

Nothing But Stares

Jan Leenders



EXHIBITIONS

2024

"Beermats For Balls", Saltspace Gallery, Glasgow, UK (group)

"Art Chapel", The Art Cloud Gallery, Zwalm, BE (group)

2023

"Buns & Bones", Oud Stadhuis, Stokkem, BE (solo)

Onboards Biennale, Antwerp, BE (group)

"Léonard", Espace 54, Brussels, BE (group)

2022

"Butt Parade", Golden Ei Gallery, Weisweil, DE (solo)

"Hot as Hell", Big Yin Gallery, Saint Leonards-on-Sea, UK (group)

Tinimini Room, Dordrecht, NL (online group show)

"Stencil & Pencil", Herbolzheim, DE (group)

2021

"50/50, a drawing show", Brussels, BE (group)

2020

Records & Things, Kortrijk, BE (group)

2011

"Challenger", Dope, Ghent, BE (solo)

2010

Art on the Waterfront, Ghent, BE (group)

2008

"I Wish I Could Remember", Elckerlijc, Turnhout, BE (solo)

Het Achterhuis, Ghent, BE (group)

2007

"Timesheets", CC Zwaneberg, Heist-op-den-Berg, BE (solo)

Bastart, Houthalen-Helchteren, BE (group)

"At The Highest Arts Point Of The City", 't Ey, Belsele, BE (solo)

Try Out Music Art Film Festival, Ghent, BE

2006

"Abstractions", Galerie Rubens, Brussels, BE (solo)

"Flashbacks", 't Arsenaal, Mechelen, BE (solo)

Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, NL

Brakke Grond, Amsterdam, NL

Independent Arts Festival, Eindhoven, NL

"Silent Jokes", CC De Herbakker, Eeklo, BE (solo)

Edit Kunstfestival, Eindhoven, NL

2005

"The Red Thread", Roodkapje, Rotterdam, NL (solo)

Bouckenborgh, Merksem, BE (solo)

Shortfilm festival, Rotterdam, NL

2004

Bernart Gallery, Antwerp, BE (group)

2003

Galery', Brussels, BE (group)

Jan Leenders (1976, Maaseik, BE) is an emerging artist, known for his work that often features distinctive, recurring motifs. One of his most striking features is the playful portrayal of buttocks, serving as a subtle critique on the often excessively intellectual nature of the art world.

In his latest exhibition *"Nothing But Stares"*, Leenders cleverly leverages the theme of the "Butt" that catapulted his art into the spotlight on Instagram, captivating art collectors globally. Through the title's juxtaposition with "Stares", Leenders taps into the viewers' curiosity and contemplation as they find themselves intrigued by the provocative and cheeky elements of his work.

Moreover, the term "stares" assumes a dual significance as it hints at the staircases in Leenders' artworks. This clever interplay evokes Marcel Duchamp's iconic *"Nude Descending a Staircase"*, infusing Leenders' pieces with an additional layer of historical context.

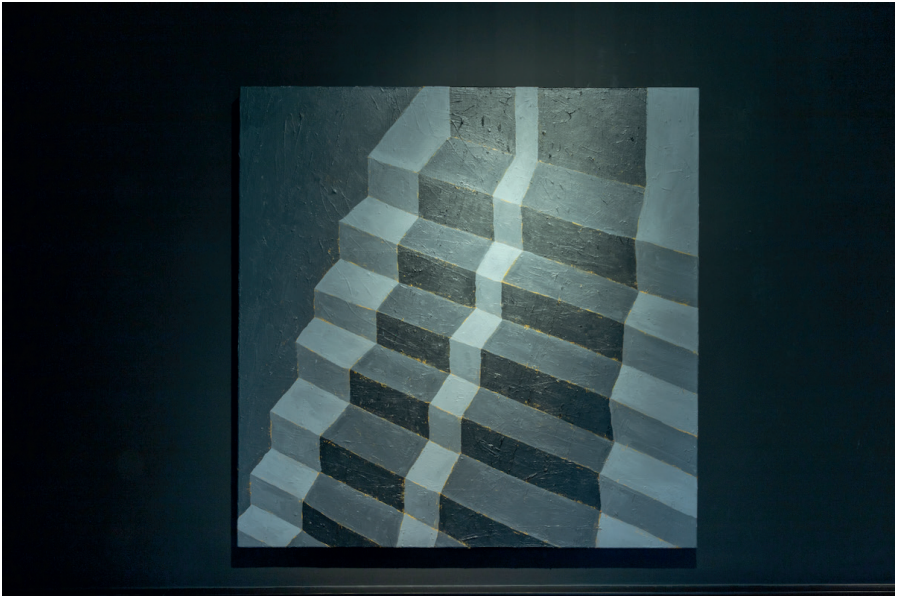
With the staircase, Leenders introduces a new motif in his oeuvre. It not only delves into the artist's personal reflections on ambition, the relentless pursuit of advancement and the struggle to rise above, but also sheds light to the ups and downs individuals encounter on life's journey. Leenders' new works resonate with a profound sense of introspection, inviting viewers to contemplate the complexities of human existence and the quest for transcendence.







Nus descendant un escalier nr. 3
100 × 100 cm
Oil stick and acrylic on thick edge
canvas, 2024 - €4.950



Escalier vers le paradis

100 × 100 cm

Oil stick and acrylic on thick edge

canvas, 2024 - €4.950



Ge kunt mijne rug op

15 × 13 × 13 cm. (H x W x D)

Acrylic paint and gesso on thrift shop
vase, finished with high gloss varnish,
2024 - €750



Nothing but stairs vase

17 × 9 × 9 cm. (H x W x D)

Acrylic paint and gesso on thrift shop
vase, finished with high gloss varnish,
2024 - €750







Escalier vers le paradis nr. 3
24 × 30 cm + frame | Oil stick and
acrylic on canvas, 2024 - €1.350



The shadow of the butt nr. 2
18 × 24 cm + frame | Oil stick and acrylic
on canvas, 2024 - €1.050



Bunch Of Butts Butts Butts

100 × 70 cm

Acrylic on thick edge canvas, 2022

€4.250



Bunch of butts (B&W)

50 × 60 cm + frame

Oil stick and acrylic on canvas, 2021 -
2022 - €2.750



Felt cute might deleter later 31324

90 × 115 cm + frame

Oil stick on canvas, 2024

€5.150

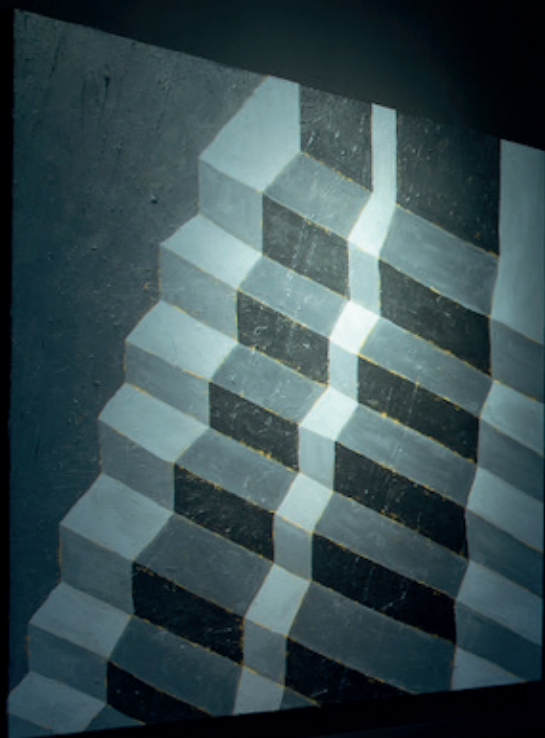


Felt cute might deleter later 1424

24 × 30 cm + frame

Oil stick on canvas, 2024

€1.350







L'ombre des fesses

18 × 11,5 × 29 cm. (H x W x D)

Papier-mâché, wood, cardboard, tape,
acrylic paint and high gloss varnish,
2024 - €950



Nu descendant un escalier

26,5 × 10 × 22 cm. (H × W × D)

Papier-mâché, wood, cardboard, tape,
acrylic paint and high gloss varnish,
2024 - €950



Nus descendant un escalier

30 × 30 cm + frame

Oil stick and acrylic on canvas, 2024

€1.500



The shadow of the butt

40 × 30 cm + frame

Oil stick and acrylic on canvas, 2024

€1.750







The stairs collector

18 × 24 cm + frame

Oil stick and acrylic on canvas, 2024

€1.050



Nothing but stairs

18 × 24 cm + frame

Oil stick and acrylic on canvas, 2024

€1.050



Stepping back (the bigger picture)

80 × 60 cm + frame

Oil, acrylic and Xerox transfer on
canvas, 2021 - €3.500



Study for The Last Supper

24 × 30 cm

Acrylic on canvas, 2022

€1.350







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