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# MATT BELK

b. 1988, Omaha, NE Lives and works in Reedsport, Oregon

Belk creates landscape paintings that portray the natural world through an uncanny gaze, with a complexity and precision that belie the notions of real and imagined. Working in airbrush and pencil on wood panel, Belk's inventive layering reconsiders mannish scenes of game hunting we see but tend to overlook. Key players in Belk's scenes are his airbrushed hunting dogs. Like Courbet's handsome and viscious hounds, Belk's own dogs chase duck, pheasant, and salmon through hazy wetlands and forests. Loyally, they present pray to the viewer. The uncanny gaze of Belk's animals relegates the comfortable, nostalgic memories of an L.L. Bean-type outdoorsmanship to a bygone era. Belk received is BFA from the University of Nebraska and lives and works in Reedsport, Oregon.

#### **EDUCATION**

2010 B.F.A., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

#### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2019 Planet Coriolis, Stumptown Coffee Roasters Installation, Portland, OR

2013 Bare Bones Café Installation, Portland, OR

Goldsmith Building Entrance Mural, Lincoln, NE
 Vicarious Encounters, Parallax Space, Lincoln, NE

Uncanny Relations, The Lichen, NE

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2023 COHLE LAB, Cohle Gallery, Paris, FR

January Group Show, Cohle Gallery, Paris, FR

2022 Manscaping, The Hole x Superzoom, Paris, France

Manscaping, The Hole, Los Angeles, CA Manscaping, The Hole, New York City, NY A Sizzlin' Summer, GR Gallery, New York, NY

2016 OSO Bay XIX Symposium, Lincoln NE

2011 Eisentrager-Howard Gallery

## ART FAIRS

The Hole at Taipei Dangdai 2023, The Hole

Cohle Gallery at Urvanity art Fair Madrid 2023, Cohle Gallery

The Hole at Zona MACO 2023, The Hole

The Hole at Art Cologne 2022, The Hole

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