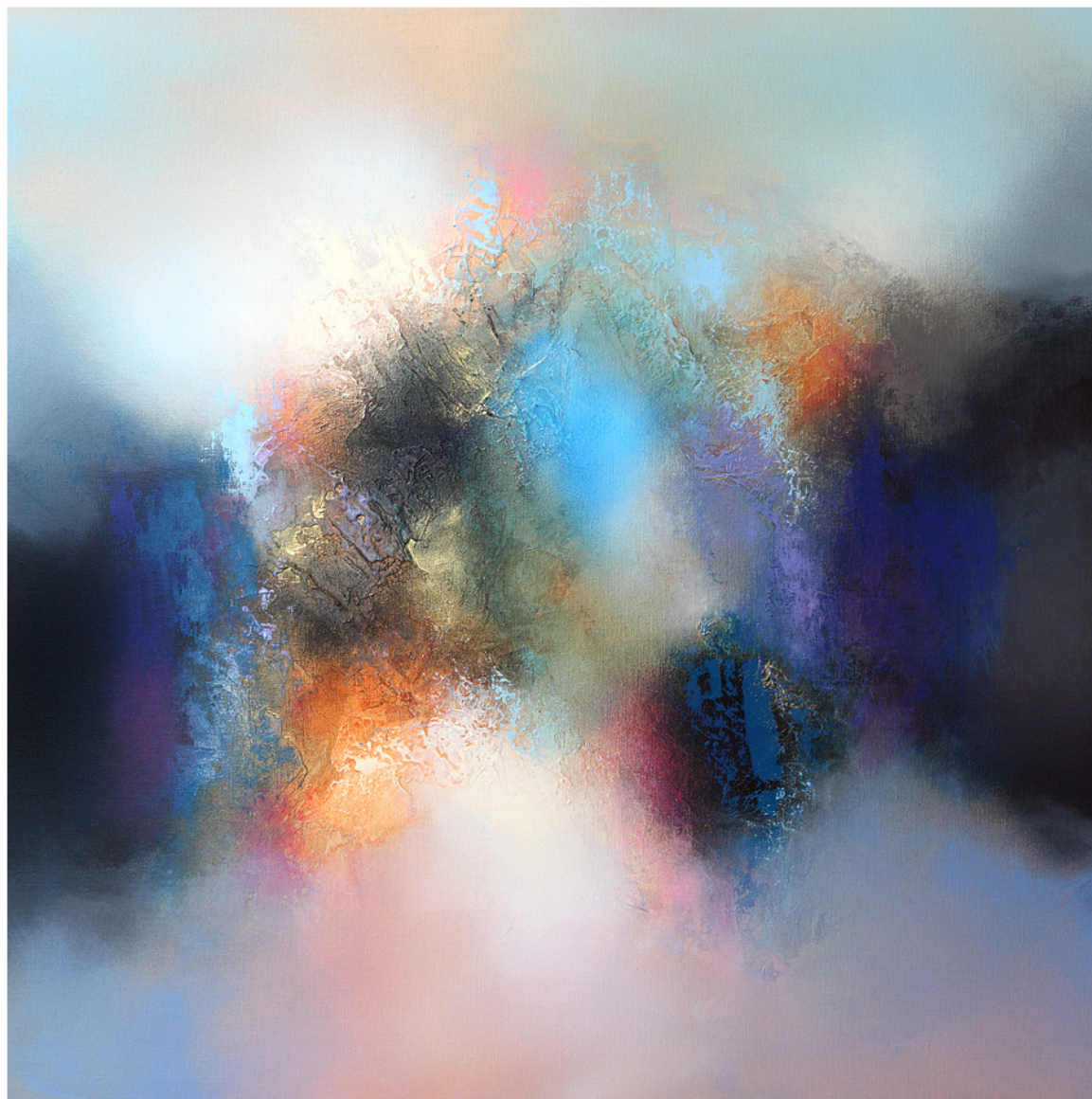
Eelco Maan | **The silence of light** | 130 x 130 cm | Acrylics & mixed media on canvas



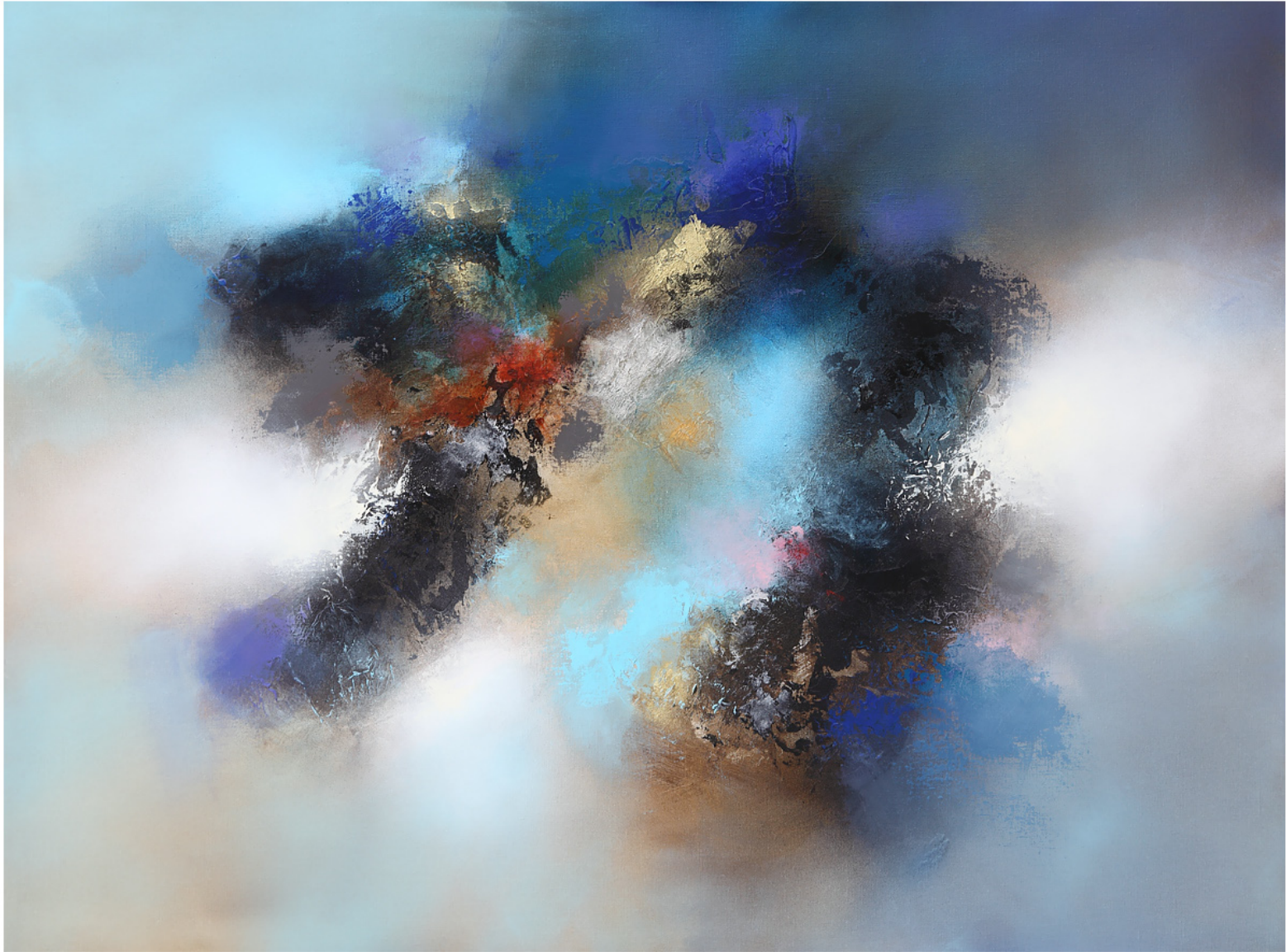
Eelco Maan | **New dawn** | 110 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Happening** | 110x 90 cm | mixed media on canvas



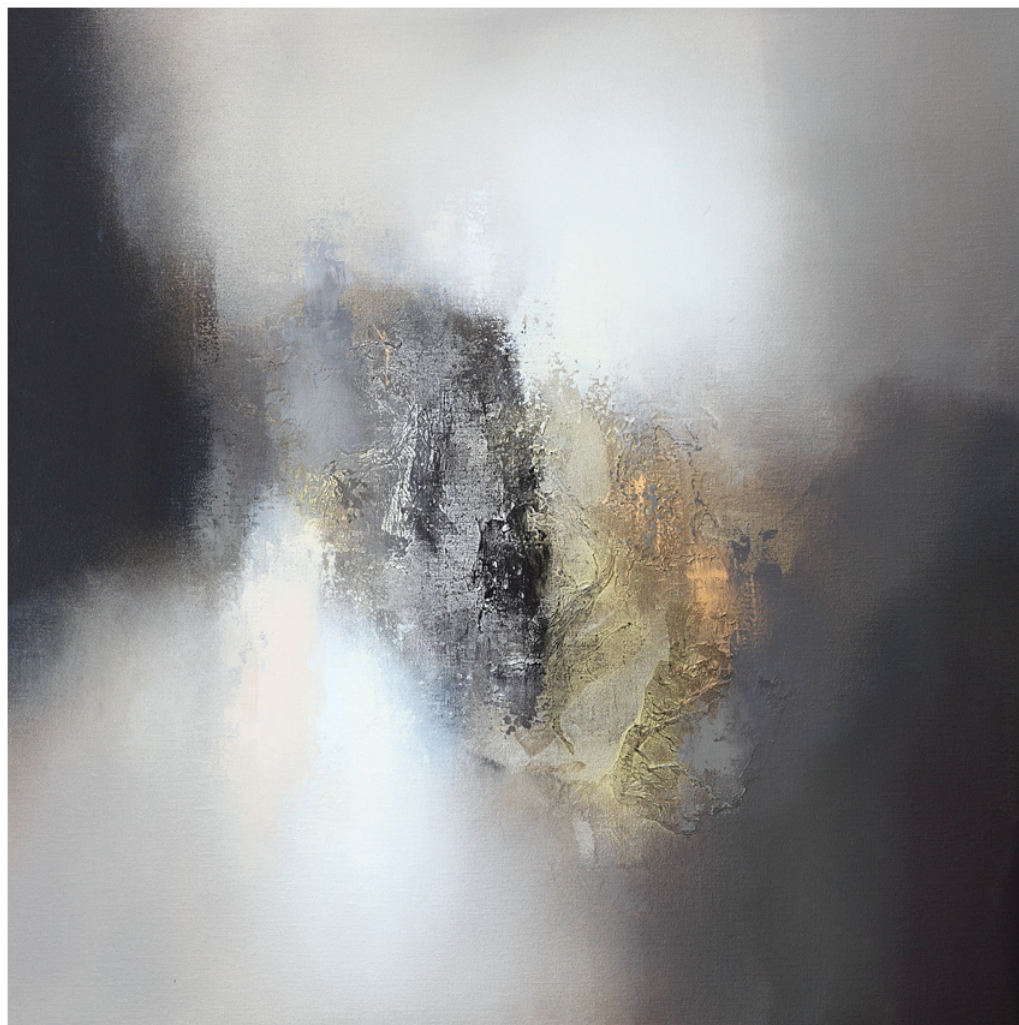
Eelco Maan | **The arrival of spring** | 90 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Steal away** | 120 x 90 cm | Mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Shades** | 70 x 70 cm | mixed media on canvas



Eelco Maan | **Shades II** | 70 x 70 cm, mixed media on canvas

Representation

Claremont Gallery

9A London Road I Sevenoaks I Kent I United Kingdom

Gallery ART5

5 Bartholomews I Brighton I United Kingdom

Arkley Fine Art

16/17 Hermitage Road I Hitchin I United Kingdom

Galerie Vent des Cimes

9 Place Victor Hugo, 38000 Grenoble, France

Galerie Eclat d'Art

3 Rue Saint-Nicolas - 68000 I Colmar I France

Galerie 713

Zeedijk 713 I 8300 Knokke I Belgie

Sille Gallery

Goudsestraatweg 8, 3421 GJ Oudewater I Netherlands

Galerie Sous Terre

Kudelstaartseweg I 11431 GA Aalsmeer I Netherlands

Exhibitions

2023

Galerie Vent des Cimes I Grenoble, France

Fresh Art Fair I Cheltenham, UK, with Arkley Fine Art

2022

Edinburgh Art Fair, Edinburgh, with Arkley fine Art I UK

2021

AFF (Affordable Art Fair) Battersea, London, with Arkley fine Art I UK-

Galerie 713 I Knokke I Belgie

2019

Galerie Sille I Oudewater I Netherlands, 2019

AFF (Affordable Art Fair) Battersea, London, with Arkley fine Art I UK, 2019

Galerie 713 I Knokke I Belgie, 2019

Galerie de Paardenstal I Espel (Flevoland), 2019

2018

Claremont Gallery I 9A London Road I Sevenoaks I Kent I UK

Galerie Sille I Oudewater I Netherlands

Arkley Fine Art I Hitchin I UK

She-Art Gallery I Nuenen I Netherlands

Galerie De Drentsche Aa I Balloo (Drenthe)

2017

Galerie de Paardenstal I Espel (Flevoland)

Whitestone Gallery I Karuizawa I Japan

International Art Fair Sevenoaks I UK

Kolner Liste I Keulen I Germany

Affordable Art Fair Milan I Milaan I Italy

2016

Art Fair Asia, Whitestone Gallery, Fukuoka, Japan, 2016

Galerie de Paardenstal, Espel (Flevoland), 2016

Kunstbeurs Noord Brabant, Lithoijen (Gemeente Oss), 2016

Tunbridge Wells International Art Fair with Claremont Gallery,

Tunbridge Wells, UK, 2016

2015

Galerie Thyade, Rotterdam, 2015

Galerie Sille, Oudewater, 2015

Claremont Gallery, Sevenoaks, Kent, UK, 2015

Kunstbeurs Noord Brabant, Lithoijen (Gemeente Oss), 2015

Hotel Pulitzer, Amsterdam, 2015

Zandvoorts Museum, Zandvoort, 2015

2014

Galerie De Swarte Ram, Doesburg, 2014

Galerie Sous Terre, Aalsmeer, 2014

SEEART Fair Tunbridge Wells, UK, 2014

Galerie Thyade, Rotterdam, 2014

Galerie Sille, Oudewater, 2014

Galerie Eclat d'Art, Colmar, France, 2014

2013

Galerie "In de oude school", Stroe, 2013
Kunst in de kop, St. Clemenskerk in Steenwijk, 2013
Galerie Sous-Terre, Aalsmeer, 2013
Atelierroute Steenwijkerland, 2013
Galerie 713, Knokke, België, 2013
Oxford Arts Festival with Claremont Gallery, 2013
Kunstwerk! in de stellingen, Noordwolde, 2013

2012

Art Gallery Radeski, Liege, Belgium, 2012
Claremont Gallery, Sevenoaks/UK, 2012
Galerie Sous Terre, Aalsmeer, 2012
Galerie Bruelle, Steenwijk, 2012
Atelierroute Steenwijkerland, 2012
Kleine kerk Steenwijk, 2012
Diaconessenhuis Meppel, 2012
Galerie Tolg'Art, Wierden, 2012

2011

Galerie de Swarte Ram, Doesburg, 2011
Arti 2011, Den Haag, 2011
Art Gallery Radeski, Luik, 2011
Kunst in de Kop, Steenwijk, 2011
Galerie Sous-Terre, Aalsmeer, 2011
Cultuurtempel Haarlem, Haarlem, 2011
Galerie in de Oude School, Stroe, 2011
Galerie Tolg'Art, Wierden, 2011
Galerie Miya, Hellevoetsluis, 2011

2010

Open Art Fair, Utrecht, 2010
Galerie de Vlaming, Den Haag, 2010
Galerie Art in Maupertuus, Geulle, 2010
Kunstsalon Eindhoven, Eindhoven, 2010

2009

Galerie in de Oude School, Stroe, 2009
Galerie De Swarte Ram, Doesburg, 2009
Galerie Thyade, Rotterdam, 2009
Galerie Gauguin, Heeze, 2008 / 2009

2008

Galerie & Artotheek de Vlaming, Den Haag, 2008
Galerie Art in Maupertuus, Geulle, 2008
Galerie Eikenaar, Burgh Haamstede, 2008
Galerie in de Oude School, Stroe (Gelderland), 2008
Primavera Kunstsalon, Rotterdam Ahoy, februari 2008
Galerie & Artotheek de Vlaming, Zoetermeer, winterexpositie, 2008

2007

KUNST Event Arnhem, 2007
Hoogeland Gebouw, Utrecht, 2007
Galerie & Artotheek de Vlaming, Zoetermeer, zomerepositie, 2007
Kunstschouw Westenschouwen, Burgh Haamstede, 2007
KUNST Event, Groningen, 2007
Galerie Eikenaar, Burgh Haamstede, 2007

2006

Galerie Pereboom, Oudehorne, 2006
Galerie Gauguin, Heeze, Lustrumexpositie, 2006
Galerie Catharina, Hillegom, 2006
Holland Art Fair, Den Haag, 2006

2005

'Lourens Pure Luxury' Event, Koperen Hoogte, Zwolle, 2005
Galerie Beeldkracht, Scheemda, 2005

2004

Galerie Gauguin, Heeze, 2004

2002

Galerie Gauguin, Heeze, 2002
Galerie Beeldkracht, Scheemda, 2002

2001

Galerie Erte Art, Echt, 2001
De Bewaerschole, Haamstede, 2001
Galerie Gauguin, Heeze, 2001
Galerie/Atelier Overdevest, Berkel en Rodenrijs, 2001

2000

Galerie De Groene Poort, Middenbeemster, 2000

Galerie Dingen, Vlaardingen, 2000
Galerie Gaugain, Heeze, 2000

1999
Galerie Gaugain, Heeze, 1999

1997
Galerie "De Kunstkelder", Rotterdam 1997

1995
Pleintheater, Amsterdam, 1995
Iran Brazil Art Gallery, Amsterdam, 1995
Amtec Art, Zevenbergen, 1995

Publications

Eelco Maan, lyrical abstract paintings, Brochure, 12 pagina's FC, 27 x 21 cm, 2018

Embracing the Light, lyrical abstract paintings, Eelco Maan/Kunstboek, 36 pagina's FC, 21 x 21 cm, ISBN 978-90-811204-0-1, 2012

TWAALF, Eelco Maan & Hannah de Leeuwe, Gedichten en foto's, 21 x 21 cm, gebonden, 28 pagina's, ISBN 978-90-811204-2-5, 2010

Aan de vooravond, Eelco Maan, gedichten, gedichtenbundel / 130 x 190 mm / 56 pagina's / ISBN 978-90-484-1205-1, 2010

Het universum in de kunst, boek bij gelijknamige tentoonstelling, Galerie Thyade, juli 2009

Galerie Gids Nederland, 2009

Tableau Finearts Magazine, december 2008 (pagina 99)

Catalogus Primavera Kunst- en Antieksalon 2008 (pag 76)

Kunstgids Kunstenaars 2008 eerste editie ISBN97-809687-3-8 (pag 164-165)

Invitation to Art, Kunstijschrift, Winter 2006-2007

In het domein van de Ziel, Eelco Maan, Schilderijen, 2006 / Kunstboek, 52 pagina's FC, 21 x 24 cm, ISBN 90-811204-1-7

Galerie Gids Nederland, 2006

Eelco Maan, Schilderijen, 2006/ Flyer/ Uitgave tbv. de Holland Art Fair

Eelco Maan, Schilderijen, 2005 / Brochure, 16 pagina's FC, 21 x 21 cm

Eelco Maan, Works on paper, 2003 / Brochure, 16 pagina's FC, 21 x 21 cm

1001 Reasons to love the earth / Art Book, 2002 , ISBN 90-80-4045-5-1

Eelco Maan, Paintings 1994-2000 / 2000, Brochure , 16 pagina's FC, 21 x 21 cm

Amtec Art Kunstkalender , 1996
Amtec Art Kunstkalender, 1995

Patrimonium Woningstichting Kunstkalender, 1995 (fotografie)

Residency

2011
Atelier Blanchefosse / Art & Development - Blanchefosse et Bay, Frankrijk

Permanent collections

Business Art service / Kunst.nl, Nederland
Resort Saraya Bandar Jissah, Oman
Mirror Mirror / Tokyo / Japan
CERN Headquarters London, Verenigd Koninkrijk
Royal Courts Oman, Oman
Isala Hospital Meppel, Nederland
Galerie Gauguin , Heeze, Nederland
Galerie Beeldkracht, Nederland
Patrimonium Woningstichting Rotterdam, Nederland

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