

Patrick Smith

Enlightened stroller, Patrick Smith never separates gazing from questioning. Every horizon carries a meaning that his photography endeavors to bring to light. And so, as a critical observer of the unstable relationship between the 21st century environment and its inhabitants, he initiated this singular project called « The Leisure Territories » : a photographic approach of our « natural environment » that reveals how our society secularly designs landscapes to fit our requirements.

Patrick Smith shows us a world polished to smallest detail, carrying the unreal, the abstract, even some strange poetry. He envisions the de-naturalization of the landscape brought about by modernity through the prism of the travel industry. This industry can both transform a landscape into a "monstrous being" we no longer recognize; or render it superficially perfect and unthreatening. Patrick Smith shows us the world in all its abstract "unreality". The figures are so ideally placed within the photographs, one can easily think they are staged. If the composition of some photographs brings to mind the paintings of Brueghel the Elder; the glazed texture and incisive colours recall the enchanting worlds conjured by advertising. Skiing on polyester snow, dining in peristyle-filled forests, sunbathing on beaches; the men and women leisurely occupying Patrick Smith's landscapes invite us to reconsider the way we see our world.

BIOGRAPHY

Born in Lille, France, in 1955, Patrick Smith is both of French and British descent. He started photography in England at the age of 12 and turned professional after a short career as an engineer. He worked for prestigious magazines (NY Times magazine, Le Monde, amongst others) shooting architecture and travel features. His work is exhibited by several galleries worldwide. K+Y has been promoting Patrick Smith for several years now and presented his work international art fairs in London, Amsterdam, New York …

EXHIBITIONS

2018
AAF New York, Bruxelles

2017
Envie d'Art, Paris VIII

2016
AAF Hong Kong, New York
Art hamptons
Izzy gallery, Toronto
Chroma gallery, Sao Paolo
James Danziger gallery, New York
Envie d Art gallery, London

2015
Envie d Art gallery, Paris VIII
AAF New York
Art hamptons
Izzy gallery, Sao Paolo
James Danziger gallery, New York

2014
AAF London, Hong Kong, Hambug, New York
Art Miami

2013
AAF Hamburg, Brussels
Envie d Art Gallery, Paris VII

2012
London Art Fair
AAF Los Angeles
Art Chicago
Envie d Art gallery, Paris
James Danziger Gallery, New York

2011
AAF New York

2010
Danziger Projects, New York

2009
AAF New York

2008
Wanted gallery, Paris
Form Art Fair, London

Bridge Art Fair, London
AAF London, New York, Paris
Glasgow Art Fair
Art Santa Fe, New Mexico
Art London
Envie d Art gallery, Paris

2007
AAF London, New York, Amsterdam
Lineart, Ghent, Belgium
Envie d Art gallery, Brussels

2006
Jen Bekman gallery, New York

2004
Montages, Espace Beaurepaire, Paris

2002
"La poésie du quotidien", l'Atelier des Mélanges, Paris

2000
"La poésie du quotidien", Paris Country Club, Saint-Cloud, France