

## Will Martyr

Martyr's (b.1980, UK) paintings explore experiences of travel, relaxation and time spent with loved ones. His works incorporate recognisable symbols of leisure, such as clear skies, swimming pools, and paradisiac landscapes. Void of figurative representation, his compositions evoke a sense of stillness and familiarity, allowing the viewers to immerse fully in the imagined worlds of resorts and summer residencies.

Situated in deliberately obscure places without pre-attached narratives, Martyr's works become timeless, inviting the viewer to transport their own memories within the painting. Martyr's meticulous stencil-like layering of paint with a high degree of detail enhances its visual impact, deepening the emotional resonance of the works - blending the real with the imagined. Calm and vibrant, these scenes are soaked with fresh, saturated colours and patterns; paired with an everpresent sun, they harbour inner feelings of joy and excitement.

Experiencing Martyr's work is an immersive journey through visual and emotional landscapes that balance the surreal with the tangible. His flawless execution, combined with vibrant colour-contrasts and motifs, makes each piece not just a visual delight but a share of personal experience. Carefully designed, each element in his work seeks to supplement the ideal image that encapsulates the universal experience of summer, peace and happiness.



## **Will Martyr CV**

b. 1980, Eastbourne, UK

Lives and works in London, United Kingdom

### **Education**

2005 - 2007, M.A Fine Art, The Royal College of Art London

1998 - 2002 B.A Hons, UCL, The Slade School of Fine Art London

### **Solo exhibitions**

2024 *In Every Moment*, Maddox Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2023 *A World Elsewhere Part 2*, Maddox Gallery, London, United Kingdom

2023 *A World Elsewhere Part 1*, Maddox Gallery, Gstaad, Switzerland

2023 *You Gave Me Paradise*, Unit London, United Kingdom

2018 *Fathoms*, Unit London, United Kingdom

2017 *Wanderlust*, Unit London, United Kingdom

### **Group Exhibitions**

2025 *Summer Exhibition*, JD Malat Gallery, London, United Kingdom

## **Selected collections**

Creative Cities Collection, Chinese Gov, Beijing

Al Quasimi Royal Collection, Sharjah, UAE

Black Ocean Development, Stockholm, Sweden

ABN AMRO, Sydney, Australia

RJI Capital, London, UK

Goulandris Collection, Athens, Greece

Catlin Group, London, UK

Kingfisher Group, Mumbai, India

Clink St Properties, London, UK

Aon Consulting, London, UK

Prudential, London, UK

The Chelsea Arts Club Trust, London, UK

Equity Group, London, UK

The Austin Kupka Collection, LA, USA

Fidelity Group, London, UK

Omenai Collection, Lagos, Nigeria

Selected Artworks



**Will Martyr**

*We Are Never Far Away, 2025*

Acrylic on canvas

47 1/4 x 66 7/8 in

120 x 170 cm