

BIL EXHIBITION

Gust Graas, 2003–2018 works

Luxembourg, 12 October 2018. From 12 October 2018 to 8 February 2019, Banque Internationale à Luxembourg’s Galerie Indépendance will be displaying works by painter Gust Graas. On these canvasses created between 2003 and 2018, the artist unfolds a universe of magic and poetry.

Gust Graas has a unique status in Luxembourg. A talented corporate executive, he gained renown as the visionary President of CLT (*Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télévision*), as well as Chair of the Board of Directors of Luxair. He was also a member of BIL’s own Board of Directors throughout the 1980s. At the same time, Graas is an avid painter who has now become one of Luxembourg’s most important Lyrical Abstractionists.

The Galerie Indépendance brings together the artist’s major works created between 2003 and 2018. Though figurative at the beginning of his career, Graas’ painting grew freer throughout the 1970s under the influence of the Paris School. Some of his earlier abstract works are reminiscent of Maurice Estève. As time went on, he developed and refined his own style. His light, colourful palette is distinct, and glimmers with the Mediterranean sun of Mallorca, his home of many years.

“I paint a world that is wide open, jubilant; a world in celebration, in motion, in transformation”, Grass explains. “I meander through light and shadow, among the solid and the nebulous, from explosion to quiet softness, between the gentle breeze and the yawning chasm. My forms and my colours are imbued with beauty, joy and power.”

The exhibition *Gust Graas, 2003–2018* will be open to the public on business days from 12 October 2018 until 8 February 2019 (8am to 6pm) at Galerie Indépendance in Luxembourg, 69 route d’Esch.

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