

## Yann Leto

Yann Leto (b. 1979, France) lives and works as a painter in Spain. Between 2015 and 2016, Leto worked in Rome under a Scholarship of the Royal Spanish Academy. Following his first solo show in Los Angeles in 2019, Leto gained international recognition and has been widely exhibited throughout Europe since, and is an active participant in various art fairs.



At the beginning of his career, Leto was influenced by diverse sources, from American and French comics and the underground culture of the '90s to German Expressionism of the post-war period. Leto represents figures in dynamic interior and exterior settings, from intimate forest escapades to dinner parties teeming with social contradictions. Leto leans into irony to dissect equivocal topics and to explore sociopolitical critique, bolstered by his distinctive and unconstrained technique and style.

A lover of classical painting, Leto draws inspiration from great masterpieces from art history, borrowing prominent motifs and iconography which he incorporates into scenes devised via his own experiences. Leto's fusion of Cubist elements and fluid

and vibrant Fauvist forms combined with his punk attitude and aesthetic, create intriguing narrative works akin to surreal collages.

Collaging styles and influences to layer ironic narratives resonates with the artist's broader interest in a contemporary world hyper-saturated with content and information. The radio plays a crucial role in Leto's creative process, delivering a stream of data from sports highlights to breaking news. Since everything is as Leto describes, already "an online caricature," he examines and utilises images from social networks. By compiling digital files on various hard drives with Google images, newspaper clippings and articles, Leto produces uniquely crowded and distorted compositions where visual and emotional narrative circuits re-orient individuals in a turbulent society.

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b. 1979, Bordeaux, France

### Education

2002-2004 IUT Bordeaux III – Option Socio-Culturel

1998-2001 Beaux Arts de Bordeaux

### Solo Exhibition

2025 *Sala Nova*, Andrea Festa Fine Art, Rome, Italy

2024 *Those That Watch, Those That Know*, Andrea Festa Fine Art, Rome, Italy

2023 *Big City*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2023 *Auction Heroes*, Curator's Room, Barcelona, Spain

2022 *La Arteria* (Badajoz), Badajoz, Spain

2022 *ONE OF US*, Galeria Yusto / Giner, Malaga, Spain

2020 *The Round 2*, The Cabin LA, Los Angeles, USA

2020 *Cabin L.A*, La Brea studio Residency “*Round 2*”, Los Angeles, United States

2020 *Pray for me*, A01 Gallery, Napoli, Italy

2018 *Safari*, IACC Pablo serrano, Zaragoza, Spain

2018 *What culture, what tradition*, Scan project, London, United Kingdom

2018 *DKV*, World trade center, Zaragoza, Spain

2018 *The Round*, Galeria T20, Murcia, Spain

2016 *Totem*, Galería T20, Murcia, Spain

2015 *Solo show of Mixed Techniques*, The Art Valley, Madrid, Spain

2015 *Solo show of Mixed Techniques*, Metropolitan, Madrid, Spain

2014 *Viva primary colours, viva*, Galería Carolina Rojo, Zaragoza, Spain

- 2014 *Summa 14*, Solo Project, El Matadero / MADRID, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 *Fake*, El Matadero, Huesca (Festival Periferias), Spain
- 2013 *Iconofobia*, Galería T20 Murcia, Spain
- 2012 *Circus Dances*, Ada Gallery, Richmond, USA
- 2010 *Pink Agent*, Galería Cámara Oscura, Madrid, Spain
- 2010 *Beautiful Hooligans processions*, Vecteur gallery, Charleroi, Belgium
- 2010 *Kill the author*, Caja Madrid, Zaragoza, Spain

### Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Epifania*, Galeria Moisés Pérez de Albéniz, Madrid, Spain
- 2025 *Carte Blanche*, JD Malat Gallery Dubai, UAE
- 2024 *Boudoir*, Andrea Festa Fine Art, Rome, Italy
- 2024 *Here & Now*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Here & Now*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Journeys - 'On Paper'*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 *Contemporary Figuration: Between Body & Metaphor*, JD Malat Gallery, London
- 2023 *Past, Present, Future*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Iberian Contemporaries: The Resurgence of Spanish Art*, Fabien Fryns Fine Art, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 *Carnivals of Clouds*, Janet Rady Fine Art, London, UK
- 2021 *XIV Certamen Fundación Unicaja*, Malaga, Spain
- 2021 *Aragón Park*, Madrid, Spain
- 2021 *Festival Mar de Música*, Cartagena, Colombia
- 2019 *Espositivo "Jumanji"*, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 *Everybody In the Pool*, Ada Gallery, Richmond, Virginia, United States

- 2017 *Re-construir el paisaje*, espacio Dorffi – Lanzarote, Las Palmas, Spain
- 2017 *La précarité notre triomphe*, Centro de Historia, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2017 *Parlamento la Rioja*, Logroño, Spain
- 2016 *Convent Sant Domenech*, Xàtiva, Borgia, Italy
- 2016 *Permanent Vacation*, Bordeaux, France
- 2016 *Bienal Guericabeitia*, Valencia, Spain
- 2016 *Galería 6+1*, OPFM, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Ultraviolence*, CAMARA OSCURA GALERIA DE ARTE, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 «*Demain ça ira mieux*», Galerie Anouk Le Bourdieu, Paris, France
- 2015 «*Nepotismo ilustrado*», Galería Fernando Pradilla, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 CAC MALAGA, “*Made in Spain*”, Fundación Benetton, comisariado por F. Francés, Treviso, Italy
- 2015 *FocusAbengoa*, Sevilla, Spain
- 2015 “*De la mano*” (con M. Barcelo, J.Uslé, J.Ugalde), Palacio de Cibeles, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Muestra final Real Academia Española en Roma*, Rome, Italy
- 2015 *Firebrands*, Mullherin&Pollard Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 *Th3 Fa11*, Festival Octavo asalto, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2011 *The Cheaper show*, Vancouver, Canada
- 2010 *Bienal de Arte contemporáneo de PAMPLONA*, Pamplona, Spain
- 2010 *CUARTO ESPACIO*, Premio Isabel de Portugal, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2009 *MUSEO CAMON AZNAR*, Gobierno de Aragón, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2009 *Ópera Prima. Ciclo de vídeo arte CAJA MADRID*, Madrid, Spain
- 2009 *MUSEO DE LA CIUDAD, MADRID* – Fundación Gregorio Prieto, Madrid, Spain

- 2008 *Drawings*, Galería Pepe Rebollo, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2008 *Y. Leto, P. Martínez y O. Carasco*, Galería Luís Adelantado, Valencia, Spain
- 2007 *IX Convocatoria Internacional Jóvenes Artistas*, Luís Adelantado, Valencia, Spain

### Art Fairs

- 2024 *YUSTO/GINER* at Zona MACO 2024
- 2024 *YUSTO/GINER* at UVNT Art Fair Madrid 2024
- 2024 *YUSTO/GINER* at Art Busan 2024
- 2023 *Untitled Art, Miami Beach*, JD Malat Gallery, Miami, USA
- 2023 *Art021*, Galeria Yusto Giner, Shanghai, China
- 2023 *UVNT Urvanity Art Fair*, Galería Yusto Giner, Madrid, Spain
- 2023 *Art Busan*, Galería Yusto/Giner, Busan, South Korea
- 2023 *ArtDubai*, Galería Yusto/Giner, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 *Roma Arte in Nuvola 2022*, Andrea Festa Fine Art, Rome, Italy,
- 2022 *ART021 Shanghai Contemporary Art Fair 2022*, Andrea Festa Fine Art, Shanghai, China
- 2022 *Art Busan*, Galería Yusto/Giner, Busan, South Korea
- 2022 *ZONA MACO*, Galería Yusto/Giner, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2020 *ARCO 2020*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2019 *ARCO 2019*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 *T20 at ARCOmadrid 2018*, T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 *Artbanchel 2018*, U studio, Madrid, Spain
- 2018 *Estampa 2017*, Matadero, Madrid, Spain
- 2017 *ARCOmadrid 2017*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
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- 2016 *ARCOmadrid 2016*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Congress topless, ARCOmadrid 14*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *Summa 15*, Galería T20, Murcia, Spain
- 2015 *Sanchinarro Art Fair*, Sanchinarro, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 *ArtMiami 14*, Galería Cámara Oscura, Miami, United States
- 2013 *Firebrands (With KottiePaloma)*, Mullherin& Pollard Gallery, NY, United States
- 2013 *Summa 13*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *ARCO 13*, Galería T20, Madrid, Spain
- 2012 Galería LUIS ADELANTADO-Valencia, Con P. Martínez y O. Carrasco,  
Valencia, Spain
- 2011 *ARTE FIERA*, Bologna Artfair, Italy
- 2011 *ART AMSTERDAM*, Cámara Oscura, Holland, Netherlands
- 2010 *ESTAMPA 10*, Galería Cámara Oscura, Madrid, Spain
- 2009 *CIRCA 09, PUERTO RICO* – Galería L. Adelantado, Puerto Rico
- 2008 *ART SHANGAI 08*, Galería Luís Adelantado, China
- 2008 *TORINO 08*, Galería Luís Adelantado, Turin, Italy
- 2008 *MACO 08*, Galería Luis Adelantado, México, Mexico
- 2008 *ARCO 08*, Galería Luis Adelantado, Madrid, Spain
- 2008 *ARTBO 08*, Galería Luis Adelantado, Bogotá, Colombia

#### **Awards, Grants, and Residences**

- 2023 Artistic Residency at Adhesivo Contemporary, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 Guash Corranty Award, Pyramidon Art Centre, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 Artistic Residency Al Jallo, Lanzarote, Spain
- 2016 Beca de producción EmergenT, Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain

- 2014 Beca MAEC-AECID en Roma para artistas españoles y extranjeros  
(Noviembre 14 – Junio 15), Rome, Italy
- 2014 Beca de creación artística, Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2011 Finalista en The Cheaper Show, Vancouver, Canada
- 2011 Finalista en el Festival “Art takes Miami”, Miami, USA
- 2007 IX Convocatoria Internacional de la Galería LUIS ADELANTADO
- 2007 Premio WTC (World Trade Center) ART FEST, Mexico, Mexico



Selected Works



**Yann Leto**

*A Sleeping Man, 2023*

Oil and airbrush on linen

180 x 140 x 3.5 cm

70 7/8 x 55 1/8 x 1 3/8 in



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*Game Set and Match, 2023*

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