

## Wim Legrand

Born 1978, Belgium

Lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa

## Artist Biography

Wim Legrand (b. 1978) offers a playful take on the paradoxical strangeness of everyday reality, while commenting on our postmodern condition as victims to the barrage of information and news feeds. Mundane and forgettable objects usher the familiar into peculiar allegorical narratives, where past blurs with present and fact with fiction — setting scenes in a liminal zone, in the unfettered “now” of a dream, meanings just out of reach and continually open to interpretation. He combines painting with drawing, cartoons, and pop culture with aesthetic references to North European history painting and Surrealist traditions — the post-modern world overlaid onto the art historical atmosphere in which he was raised.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Enari Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands, ‘While you were sleeping’
  
- 2022 Kamer 108, Gent, Belgium (solo), ‘Hoot Hoot’  
99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Blue Moon’
  
- 2020 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘The Parafix’
  
- 2019 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Twilight of the Vanities’  
99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Hunting Pink’
  
- 2018 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Foofaraw’
  
- 2017 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Test Campaign’
  
- 2016 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (solo), South Africa, ‘Brouhaha’  
Bennett Contemporary Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa
  
- 2015 TAF2015, Johannesburg, South Africa, ‘Erdmann Contemporary’  
Open studios — curated by Liza Grobler, Eastside Studios, Woodstock
  
- 2012 DAM gallery, Antwerp (solo), Belgium, ‘Imaginary friend’
  
- 2011 Feinkunst Kruger, Hamburg, Germany, Don’t wake ‘Daddy’
  
- 2009 Stichtung WEP, Groningen, Netherlands, ‘Constallations’  
Tracé, Antwerp (solo), Belgium, ‘Drawings’
  
- 2008 Blütenweiss, Berlin, Germany, ‘Anonyme Zeigner 9’

- 2007 Joris Olyslager Prize, FMC, Flanders
- 2006 Rabbits and things. Tracé, Antwerp (solo), Belgium
- 2004 Different locations, Kasterlee, Belgium, 'KasterLeest'
- 2002 De Wolkammerij, Antwerp, Belgium, 'In serie'
- 2001 CC De Warande, Antwerp, Belgium, 'Jong grafisch talent'  
Atelier-laboratorium Legrand, Schaafstraat, Antwerpen, Belgium
- 2000 't Pekfabriek Kattenberg, Antwerpen, Belgium, 'Borgerhout Multiple project'

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 Powerlong art gallery, Shanghai, China (group show), 'Being & Time'
- 2021 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (group show), South Africa, Curators choice
- 2019 No-End, Johannesburg (group show), South Africa, 'NO END x 99 JUTA'
- 2017 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (group show), South Africa, 'Winter group show'
- 2015 99Loop gallery, Cape Town (group show), South Africa  
Erdmann Contemporary, Cape Town (group show), South Africa, 'Form & Substance'

### **ART FAIRS**

- 2023 Art Athina, Athens, with Enari Gallery
- 2019 CTAF, Cape Town art fair, with 99Loopgallery
- 2018 TAF, Turbine Art Fair, Johannesburg, with No-End Contemporary
- 2018 CTAF, Cape Town art fair, with 99Loopgallery
- 2017 CTAF, Cape Town art fair, with 99Loopgallery
- 2016 Bennett Contemporary Art Fair, Cape Town, individual artist
- 2015 TAF, Turbine Art Fair, Johannesburg, with Erdmann Contemporary