

**MATTHEW JOHN ATKINSON**  
**B.1985 in Gravesend, Kent**  
**Based in the United Kingdom**

Since graduating, Atkinson's paintings have evolved from ethereal and nostalgic hinterlands to eerily constructed and ambiguous paintings, exploring the moral and finite reality that humans have formed. His paintings challenge the viewer to reflect upon and enter into a dialogue concerning their universal vulnerability and empathy: rather than to find ways to deflect and postpone.

Atkinson is a painter whose work has an unsettling power allied to a restless use of painterly skill. Where his work has traces of Richter, Polke and Doig he works with a fusion of techniques to produce works by turns poignant, calculating, hopeful and otherworldly.

## **Education**

2007

BA in Fine Art Painting.  
Loughborough University

2012-2013

Turps Banana Painting Programme: Year One  
Run by Marcus Harvey and Peter Ashton Jones

## **Solo Exhibitions**

2018

Nam Project, Milan, Italy

2017

Superior Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

2014

Paraland  
Albanese Arte, Matera, Italy

2013

Paraland  
NAM Project, Milan, Italy

2010

Show Off Art Fair - (im)possibility through the (in)finite...  
Show Off Art Fair- Numero Six Galerie

2010

Port des Champs Elysees, Pont Alexandre III, Paris

2014

The Juncture Projects Strata, Unit 3, ASC Studios, Empson Street

2013

Turps Studio Programme Final Show

ARTIST OF THE DAY 2013, London  
Speak, Clown! Fold Gallery London,  
The Mayor's Parlour, Bow House, London

2012

WEYA 2012 Biennial, Nottingham  
The Importance of Being Original Curated by Niccolò Bonechi, Perlini Arte56, Padova, Italy.

2011

Exposition de groupe, Galerie d'YS84 , Brussels Belgium  
Central Art Gallery, Tameside.  
Lanchester Gallery Projects, Coventry.  
The Nunnery, London

2010

Wynwood Gallery Arts District, Florida Superunknown  
Bright Lights of London Painting, Curated by Jo Wilmot and Paule Muijsers, Tilburg, Netherlands.  
Paint, ROLLO Contemporary Art, London

2009

Ultramegaok, The Framery, 3 Academy Buildings, London  
The Florence Trust Summer Exhibition, London

2008

One08 Festival Long Gallery, Nottingham Castle, Friar Lane, Nottingham  
Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean XIII Edition  
UAMO Art Festival, Munich  
NOWhere, Triangle FranceFriche, Marseille

2007

Miniature Art Show, Briggate Gallery, Leeds  
Graduates 2007, Stroud House Gallery. Station Road, Stroud, Glos  
Salon 07, Seven-Seven Contemporary, London  
Private Prop, The Resident Gallery, London

## **Awards**

2011

The Marmite Prize for Painting III

2012

100 Artists to Watch in 2012 - Modern Painters  
Nominated by Hew Locke.

2009

Fenton Arts Trust Studio Bursary Award

2008

Saatchi's online Critic's choice by Rebecca Wilson

2007

Mercury art prize

## **Artfairs**

2016

Artefiera Bologna

2010

Scope Art Fair Miami

2008

Scope Art Fair - London