

Galerie Duret

Simone Christen

Born in Berne, Switzerland (1970)

She is a Swiss artist specializing in minimalist abstract painting



Simone Christen is a Swiss painter residing in the countryside of New Jersey who creates abstract and non-representational art, remaining experimental while operating within the realm of minimalism. Reflecting primarily emotions and atmospheres, she is interested in the impact of deep color spaces, sensitive lines and marks, and the dynamic interaction of various players - a continuous interplay of autonomy and relation to other elements and space.

Her works are quiet reflections on the beauty of life and its fundamental simplicity. They aim to provide a grounding experience and emanate a sense of calm, peace, and serenity. They serve as an invitation to step away from the hustle and bustle of daily life for a brief moment of reflection and resonance, allowing the eyes to rest and the soul to linger.

Following an intuitive approach, she seeks balance without losing tension, reduction without falling into triviality, and she is perpetually fascinated by the universal concepts of form, mass, proportion, rhythm, and structure. Influenced by modern art, her everyday surroundings, and nature, her main inspiration is an inner urge to express her own visual language.

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EDUCATION:

- 1988/89, senior year at a US high school, main emphasis on art
- 1991/92, foundation year at School of Art & Design, Lucerne Switzerland
- 1992-1997, MBA of Geography from University of Berne, Switzerland
- 2017-20 studies at the Visual Art School in Basel, Switzerland (www.visualartschoolbasel.ch)

SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2019, open studios Rheinfelden, Switzerland
- 2021, online exhibition 'The Magic of Water', Cultural Center of Cape Cod MA, USA
- 2021, group show 'blooming', Kansas City Stockyards Gallery, Kansas City MO, USA
- 2021, online group show 'While We Wait', Vacant Museum
- 2021, festival 'Foundation Arts Fest 2021', Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts, Long Beach NJ, USA
- 2021, online group show 'abstracted', ART FLUENT, Boston MA, USA
- 2021, group show 'modern archetypes', Galeria azur, Madrid, Spain
- 2021, group show, 'affordable art show', Harmony Brookside, Mendham NJ, USA
- 2022, group show 'hygge', pour-d Gallery, Rockford MI, USA
- 2022, solo exhibition, Harmony Brookside, Mendham NJ, USA
- 2022, group show 'Little Treasures', Galleria de Marchi, Bologna, IT
- 2022, online group show 'Patterns, Textures & Forms', Special Recognition, Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery
- 2022, duo exhibition, The Gallery at WellDesign, Mendham NJ, USA
- 2022, Art Fair 14c, Jersey City NJ, USA
- 2022, 18th Annual Small Works Show, 440 Gallery, Brooklyn, USA
- 2023, Art Market San Francisco, San Francisco CA, USA
- 2023, exhibition at PizzArte, Manhattan NY, USA
- 2023, exhibition 'The Circle of Life', Art Mora Gallery, Ridgefield Park NJ
- 2023, Seattle Art Fair, Seattle WA, USA
- 2023, Art on Paper, Manhattan NY, USA USA