

about the artist

Patrick Villas, b.1961, lives and works in Antwerp, Belgium and in Haute-Marne, France.

Patrick Villas is one of the leading Belgian figurative sculptors of his generation. His oeuvre comprises sculptures, paintings, drawings, 3D sculptures and digital photomontages, edited in diasec.

Villas is always exploring new techniques, his first digital works date back to the early 90s. He switches back and forth between physical and digital modelling as well as between materials used, such as bronze, ceramic, crystal and paper.

His oeuvre is characterized by a permanent search for the creation of suggestive images, without traditional reality. They are, as it were, studies to overcome the boundaries of the anatomical, while retaining the original flexibility.

His work primarily focuses on animal forms, with attention to character and expression. In 2022, the Charles Catteau Foundation published *The Broken Bowl*, a monograph on his work written by Marc Pairon.

Villas has been exhibiting all over Europe since the late 1990s and received major solo exhibitions at a.o. the Contemporary Art Center of the Matmut (F) in 2016 and open-air exhibitions of monumental pieces in the cities of Compiègne (F) in 2017 and Bagnoles de l'Orne (F) in 2020. His works have been presented at international fairs such as Tefaf in Maastricht (NL), Masterpiece in London (UK) and PAD in Paris (F). His pieces figure in the collection of the Musées de France and numerous important private and public collections.

In 2025, Villas was selected to participate in *The Ark*, the summer group exhibition at The Church in Sag Harbor, New York, curated by Eric Fischl. The exhibition features animal sculptures by over 40 international artists, exploring humanity's relationship with animals, nature, and the self. Other featured artists include Louise Bourgeois, Kiki Smith, Maurizio Cattelan, Bruce Nauman, and William Kentridge.

Commissions / Museum collections (selection)

- 2002 Koninklijk Museum voor Dierkunde Antwerpen, (Zoo of Antwerp), Belgium
- 2003 FIDEM- Promotion de la Medaille en Belgique, Belgium
- 2004 Life-sized Ostrich for private collector Paris, France
- 2007 Life-sized Tiger for Colony, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2007 Collection L. Graff, St Jean-Cap-Ferrat (F)
- 2007 Series of 5 ceramics for Royal Boch, Brussels (B)
- 2008 Series of 3 ceramic panther busts for Royal Boch (B)
- 2010 Art Bollart, World Expo Shanghai (China)
- 2016 Monumental Head of a Panther for the Fondation Matmut pour les Arts, St.-Pierre-de-Varengeville (F)
- 2018 Head of a Panther in crystal for Daum France (F)

- 2020 Lifesize Swan fountain for the village of Robécourt, Vosges (F)
- 2021 Head of a Lion in crystal for Daum France (F)
- 2022 Playing Dogs life-sized bronze for DRAC Orne (Musées de France) (F)
- 2024 Head of a Panther in plaster for Musée Pompon (F)

Awards (selection)

- 2014 [Prix E. Jonchère](#), Fondation Taylor, Paris (F)
- 2019 [Ambassador](#) for the Département de la Haute-Marne (F)

Solo exhibitions (selection)

- 1990 Gallery Couttenier, Kortrijk (B) (paintings)
- 1991 Foundation Nieuwe Molens, Brugge (B) (paintings)
- 1992 Foundation Van Brint-Van Sant, Antwerp (B) (paintings)
- 1993 Gallery Van Sant, Antwerp (B) (paintings)
- 1999 Art à Domicile, Gallery P. Besse, Rosières (B)
- 1999 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2000 Castle Bijckhove, Wijnegem "Allure" (B)
- 2000 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2001 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2001 Eurantica, Antwerp (B)
- 2002 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2002 pAn, Amsterdam, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach (NI)
- 2002 Lineart, Ghent, Plusgalleries (B)
- 2003 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2003 Eurantica, Verlat Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2003 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2003 Eurantica, Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2003 Classic IX, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Kortrijk (B)
- 2003 PAN, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2004 Eurantica, Verlat Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2004 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2004 Antiek Den Bosch, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, 's Hertogenbosch (NI)
- 2003 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2004 Rafael Valls Ltd, Londen (UK)
- 2004 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2005 Paris Longchamp, Verlat Gallery, Paris (F)
- 2005 Eurantica, Verlat Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2005 AAF, New York (USA)
- 2005 Galerie Jean-François Heim, Paris (F)
- 2006 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2006 Rafael Valls Ltd, London (UK)
- 2006 Galerie Jean-François Heim, Paris (F)
- 2006 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2007 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2007 Villas-Spierenburg, Espace Point-Barre, Lille (F)
- 2007 Art & Antiquités en Seine, Verlat Gallery, Paris (F)
- 2007 Royal Boch, Sablon, Brussels (B)
- 2008 Leonhard's Fine Arts, Brasschaat (B)

- 2008 Galerie Jean-François Heim, Paris (F)
- 2009 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2010 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2010 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2011 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2011 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2012 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2012 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2012 Galerie Le Septendrion, Marcq-en-Barœul (F)
- 2013 Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2013 Orangerie du Sénat, Jardins du Luxembourg, Paris (F)
- 2014 Hans Kitslaar & Patrick Villas, The Latem Gallery (B)
- 2014 Galerie Calderone, Dinard (F)
- 2015 Galerie Calderone, Dinard (F)
- 2016 The Latem Gallery, St. Martens-Latem (B)
- 2016 Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2016 Big Cats, Contemporary Art Center Matmut, St.Pierre-de-Varengneville (F)
- 2016 Herwig Simons Fine Arts, Brussels (B)
- 2017 Félinité, Cultural Center St.Pierre-des-Minimes, Compiègne (F)
- 2017 Walk of 7 Monumental Sculptures in Compiègne (F)
- 2018 Heavenly Dreams, solo exhibition at The Latem Gallery, St-Martens-Latem (B)
- 2019 Masterpiece London, Galerie Perrin, London (UK)
- 2019 Patrick Villas, solo exhibition at The Latem Gallery, St-Martens-Latem (B)
- 2020 Promenade de Monumentales, Département de l'Orne (F)
- 2020 Patrick Villas, solo exhibition at The Latem Gallery, Lochristi (B)
- 2021 – 2025 The Latem Gallery, Lochristi (B)
- 2022 Promenade de Monumentales, ville de Neufchâteau (F)
- 2022 Rétrospective au Centre Culturel F. Mitterrand, Neufchâteau (F)
- 2022 – 2023 Big Cats, Promenade de Monumentales, village de Megève (F)
- 2023 Musée Pompon, Saulieu (F)
- 2023 Promenade de Monumentales, ville de Saulieu (F)
- 2025 Jardin de Sculptures – rendez-vous à l'atelier, Soulaucourt-sur-Mouzon (F)

Group exhibitions (selection)

- 1991 Foundation Andre Garrite, Scharpoord Knokke (B) (paintings)
- 1993 Gallery Campo & Campo, Berchem (B)
- 1996 Gallery Van Der Plancken, Antwerp (B) (paintings)
- 1999 Dieleman Gallery, Château de Petit-Leez (B)
- 1999 Kesteloot Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2000 Gallery Depypere, Kuurne (B)
- 2000 Gallery Depypere, Casino Kursaal, Ostend (B)
- 2000 Kesteloot Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2000 Antica, Namur (B)
- 2000 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2000 Gallery Campo & Campo, Berchem (B)
- 2001 Gallery Campo & Campo, Berchem (B)
- 2001 North Seas Gallery, Michigan (USA)
- 2001 Gallery Marcel Billy, La Baule (F)
- 2001 Gallery Marcel Billy, Le Touquet (F)

- 2002 Olympia Spring Fair, Plusgalleries, London (UK)
- 2002 Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2002 Holland Art Fair, Plusgalleries, The Hague (NI)
- 2002 Art Brussels, Plusgalleries, Brussels (B)
- 2002 RAI, Plusgalleries, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2002 Art London, Plusgalleries, London (UK)
- 2002 Gallery Campo & Campo, Berchem (B)
- 2002 Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Antwerp (B)
- 2003 Salon des Antiquaires de Belgique, Gallery Campo & Campo, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels (B)
- 2003 Olympia Spring Fair, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, London (UK)
- 2003 Holland Art Fair, Plusgalleries, The Hague (NI)
- 2003 Kunstrai, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2004 Tours & Taxis, Campo & Campo, Berchem (B)
- 2004 Filip Kesteloot Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2004 BADA Fair, Rafael Valls Ltd, London (UK)
- 2004 Grosvenor House, Rafael Valls Ltd, London (UK)
- 2004 Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Antwerp (B)
- 2004 Salon de l'Hippodrome Longchamps, Verlat Gallery, Paris (F)
- 2004 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2004 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2004 pAn, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2005 Realisme05, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2005 Art Fair Den Bosch, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Den Bosch (NI)
- 2005 Art London, Verlat Gallery, London (UK)
- 2005 Classic X, Kortrijk (B)
- 2005 pAn, Galerie Jörg Hasenbach, Amsterdam (NI)
- 2005 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2006 Salon de Longchamp, Paris (F)
- 2006 Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2006 Den Bosch Art Fair, Den Bosch (NI)
- 2006 Kesteloot Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2006 Art & Antiques, Antwerp (B)
- 2006 Galerij Zofier, Heerenveen (NI)
- 2006 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2007 Salon Art & Antiquaires en Seine, Paris (F)
- 2007 Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2007 Den Bosch Art Fair, Den Bosch (NI)
- 2007 Triënnale van de Beeldhouwkunst, Antwerp (B)
- 2007 Kesteloot Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2007 Galerie Jean-François Heim, Paris (NI)
- 2007 Beelden in het Park, Ooidonk (B)
- 2007 Antica, Namur (B)
- 2007 ClassicA, biënnale Kortrijk (B)
- 2007 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2008 Art Lille, Lille (F)
- 2008 Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2008 Antiva, Namur (B)
- 2008 St-Art, Strasbourg (F)
- 2008 Lineart, Ghent (B)

- 2009 Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2009 Overbrugd, Temse (B)
- 2009 Galerie Bayart, Le Touquet (F)
- 2009 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2009 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2010 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2010 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2011 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2011 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2011 Lineart, Ghent (B)
- 2012 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2012 Verlat Gallery, Antwerp (B)
- 2012 Galerie Le Septendrion, Marcq-en-Barœul (F)
- 2012 Galerie Bayart, Le Touquet (F)
- 2013 Lille Art Fair, Galerie Bayart, Lille (F)
- 2013 Galerie De Beeldenstorm, Bosschenhoofd (NL)
- 2013 Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2013 Galerie Bayart, Compiègne (F)
- 2014 Art Up, Galerie Bayart, Lille (F)
- 2014 Eurantica, Galerie Bayart, Brussels (B)
- 2014 Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2014 Kitslaar-Villas-Dufoort Exhibition by Anne-Marie Van Pachterbeke, Lochristi (B)
- 2014 pAn, Herwig Simons Gallery, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2014 Kitslaar-Villas Exhibition, The Latem Gallery, St.Martens-Latem (B)
- 2014 Salon d'Art, Galerie Bayart, Le Touquet (F)
- 2014 St'art, Galerie Calderone, Strasbourg (F)
- 2015 Galerie Bayart, Art Up!, Lille (F)
- 2015 Galerie Bayart, SNA Paris Beaux-Arts, Paris (F)
- 2015 Galerie Calderone, Eurantica, Brussels (B)
- 2015 The Latem Gallery, Art Nocturne Knocke (B)
- 2015 Biennale des Sculptures, Bois-Guilbert (F)
- 2016 Brafa, Herwig Simons Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2016 Galerie Bayart, Art Up!, Lille (F)
- 2016 Galerie Bayart, Art Up!, Rouen (F)
- 2016 Cologne Fine Arts, Herwig Simons Gallery, Cologne (D)
- 2017 Brafa, Herwig Simons Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2017 Art Up!, Galerie Bayart, Lille (F)
- 2017 PAD, Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2017 Feriarte, Herwig Simons Gallery, Madrid (E)
- 2017 St'art, Galerie Calderone, Strasbourg (F)
- 2018 Brafa, Herwig Simons Gallery, Brussels (B)
- 2018 Art Up!, Galerie Bayart, Lille (F)
- 2018 - 2025 The Latem Gallery at home Exhibition by Anne-Marie Van Pachterbeke, Lochristi (B)
- Paris Design Week, Daum Paris (F)
- 2018 YIA, Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2018 St'art, Galerie Calderone, Strasbourg (F)
- 2019 ArtUp!, Galerie Bayart, Lille (F)
- 2019 TEFAF, Galerie Perrin, Maastricht (NL)
- 2019 - 2025 Jardin de Sculptures, Haute Marne (F)

- 2019 OFI Asset Management, Paris (F)
- 2020 London Art Fair, Galerie Bayart, London (F)
- 2020 Jardin de Sculptures, Haute Marne (F)
- 2020 Paris Design Week, Daum Paris (F)
- 2020 - 2025 Galerie Bayart, Paris (F)
- 2022 – 2025 Château du Plessis-Brion, Galerie Bayart, Le Plessis-Brion (F)
- 2025 The Ark, curated by Eric Fischl, The Church, Sag Harbor, NY (USA)

1991 Co-founder of Art-Prom, a non-profit organization

In 1991 Art-Prom, a non-profit organization which aimed to promote the cultural life in Belgium by holding cultural events for the plastic arts (all disciplines), was found. Art Prom organized the Open Ateliers in 1993, 1994 and 1995 in the South of Antwerp. On these occasions, artists opened their studios to the public. Open Ateliers was a project in collaboration with Jan van Broeckhoven, head of the Cultural Department Council of the City of Antwerp. In 1995 this project was officially adopted by the mayor of Antwerp Leona Detiège.

1993 Co-founder of Salon d'Artistes

The principle of the Open Ateliers gave birth to another project, Salon d'Artistes. This fair wanted to broaden the base of the art pyramid, and at the same time be a supplement to the official art world. On this occasion 200 artists exhibited together in 40 islands of 5 stands, this to enable the artist and the public to meet directly. Both fairs (1994 and 1995) took place in Mechelen, in the Nekkerhal, and attracted more than 20,000 visitors. For the Salon d'Artistes, a catalogue and a cd-rom were edited. In the 1995 version of Salon d'Artistes, a Digital @rt Labyrinth was included so the visitor could get acquainted with multimedia, virtual reality, computer animation, digital printing, cd-i, internet, online performances, digital arts & groups, ... The Digital@rt Labyrinth was organized in collaboration with Dr. Hugo Heyrman, painter, media artist, professor at the National Institute of Plastic Arts in Antwerp and with Silicon Graphics.

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