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5 April – 1 May 2024





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Everard Read presents an intimate exhibition of new paintings and works on paper by Guy Ferrer, his fourth solo show at the London gallery.

Ferrer's work is fundamentally concerned with the mystery of life and the search of beauty. His artistic energy derives from a spiritual necessity to make art, as part on an ongoing search for transcendence, for solace and for meaning.

Rich in symbolism and characterised by highly textured surfaces, Ferrer's paintings, works on paper and sculptures are animated by his spirit and exude an ethereal energy. They connect at the deepest level with audiences across countries and cultures.

In this new collection, Ferrer focuses much of his attention on small-scale works, many of which incorporate found objects

which he imbues with a sacred ethos through his iconography and application of precious materials. With these works, Ferrer reminds us that the numinous is in the everyday, all around us, not confined to temples and other holy sites.

'Gold, sacred and mythical, is more and more present in my work', says Ferrer. 'For me, gold evokes the Orient, the sun, the spiritual quest, eternity.' His work continues to be a celebration of life and its enigmas.

Ferrer is an artist who helps us to keep poetry alive and who defies the trend towards abandoning wondering. Indeed, in a career spanning some 35 years, he continues to express wonder and mystery, lyricism and faith in the works that emerge from his studio. Through his works, Guy Ferrer continues to send his soul through time and space to greet us.



*Jeu D'Or* mixed media on canvas 97 x 130 cm 38 <sup>1</sup>/8 x 51 <sup>1</sup>/8 in.



*Cette Nuit-La* ink and gold leaf on antique paper 42 x 30 cm 16 <sup>1</sup>/2 x 11 <sup>3</sup>/4 in. *Croissance* ink on antique paper 28 x 17 cm 11 x 6 <sup>5</sup>/8 in. A X



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*Croix Rouge* ink and gold leaf on antique paper 29 x 17 cm 11 <sup>3</sup>/8 x 6 <sup>5</sup>/8 in.



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*Les Lys* collage and ink on antique paper 71 x 65 cm 27 <sup>7</sup>/8 x 25 <sup>1</sup>/2 in.





*Double* ink, collage and gold leaf on antique paper 17 x 29 cm 6 <sup>5</sup>/8 x 11 <sup>3</sup>/8 in.



*Nursery* pencil and collage on antique paper 24 x 30 cm 9 <sup>3</sup>/8 x 11 <sup>3</sup>/4 in.

















*Ensemble* mixed media on canvas 97 x 130 cm 38 <sup>1</sup>/8 x 51 <sup>1</sup>/8 in.



#### **GUY FERRER** b. 1955, Algeria

Intrinsically Mediterranean, born in Algeria, Guy Ferrer is a French artist of Catalan and Italian descent. Over the past three decades, he has developed an international reputation as a painter and sculptor, with exhibitions in museums and galleries around the world.

Guy Ferrer's recent honours include a monumental bronze for the French embassy in Singapore, a large fresco painted for the French embassy in Bakou, Azerbaijan and a triptych titled Liberté-Egalité-Fraternité commissioned by the OECD and for its headquarters in Paris.

Artistic partnerships have been developed with several companies, including Lefranc & Bourgeois, Champagne Jacquart, Château Haut-Canteloup, several books cover illustrations (ed. Francophones, Mobydick and J.E. Flower), Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte and Le Bon Marché in Paris, including the permanent installation of a monumental bronze and a large canvas at the main entrance of the building.

*T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E* – a major sculptural work Ferrer created in 2007 in response to contemporary religious tensions – has been widely acclaimed and displayed in France, Germany, the United States,

Poland, the United Arab Emirates and South Africa.

With these nine monumental bronze sculptures, Guy Ferrer offers his reconciliatory vision, a message of hope, mutual respect and tolerance. Ferrer's powerful sculptures remind us that tolerance requires us to take time to reflect and cultivate an openness to others.

Three of the eight editions of T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E. are permanently installed at the François Mitterrand Park linking Paris 17th with Saint-Ouen, France; the Government Palace in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and the district of Port Marianne behind Montpellier City Hall, France.

This major sculpture received wide acclaim through its exhibitions in La Monnaie de Paris (2008), the Jardins du Luxembourg, French Senate (2008). It has also been installed at the Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany (2009), the city of Poznan, Poland (2009), the Palais des Rois de Majorque (2011) and the Campo Santo in Perpignan, France (2014).

T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E. was presented during the Festival Art & Tolerance in Vence, France 14 Nov – 8 Dec 2018.



## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2023** *Mana – in the artwork the Power*, Galerie France

Rituals, Everard Read Gallery, Franschhoel

- 2022 Re-Vival, Everard Read Gallery, London, U
- **2021** De la matière à l'Esprit Centre d'art con Musée d'art Hyacinthe Rigaud and Castar Perpignan, France

Au-delà des masques, Galerie Christine C

- **2020** *Guy Ferrer, New Paintings*, Everard Read, Xun Art Gallery, Shanghai, China and Lux Luxemburg
- 2019 Les Jardins des Délices, Everard Read Gall Nectar, Galerie Christine Colon, Liège, Bel
- 2018 Feu Sacré, Everard Read Gallery, Johannes Trait Sacré – Galerie Patrick Bartoli, Marse Beirut Art Fair, SUD Gallery, Beirut, Leban
- **2017** Art Montpellier, Castang Art Project, Espa France
  - Gilles Naudin Galerie, Paris, France Un chemin initiatique, Témoins de bronze air exhibition, Saint-Cyprien, France Galerie Christine Colon, Liege, Belgium Révélations, Everard Read Gallery, Londor Envies d'écrire, sourire et dessiner, RNG A France
- 2016 PathWays To Non Violence, 21st Festival of Beirut Art Fair, SUD Gallery, Beirut, Leband Dessins, Estampes, Sculptures, Galerie Cha Annecy, France

Collect'Or, Banque Nationale de Paris, Par

- **2015** Beirut Art Fair, SUD Gallery, Beirut, Leband *Réceptacles. Au-delà des apparences*, Cas Perpignan, France
  - Hôtel de la Cité 5<sup>\*</sup>, Carcassonne, France *Autour de la Grande Famille*, RNG Art Cor France
  - Galerie 104, RNG Art Contemporain, Pari *T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E*, Esplanade du Prado, M

		Galerie Castang Art Project, Perpignan, France
e Anthony Meyer, Paris,		T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E, Courts of the Medieval City of Carcassonne,
, , , ,		Carcassonne, France
ek, South Africa	2014	OR'aisons Chantal Melanson Gallery, Annecy, France
JK		T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E and NONLa Guerre Campo Santo and
ntemporain (CAC),		Chapelle de la Funeraria, Perpignan, France
ing Art Project,		T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E and NONLa Guerre Couvent des Minimes,
		, Perpignan, France
Colon, Liège, Belgium		Échos de Chine, Sophie Deschamps/Nathalie Gaillard and the
London, UK		Foundation Coffim Galerie 104, Paris, France
kembourg-Ville,	2013	<i>De soie, de bronze,</i> de papier Amarrage Gallery, SaintOuen,
tembourg vine,		France
llery, London, UK		T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E, n°3/8, perennial public installation,
elgium		Montpellier, France
esburg, South Africa	2012	Xun Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
eille, France		Lille Art Fair with galleries GNG, Castang Art Project and Ricard
ion		Nicollet, Lille, France
ace Aréna, Montpellier,		Xun Gallery, Shanghai, China
ace Arena, montpeniei,	2011	Palais des Rois de Majorque, Perpignan, France
		Cheng Xin Dong Gallery and Alliance Française, Shanghai/
e - Retrospective plein		Beijing, China
		Lille Art Fair, Galerie Castang Art Project, Lille, France
	2010	Racines, Gilles Naudin Gallery, Paris, France
n, UK		Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Art Contemporain, Paris,		Die Galerie, Séoul, South Korea
art contemporant, rans,	2009	T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E et OEuvres récentes, Die Galerie and Goethe
of Faiths, Louisville, USA		University, Frankfurt, Germany
		<i>Fragiles Résistances</i> , Nathalie Gaillard Gallery, Paris, France
nantal Mélanson,		<i>Elsewhere Brothers</i> , French Institute of South Africa, Nirox
		Foundation and Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South
iris, France		Africa
ion		Face to face, Amarrage Assocation François Mitterrand Park,
stang Art Project,		SaintOuen, France
stang / at hoject,		Puls'Art Guest of Honour Le Mans, France
	2008	T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E, Crown princes court of Government Palace,
ntemporain, Paris,		Abu Dhabi, UAE
		Art ParisAbu Dhabi, Nathalie Gaillard Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
is, France		ArtElysées, Gilles Naudin Gallery Paris, France
ledieval City of		Meeting with Colors, Pierre Dufrasne Gallery, Magnanerie de
		Seillans, France

Carcassonne, France

*Time Witness Workshop of the Laundrette*, Sarlat en Périgord, France

*Territories*, SCAPE Gallery, Corona del Mar, USA *Triptych*, Gilles Naudin Gallery Angers, France *African Influences*, Gilles Naudin Gallery, Paris, France

- 2007 T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E n° 2/8, La Monnaie de Paris, France
  Art Paris Abu Dhabi, Nathalie Gaillard Gallery Abu Dhabi, UAE
  ICPNA (Lima) and Museum of Contemporary Art of Arequipa,
  Peru: double exhibition organized by the French Ministry of the
  Foreign Affairs and the French Alliances of Lima and Arequipa
  Golden Man, Ambrogi Castanier Gallery, Los Angeles,
  United States
  - Faces / Landscapes, Attis Art Gallery, Washington, United States
- 2006 Hotel Meurice, Paris, France,
- **2004** Chapman University, Orange, United States *Le Corps Outil*, Castle of Saint Ouen, France
- 2001 Musée Français de la Carte à Jouer, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France
- **2000** *ArtParis*, Chantal Melanson Gallery, Annecy, France Shakan Gallery, Lausanne, Switzerland Adler Gallery, Gstaad, Switzerland M.M.G. Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- **1999** Kouros Gallery, New York, USA Saddam Hussein Center, Baghdad, Iraq ChacMool Gallery, Los Angeles, USA France Embassy, Amman, Jordan
- **1996** Signo Humano Simbolo, Museum of Contemporary Art of Caracas, Venezuela

# SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- **2019** *Ocre Bleue* Galerie des Hospices Canet en Roussillon (France)
- **2018** Joburg Art Fair with Everard-Read Gallery Johannesburg (South Africa)

Everard-Read Gallery – London (United Kingdom)

Salon de dessin contemporain – Galerie Christine Colon – Liege (Belgium)

Festival Art & Tolérance – with Galerie Bogéna and Vence City – Vence (France)

Collection Days – with Sophie Deschamps and Nathalie Gaillard – Paris (France)

 2017 Art Karlsruhe – with Die Galerie – Rheinstetten (Germany)
 Puls'Art, La Sculpture d'Aujourd'hui – Parc du Tessé, Le Mans (France)
 Mark Hachem Gallery, Beirut (Lebanon)

> *The M'dina Cathedral Contemporary Art Biennale*, Malta *Art Montpellier* – with Castang Art Project – L'Arena, Montpellier (France)

**2016** *2016, Chinese New Year: Four European artists exhibition* - Xun Art Gallery, Beijing (China) *100 Heads* – Die Galerie, Munich (Germany)

*Opening Group Show* – CIRCA Gallery, London (United Kingdom)

*Outdoor group exhibition* — Thermal Park Le Fayet, Saint-Gervais (France)

- **2015** M'dina Cathedral Contemporary Art Biennale Malte Shijiazhuang Museum, Shijiazhuang, China
- **2014** Affinités, Xun Art Gallery National Art Museum, Xiamen, China Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa Beirut Art Fair, Sophie Deschamps/Nathalie Gaillard Beirut, Lebanon

*Beijing International Art Fair*, Xun Art Gallery Beijing, China Song Zhuang Art Center, Xun Art Gallery Beijing, China *Opening exhibition*, Castang Art Project Gallery, Perpignan, France

Les Flâneries d'Aix: Aix en OEuvres Aix, Provence, France Parce que c'était lui, parce que c'était nous xxhibition, Amarrage Gallery, SaintOuen, France

*Libérations*, Thermal Park Le Fayet & City Hall, SaintGervais, France

2012 Château royal de Collioure, France Maison de la Catalanité, Perpignan, France Chapelle Sainte-Anne, Tours, France Xun Comtemporary Gallery, Beijing, China

**2011** *Biennale 2011*, Issyles Moulineaux France Lefranc&Bourgeois Collection, Musée de Tessé, Le Mans France Exhibition saluting Joaquim Vital Baudouin, Lebon Gallery, Paris France

Rituels de terre Pascal Lacombe (ethnography) & Guy Ferrer (paintings), La Flèche, France

- 2010 Espace Roset with CastanGalerie Perpignan
- 2009 Sculpture Triennale Zamek Poznan Poland





Mosaïques Troyes, France

Passions croisées Objects of ethnographic collection of Pascal Lacombe and works of Guy Ferrer, CastanGalerie, Perpignan, France

Original lithographs: dream and revolution of artists and MMG, Utsunomiya museum of art, Utsunomiya, Japan Art Paris, Nathalie Gaillard Gallery, Paris, France

- 2008 Art Sénat T.O.L.E.R.A.N.C.E, Paris, France Wind in the Branches monumental sculptures Guest of Honour Paris, France
- 2007 Art Miami, AmbrogiCastanier Gallery Miami, USA Shanghai Art Fair, AmbrogiCastanier Gallery Shangai, China
- 2004 European Hospital George Pompidou, Art et Espoir Association Paris, France
- 2002 The Force of the Spirit: 30 Artists against the disease of Alzheimer Pierre Cardin Space and Drouot Montaigne, Paris, France
- 2000 Sculptors and the Animal, Museums of Fukushima, Kirishima, Yamanashi and Mie, Japan Salon Artuel, Beirut, Lebanon

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- De soie, de bronze, de papier, Amarrage Gallery, Saint-Ouen, 2013
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- *Racines*, Galerie Gilles Naudin, Paris, 2010
- GUY FERRER, monography, Editions de La Différence, Paris, 2005
- Le Corps-Outil, catalogue of the exhibition, Museum of the Castle of Saint-Ouen, 2004
- L'Homme et le Symbole, Musée français de la Carte à Jouer, Issy-les-Moulineaux, 2001
- Matières et Signes: La Face Cachée dans l'oeuvre de Guy Ferrer, Patricia Tardy, Toulouse University, 1999
- De la Poussière et un peu d'Eau, Paris, 1999
- Oeuvres Récentes, Galeries Chantal Mélanson & Michel Mirshac, Annecy and Lausanne, 1998
- SiNoSi : Signo-Humano-Simbolo, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Caracas, 1997

Silence, Virus Gallery, Antwerp, 1996 GUY FERRER, monography, Editions Garnier Nocera, Paris, 1995 Sculptures, Peintures, Gravures, Phénix Gallery, Paris, 1993 D'Or et de Boue, French Institute of Munich, 1992 Vif-Argent, Sénat Gallery, Paris, 1991

### **FILMOGRAPHY**

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- 2017 Guy Ferrer, un chemin initiatique by Laurie-Salomé Cubaynes. Movie made on the occasion of the retrospective exhibition in Jardin des Plantes des Capellans at Saint-Cyprien (France).
- **2014** Bulles d'Artistes by Zabou Breitman. Movie made on the occasion of the celebration of 15 years of collaboration between the Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte and the artists who have succeeded since 1999.
- **2004** 4 Mo(vies), series of four films with two institutional exhibitions, live creation of monumental sculpture La Grande Famille and the live creation of a painted work on paper.

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