

Ramon Otting

Dutch painter Ramon Otting takes his inspiration from the landscape and nature. "The landscape reflects our moods, is enjoyable, can heal and gives us cause for contemplation," he explains.

"I'd love to literally transfer nature's behavior onto canvas. To paint like that is like almost merging with nature, even though there's always some sense of shaping the image. But of course this is never attainable – it can only happen in nature. Sometimes you can also go too far, so you fall over, but that's good too. In the end it's all about the endeavour, because we can never really attain nature's perfection," Otting elaborates.

Many of his beautiful and unique oil paintings include soil from the place where Otting found his inspiration for a particular painting. For example, his vineyard paintings include soil from Barolo, Burgundy and other renowned wine-producing regions in Italy and France. The local soil has been finely ground and mixed with paint to form part of the pigment.

Otting was born in Vinkeveen in the Netherlands, and studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Utrecht. The artist now lives and works in the Netherlands and France. His paintings have been widely exhibited in the Netherlands, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, Monaco, Norway and Luxembourg.

He has completed a number of commissions, including paintings for Tommy Hilfiger's head office in Amsterdam, and his works are featured in many private collections in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Selected recent group exhibitions

2015

Asia Contemporary Art Show, Spring Edition, Fabrik Gallery, Hong Kong

2013

"Joie de Vivre II" Beddington Fine Art, Seillans, France

Herman Krikhaar - Ramon Otting – Varozza Loods 6, Amsterdam, Netherlands

"American Icon" (with Diederick Kraaijeveld and Kevin Erskine) Galerie Patries van Dorst, Wassenaar, The Hague, Netherlands

Exhibition Colin Bloom/Ramon Otting, Nieuwkoop, Netherlands

"Dutch Light" LIFE - The Gallery Amsterdam, Netherlands

"Mantanza" project with SaltYard London, United Kingdom

"Vigne en Rose" project with Beddington Fine Art, Bargemon; and Clos des Roses, Frejus, France

Selected recent solo exhibitions

2015

"Dutch Light – Vineyards & Wildflowers" Fabrik Gallery, Hong Kong

2012

"La vie en Rose" Beddington Fine Art, Bargemon, France

H H Kunst Harald Haavik Kristiansand, Norway

"Vineyards," Galerie Patries van Dorst, Wassenaar, The Hague, Netherlands

"C'mon and pick up some flowers," Vinkeveen, Netherlands

2011

"Ramon Otting et les Autres" (with Nedko Solakov, Robert Combas, Blade, Herve di Rosa, Louis Cane), Herman Krikhaar Foundation, Salernes, France

Galerie Patries van Dorst, Leiden, Netherlands

Project Nairobi "Ramon Otting & Omosh Kindeh," Vinkeveen/Leiden, Netherlands

AAF Amsterdam / Galerie Patries van Dorst with Julian Calatrava, Netherlands

"Damaged Dunes," Vincent Vlasblom Art and Projects, Bergen, Netherlands

Commissions & works in public spaces

ZUWE, Utrecht

Pijlstaart School Vinkeveen, Utrecht

Woonzorg, Amsterdam

Schakel Vinkeveen, Utrecht

USG, Amsterdam

Tommy Hilfiger Head Office, Amsterdam

Work is in private collections across Europe, Asia and the United States