

ISABELLE BORGES | WOVEN FIELDS

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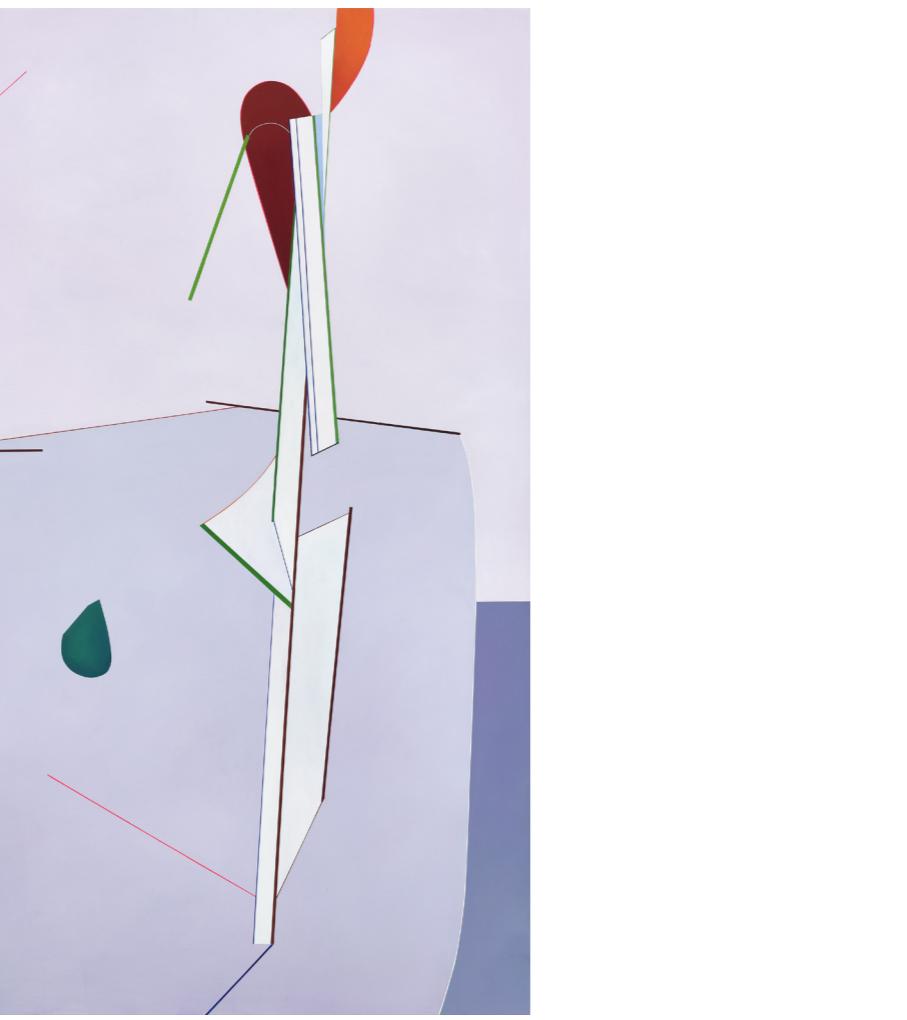


Isabelle Borges' exhibition *Woven Fields* presents a new body of work in which geometry, color, and spatial rhythm converge to form intricate fields of perception. A Brazilian artist based in Berlin, Borges explores the relationship between space, order, and perception—always seeking a balance between construction and intuition.

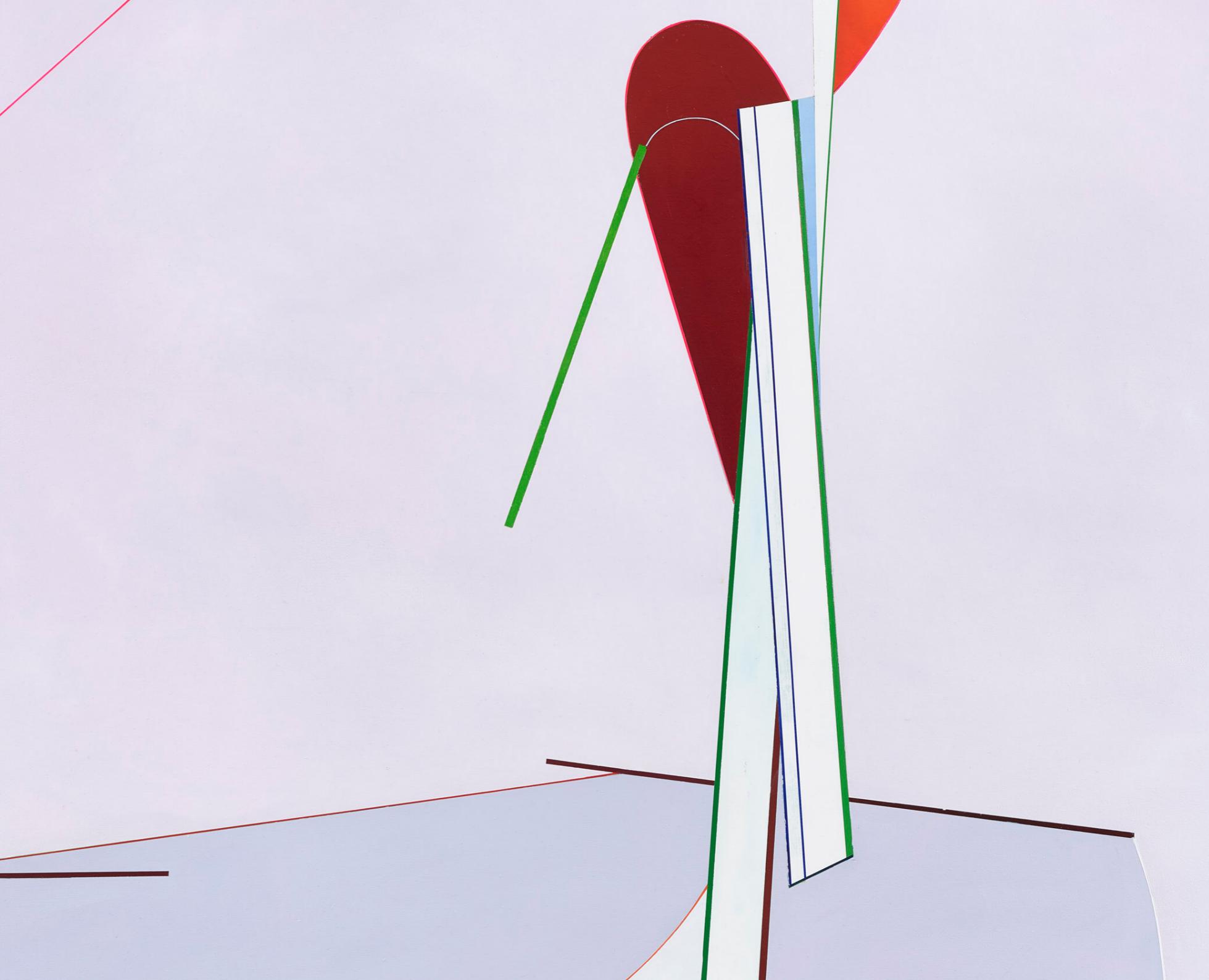
At the heart of her practice lies a fascination with the geometry of in-between spaces—the voids that emerge between forms and become charged with spatial energy. The artist constructs pictorial fields that contract and expand, creating a continuum of tension and release reminiscent of a living, breathing organism. Grids, lines, and structures condense into visual rhythms that are precise yet animated. In this recent series, expansive planes of color come to the fore: luminous surfaces, bold chromatic contrasts, and subtle gradients establish a dynamic interplay. These planes radiate, shift, and pulse against one another, producing depth as well as friction—at times meditative, at others insistent. Gradual transitions of hue blur the boundaries between clarity and dissolution, construction and dispersal. Here, color functions not only as a formal component, but as a carrier of movement and atmosphere, a vital element within structural compositions.

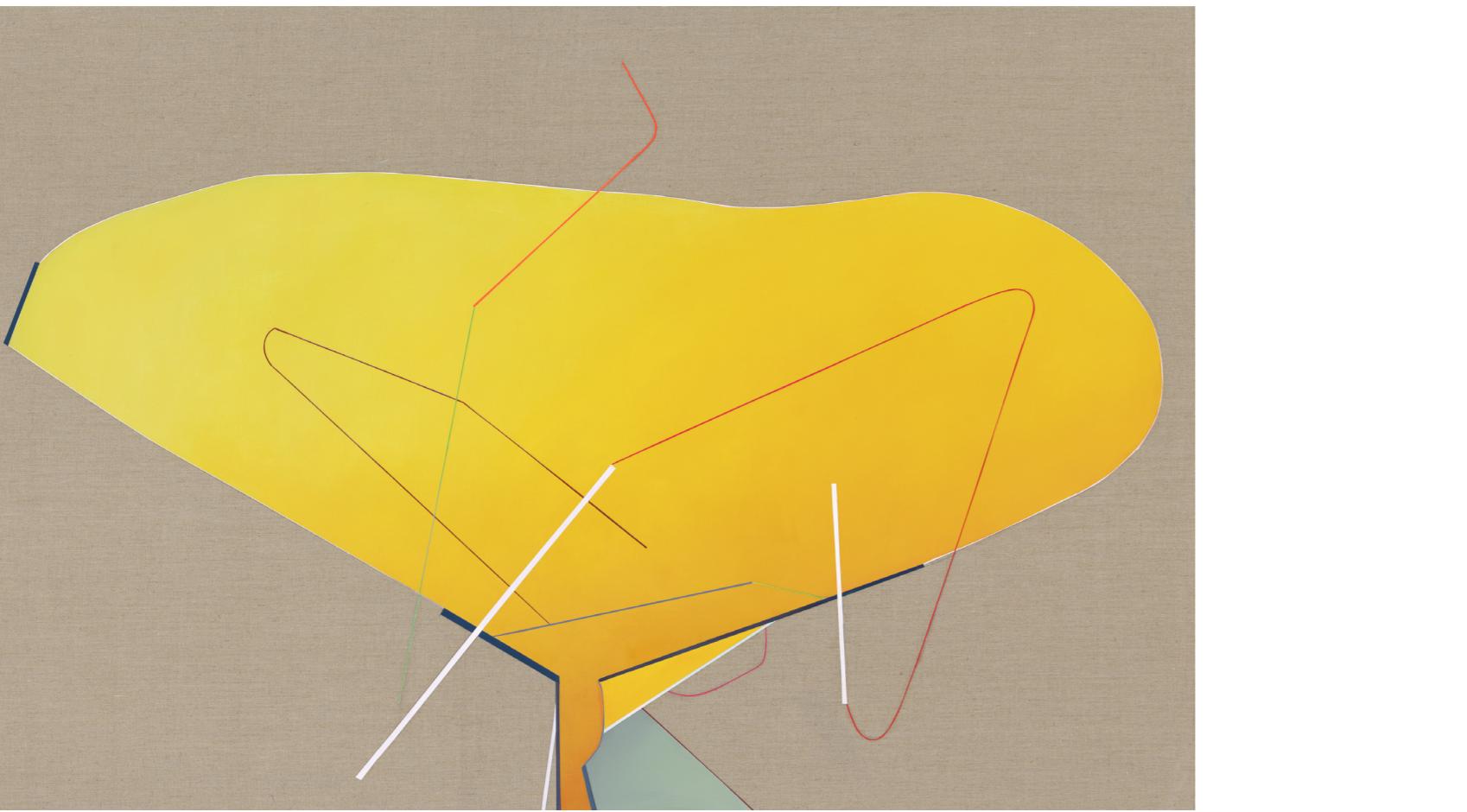
Borges situates her practice within a multifaceted tradition of abstract art. Her formative years were shaped by the Brazilian Neo-Concrete movement, which she encountered while studying at the Escola de Artes Visuais do Parque Lage in Rio de Janeiro. Equally influential were the New York School and European artists of the 1950s and 1960s. Like many of her generation who work with abstraction and geometry, Borges does not approach this legacy dogmatically. Rather, flatness and spatiality, illusion and construction, exist in a constant dialogue. Her sources of inspiration are seemingly accidental structures discovered in nature, the urban environment, or the mass media.

Her compositions invite contemplative viewing while simultaneously demanding active perception: a form of seeing that moves, probes, and searches for meaning within lines, color fields, and empty spaces. Borges' works resist fixed categorization—hovering between painting and drawing, between surface and space, between construction and sensation. Over nearly three decades of practice, she has developed this open, breathing visual language: a fabric of color, form, and experience in perpetual motion—intense, lucid, and radiant.

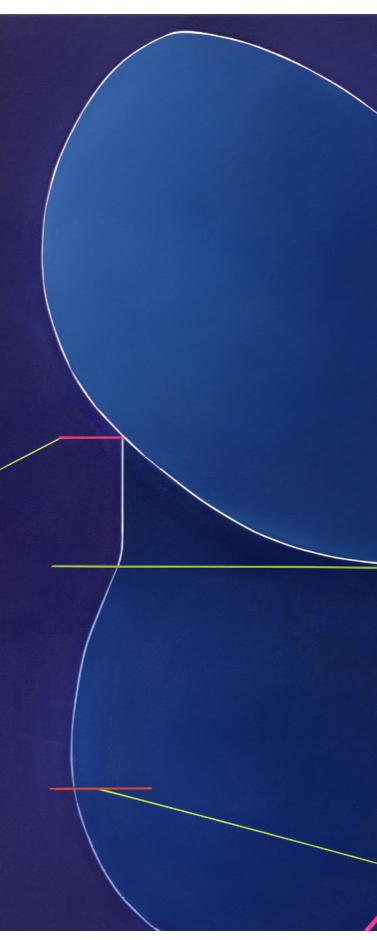


Isabelle Borges
The Conductor, 2024
Acrylic on linen
210 x 140 cm





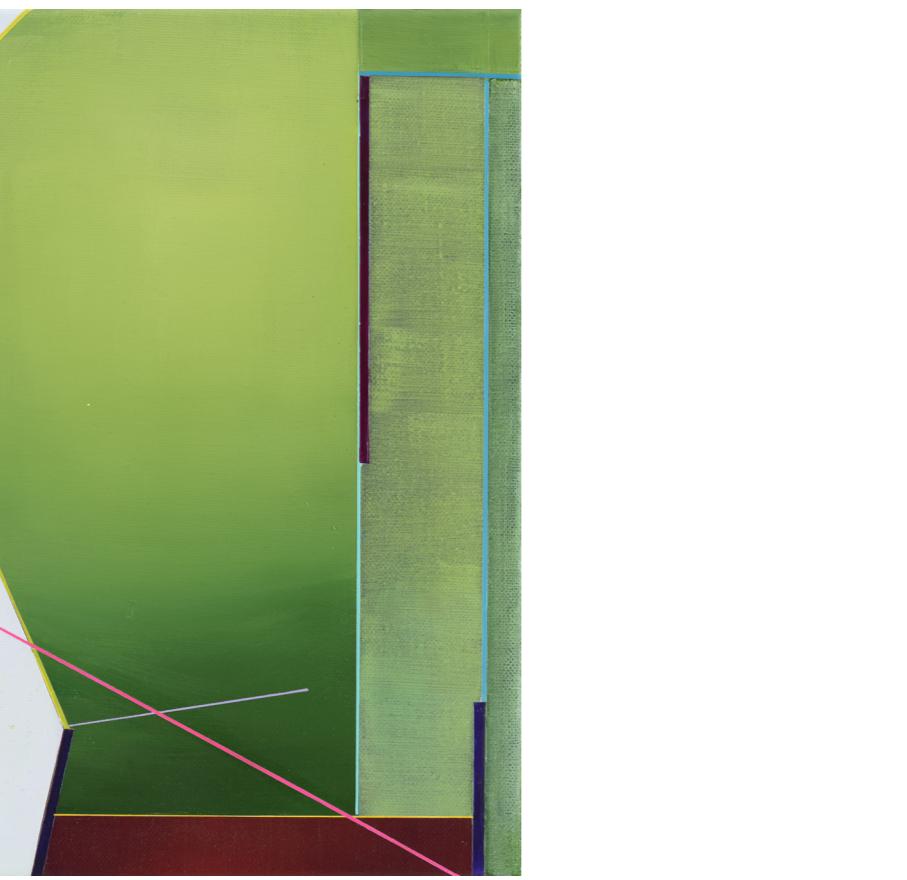
Isabelle Borges
Loops, 2025
Acrylic on linen
210 x 140 cm



Isabelle Borges
ROY, 2025
Acrylic on linen
100 x 70 cm



Isabelle Borges
Faces / Places #10
Acrylic on linen
100 x 80 cm



Isabelle Borges
O.T. (Green), 2025
Acrylic on linen
40 x 30 cm



Isabelle Borges
Untitled, 2025
Keramik, Silberglasur
19 x 15 x 7 cm



Isabelle Borges
Untitled, 2025
Keramik, Silberglasur
10 x 8 x 4 cm



Isabelle Borges
Seed, 2025
Acrylic on linen
40 x 30 cm



Isabelle Borges
O.T., 2025
Acrylic on linen
180 x 130 cm



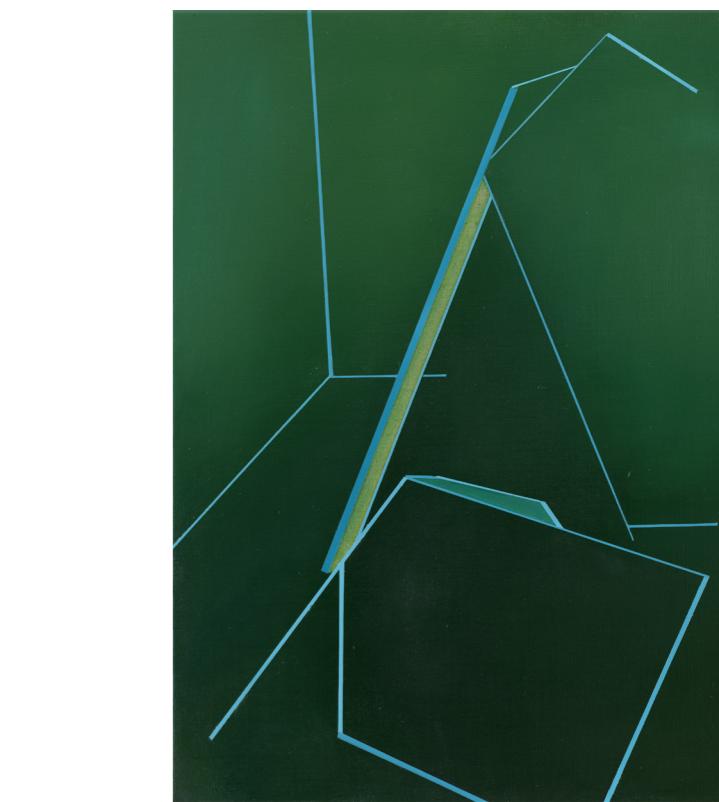
Isabelle Borges
Woven Fields, 2025
Acrylic on linen
145 x 110 cm



Isabelle Borges
Mutante, 2025
Acrylic on linen
100 x 80 cm



Isabelle Borges
Memories #1, 2025
Acrylic on linen
70 x 55 cm



Isabelle Borges
Memories #2, 2025
Acrylic on linen
70 x 55 cm



Isabelle Borges
Head #2, 2025
Acrylic on linen
90 x 60 cm





Isabelle Borges
Yellow Path, 2025
Acrylic on linen
40 x 30 cm



Isabelle Borges
Raum, 2025
Acrylic on linen
145 x 110 cm



Selected Solo and Group Exhibitions

Isabelle Borges

Born 1966 in Salvador, Brazil.
Lives and works in Berlin.

Education

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| 1985 - 1988 | Social Sciences , UnB, Brasilia, Brazil |
| 1989 - 1992 | Escola de Artes Visuais do Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |
| 1993 - 1996 | Atelier Assistant to Jack Ox , Köln, Germany |
| 1994 - 1996 | Atelier Assistant to Antonio Dias, Köln, Germany |
| 1996 - 1997 | Atelier Assistant to Sigmar Polke, Köln, Germany |
| 1995 - 1997 | Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany with Prof. Christian Megert |

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| 2025 | Forking Paths, Rupert Pfab Galerie, Düsseldorf, D |
| 2024 | A Point in Space, Feldbusch Wiesner Rudolph Galerie Berlin, D |
| 2023 | crumble – fold – crumble – fold, with Haleh Redjaian, Galerie Nanna Preußners, Hamburg, D |
| 2022 | Shifts, Feldbusch Wiesner Rudolph Gallery, Berlin, D |
| | All Numbers End, with Yisu Kim, Frank Taal Gallery, Rotterdam, NL |
| 2021 | Floating Spaces, Frank Taal Galerie, Rotterdam, NL |
| | Fragments of Time, Till Richter Museum, Schloss Buggenhagen, D |
| | Mies goes Future, Mies van der Rohe Haus, Berlin, D |
| 2020 | Textures of reality, Kogan Amaro Galeria, Zürich, CH |
| | In Between, Berlin Weekly, Project art space, Berlin, D |
| 2018 | Synthetic fields, Kogan Amaro Galeria, São Paulo, BR |
| | Lost and found, with Marcia Thomson, Botschaft Uferhallen, Berlin, D |
| | Isabelle Borges, the garden of forking paths, Galerie 1214, Berlin, D |
| 2017 | l'espace indicible, Galeria Roberto Alban, Salvador de Bahia, BR |

2015 Imbalance of nature, Holthoff Mokross Galerie, Hamburg, D
2014 Dobras Silenciosas, Galeria Paralelo, Sao Paulo, BR
Interchangeable Templates, Smac Artspace, Berlin, D
2013 The Arrow of Time, Museu Brasileiro da Escultura, MUBE, Sao Paulo, BR
Isabelle Borges + Bernd Hahn, Galerie alte Schule, Ahrenshoop, D
2012 Suchmaschine läuft, works on paper - Galerie Exhibeo, Berlin, D
2011 Der unsagbare Raum, Kunstverein Meiningen, Meiningen, D
The arrow of time (intro), Galerie im Tempelhofmuseum, Berlin, D
2010 Strom, Galerie Schuster, Berlin, D
2008 Hinterkopf, Galerie Weisser Elefant, Berlin, D
Kalt, kalt – Heiss, heiss, Galerie Schuster, Frankfurt a.M., D
2004 Mind the Gap, Galeria Rosa Barbosa, Sao Paulo, BR
2002 Isabelle Borges, Brazilian Embassy, Berlin, D
Isabelle Borges, Galerie Spielhaus Morrison, Berlin, D

2000 Galeria Candido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, BR
Museu da República, Rio de Janeiro, BR
Quatro Quadros, Centro Cultural Candido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, BR
Extremos, Centro Cultural Sao Francisco, Joao Pessoa, BR
1999 Galeria SESC Paulista, Sao Paulo, BR
Galerie Mönch, Berlin, D
Kunstverein Tiergarten, Galerie Nord, Berlin, D
Selected Group Exhibitions
2025 CODA Paper Art 2025, CODA Museum, Apeldoorn, NL
PURPLE PATH, Intervention zur Passion, Chemnitz Kulturhauptstadt 2025
2023 (C₆H₁₀O₅)_n | THE ART OF HANDLING PAPER, Galerie Heike Strelow,
Frankfurt a.M., D
2021 Catch '22, Frank Taal Gallery, Rotterdam, NL
Proximity and Distance, Kunstraum LLC, New York, USA

Residency and Awards

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| 2020 | Berlin Baustelle, De Cacao Fabriek, Helmond, NL | |
| 2019 | 14th International Bienal of Contemporary Art, Curitiba, Oscar Niemeyer Museum, Curitiba, BR | Awards |
| | Kunst im September, mit Jessica Buhlmann, Christian Henkel, Pavillon am Milchhof, Berlin, D | 2020 Neustart Kultur Kunstfonds Bonn |
| 2018 | Desver a Arte, KoganAmaro Galeria, Sao Paulo, BR | Residences |
| | Contemporary Contemplations II, Kunsthaus Erfurt, D | 2022 Neustart Kultur Kunstfonds Bonn |
| 2017 | The inaudible and noiseless foot of time, Isabelle Borges, Christian Henkel, Kunstverein Meissen, Meissen, D | |
| 2016 | Les Miniatures, CODEX, Galerie Nicole Gnesa, Munich, D | |
| | New masters vs. modern, Jörg Heitsch Gallery, Munich, D | |
| | Kaleidoscope, L'oiseau présente, Ballhaus Ost, Berlin, D | |
| 2015 | BerlinRoma-RomaBerlin, Reverse Inequality, Galerie Patrick Ebensperger, Berlin, D | |
| 2013 | Borges - Budet - Popescu, Galerie Eigen Art Lab, Berlin, D | |



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