



ERIC MANGEN | FOREVER WILD CHILD

Exhibition catalog

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With Forever Wild Child, Eric Mangen is showing his works in a solo exhibition in Germany for the first time. The new group of works is characterized by gestural painting. The title Forever Wild Child refers to attitude and method. Painting as risk. Painting as action.

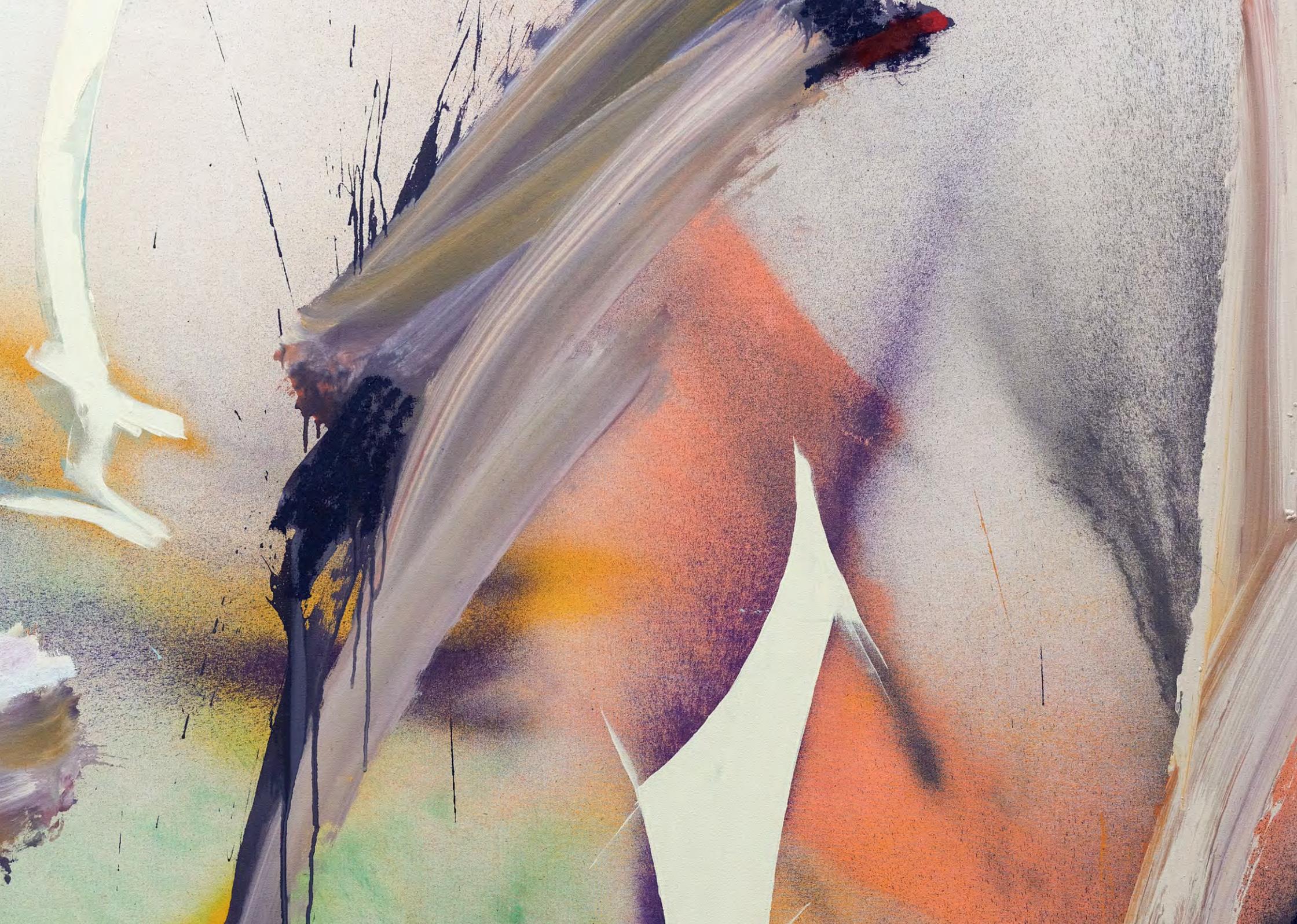
Mangen's approach to abstraction has its roots in the graffiti of the late 1990s. From there, his path leads directly to the tradition of action painting. Movement, body, and material determine the pictorial space. The canvas becomes the site of action. In art history, this work ties in with positions such as Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, and Franz Kline. Here, too, the image emerges from the execution. Not from the draft. Not from the preliminary sketch. But from the decision in the moment. Artist, material, and motif meet as equal partners. Composition is followed by destruction, reduction, or reconstruction. Each layer bears traces of the previous intervention. Nothing remains untouched. Forever Wild Child does not mark a conclusion. It marks a state. Painting as a permanent experiment. Painting as a test of courage. Painting as an open process.

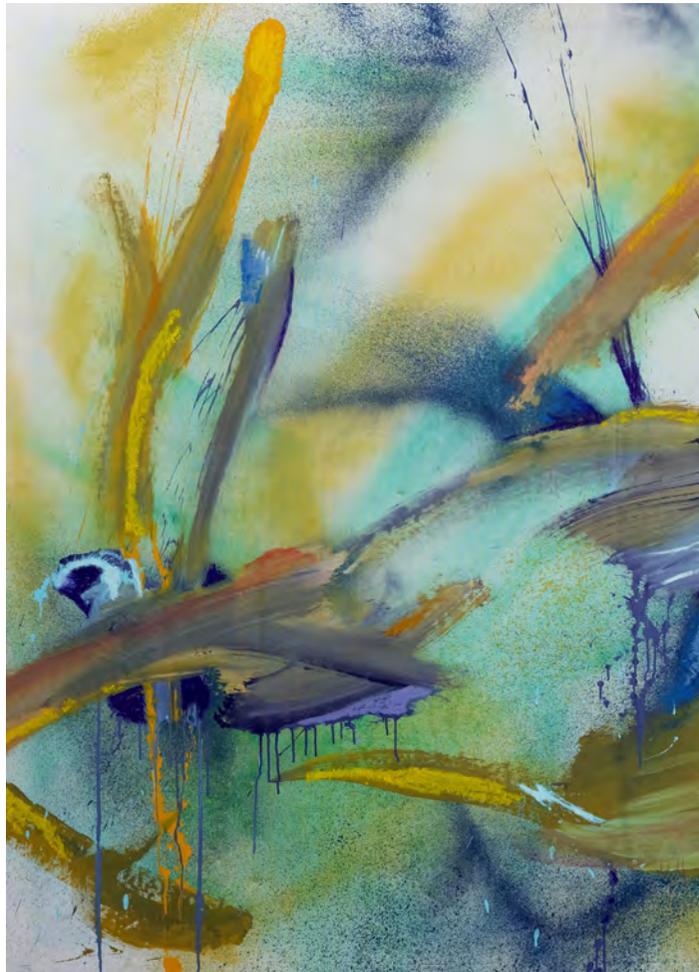
Mangen, born in 1983, lives and works in Luxembourg.



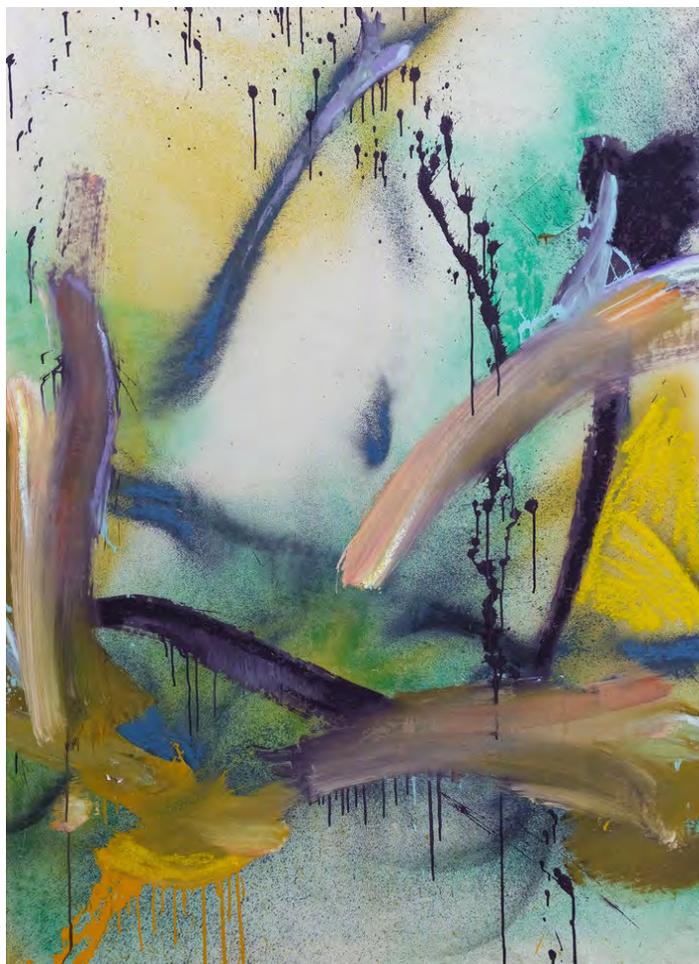
Eric Mangen
La Pluma, 2026

Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas, painter's frame
185 x 165 cm

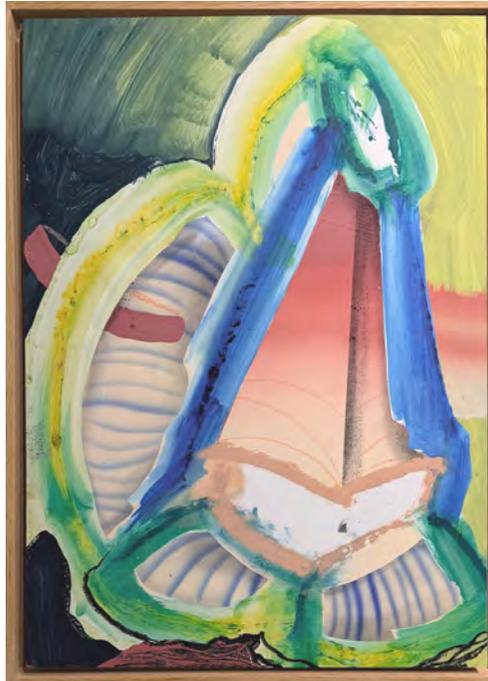




Eric Mangen
I ALWAYS IMAGINED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A TWIN
BROTHER , 2024
Acrylic, spray paint and oil stick on canvas, framed



Eric Mangen
I ALWAYS IMAGINED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A TWIN
BROTHER 2, 2024
Acrylic, spray paint and oil stick on canvas, framed

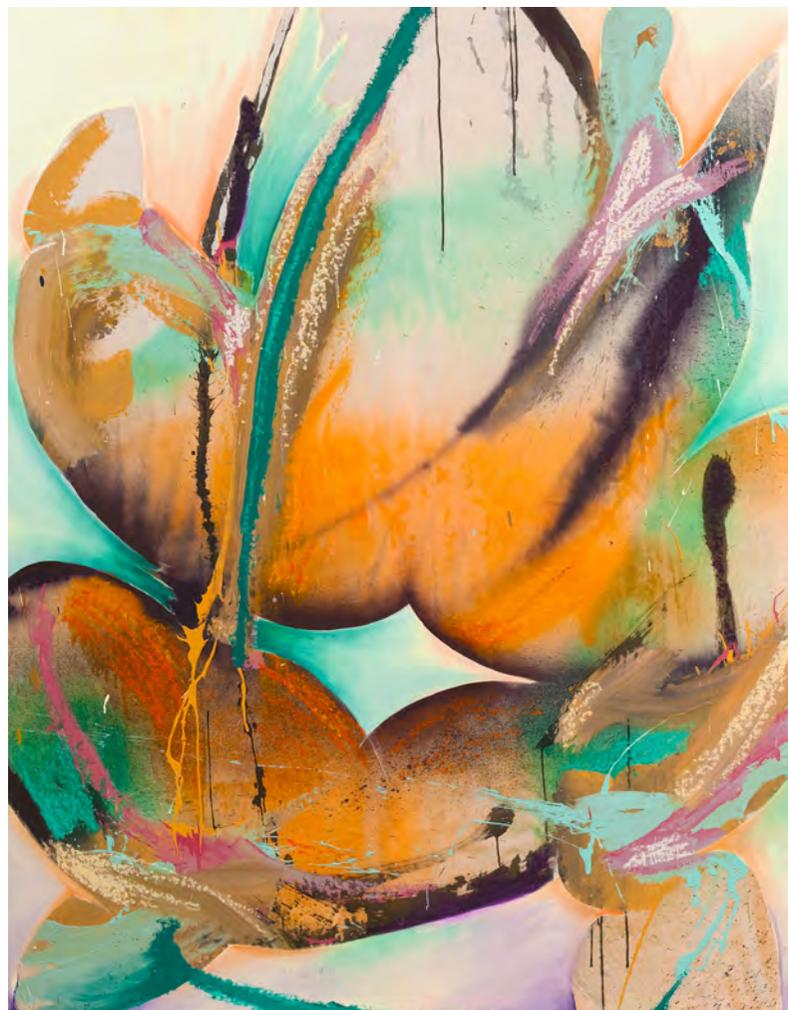


Eric Mangen

Green Bean, 2023

Acrylic, oil and spray paint on paper on wood, painter's frame

67 x 48 cm



Eric Mangen
I wish I was a disco boy, 2025
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas
180 x 140 cm



Eric Mangel
Insert her, 2024

Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas, painter's frame
155 x 185 cm







Eric Mangen
Bate mate, 2023

Acrylic, oil and spray paint on paper on wood, painter's frame
67 x 48 cm



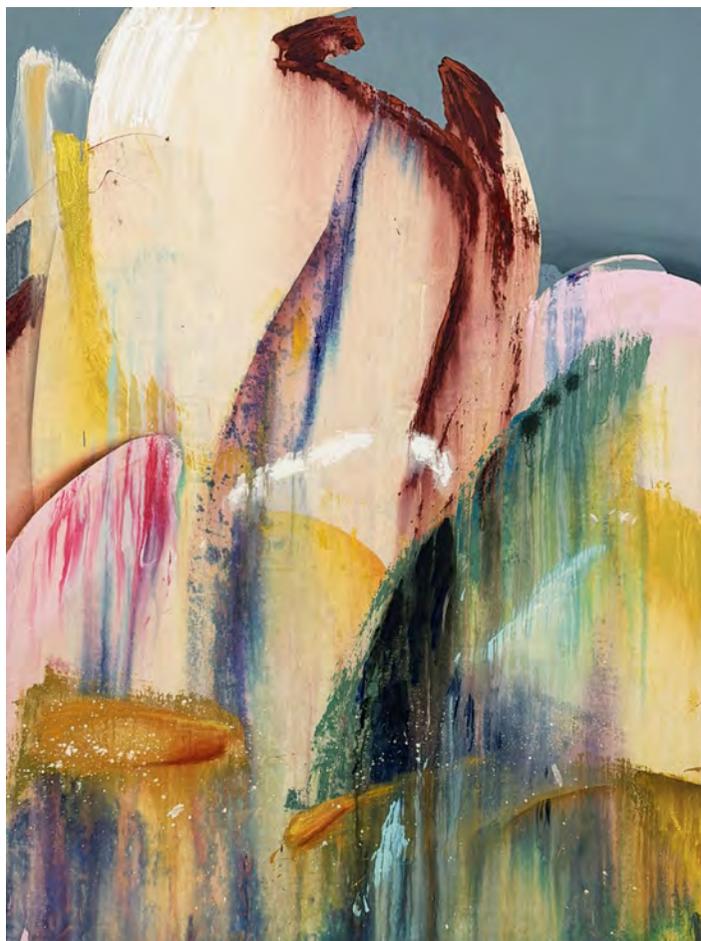
Eric Mangen
Forever Wild Child, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas
210 x 160 cm







Eric Mangen
Inner Circle, 2023
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on paper on wood, painter's frame
103 x 73 cm

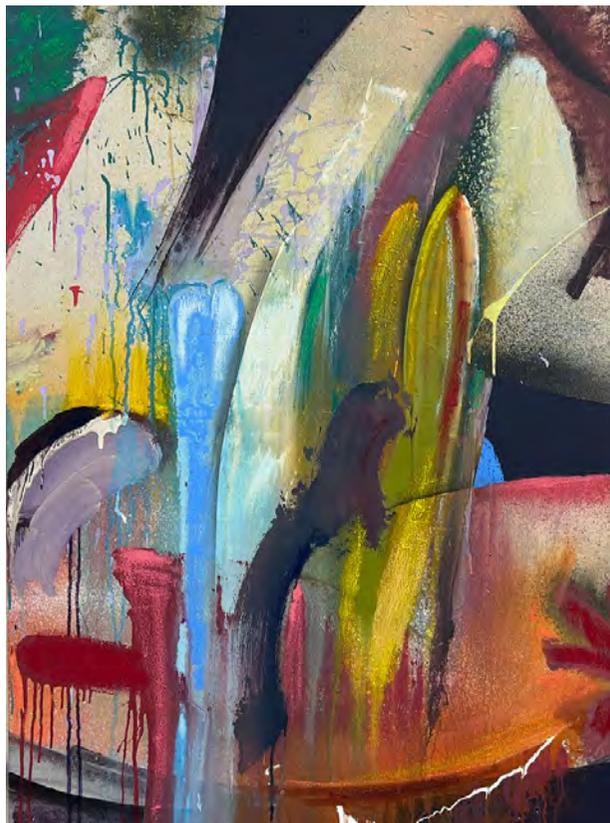


Eric Mangen
Cry me a River, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas
186 x 140 cm



Eric Mangen
Jason's Waterfall, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas
176 x 115 cm





Eric Mangen
In the Lion's head, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas, painter's frame
120 x 85 cm



Eric Mangen
The other self, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas, painter's frame
120 x 85 cm







Eric Mangen
You have to die to become pretty, 2026
Acrylic, oil and spray paint on canvas
190 x 250 cm

Eric Mangen

Born 1983 in Luxembourg.

Lives and works in Luxembourg.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 "Monumenta X", Pavillon du Centenaire, Luxembourg
- 2020 "Blue Flamingo", Ernst & Young, Luxembourg
- 2019 "Let them eat cake", Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg
- 2019 "Black & White Paintings", Valerius art gallery, Luxembourg
- 2019 "Not here to fuck spiders", Juddy Roller gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 "I Hate Eric Mangen", Valerius art gallery, Luxembourg
- 2018 "American Paintings", Paul Wurth InCub, Luxembourg
- 2017 "Inertie", Abbaye Neumünster, Luxembourg

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Nanda/Hobbs Gallery, Sydney, Australia
- 2019 Luxembourg's all stars, House 17, Luxembourg
- 2019 Yoko Uhoda gallery, Liège, Belgium
- 2019 Luxembourg Art Week, Luxembourg
- 2018 Luxembourg Art Week, Luxembourg

Residencies

- 2019 Sydney "She gave me Donuts"
- 2019 Melbourne "Let them eat cake"
- 2018 Greensboro "The American Paintings"
- 2018 New York "The American Paintings"
- 2017 Abbaye Neumünster "Inertie"



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