

## **François Malingrëy**

### **Biography**

François Malingrëy was born in 1989 in Nancy. Nowadays he lives and works in Paris. He started his studies in Illustration in the city of Épinal and then, in the École des Arts Décoratives de Strasbourg. Malingrëy chose the figurative art and his most important activity is the painting, but his works also includes sculpture and illustration. In his paintings, he develops what he calls « The True World » – and it is even poetic – a space ruled by its own laws, with its recurring characteristics: unidentified landscapes where almost naked characters live. There is a melancholic atmosphere, a silent and dramatic sensation, even though no tragedy unfolds. This atmosphere is completed with an aura both sacred and a little outdated. These are the ingredients of François Malingrëy's painting. It must be added that in the formal level, there is a realistic technique based on his large and frank gestural on the canvas, a muted palette of minor tones observed here and there by more expressive areas of yellow or blue, an obsession for the work of the flesh and the skin. It is an impressive way to probe and to focus the human eye in his portraits.

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