



A trip with three branches: luxury, fashion and the world of art

A graduate of ESMOD Paris, Valérie Durand was born on 2/10/64 in Neuilly-sur-Seine

In 1984 she discovered the world of fashion and more particularly luxury. During her professional career, she has worked for many years alongside great creators such as Kenzo, Torrente, Jean-Louis Scherrer and Maison Lesage.

Over the years, the experience of life and the opportunities open the doors of different trades, but it is always in the creation that it is noticed; because it is there that it blooms.

As a fashion designer, she joined the Marreziani swimwear line in 2013 and then became associate director of a luxury concierge.

In September 2016, she decided to devote herself to her job as a painter and began her series of non-exhaustive portraits: Portrait of Stars

In love with what reveals beauty, character and personality, she dedicates her artistic gesture to the connection between the public and those who have been put under the spotlight.

The techniques used

After a few years of work with oil and pencil painting on watercolour paper, she uses only acrylic.

Having a particular interest for the work of the material, she uses the knife and the brush to play with the reliefs. She makes her works according to photographs on request.

Always looking for something new, Valérie collaborates with Saint Gobain to combine painting and glass to obtain the name "Métier d'Art".

The artistic approach, a blow of "dough

The celebrity is a model and the model has its eccentricities that Valerie knows perfectly put on stage on canvases

From a portrait of Mike Jagger to Romy Schneider, all emotions, strengths and paradoxes are painted bright, in a striking way. Valérie Durand is now recognized as the painter who crunches and executes the stars for posterity.

It is in a process of observation; concentration and taking a step back measured chalk, that the artist finds the best gesture. It always begins with the eyes, where the soul of its subject hides. To be able to reproduce the mythical expression, to support one trait more than the other, to bring out the character of the medium as well as that of the model, is the secret of his paintings that immortalize the personalities.

The portraits are very similar, defined on an original and unique background. Monochrome and parsimonious touch of colour, impasto with the knife, flat areas, opacity on game of shine, it is a kind of balance of the matter, the volumes and the features.

Each face is sublimated by the love we all have for stars. Valerie plays on the memory of our emotions. The public must recognize its icon, the actor who moved him, the sportsman who made him dream...

It is therefore necessary to make vibrate the public, to vibrate the material, the dough, the shades of gray, the light, all the features, the contours, to play with the knife, the brushes, such as full and untied, for a unique writing and original, a real paw, recognizable among all!



Temporary exhibitions

- Majestic Hotel Cannes,
- ♣ The galleries Corrado Bortone,
- ♣ Gallery 38, "141" Malakoff Ave
- ♣ Small Pergolese in Paris
- ♣ Nathalie Sanson Gallery, Knokke-le-Zout (Belgium)
- ♣ International Exhibition of Contemporary Art of Brussels and Mulhouse
- 🖶 ART 3F Paris, Lausanne, Brussels, Geneva, Toulouse, Lille and Mulhouse
- ♣ with the Cortade Art Gallery
- Monaco Grand Prix
- Grand Prix du Castellet
- Art Paris, Grand Palais
- ♣ Vivendi Paris, Beirut, New York
- FMR Gallery, rue de Penthièvre, Paris
- ♣ Marie of the 8th, Paris
- **UNESCO**, Paris
- ♣ Yatch Club of Monaco, auction sale for the benefit of the Academy
- Princess Grace of Monaco
- ♣ The International Multi Art Exhibition 2018
- Yacht show of Monaco: The International Yacht Cruise 2017

Permanent exhibitions

- Can Cago, Perpignan
- ♣ Iron Hand Gallery, Perpignan
- **♣** Bam Gallery, Toulouse

People press









Scenes from moovie



The sense of detail, an impressive resemblance, film scene became a growing demand from its customers.

The Visual icons of the cinema, as memories of cult films themselves and the footprint they leave in collective memory are the new material uses Valerie to stand out.

Such a ritornello, the scent of a perfume that reminds us of a special moment of life, scenes from movies also belong to our individuality.

That's all a time, emotions related to the suspense, drama, humor that Valerie's work allows you to put on your walls and your friends are sure to envy.

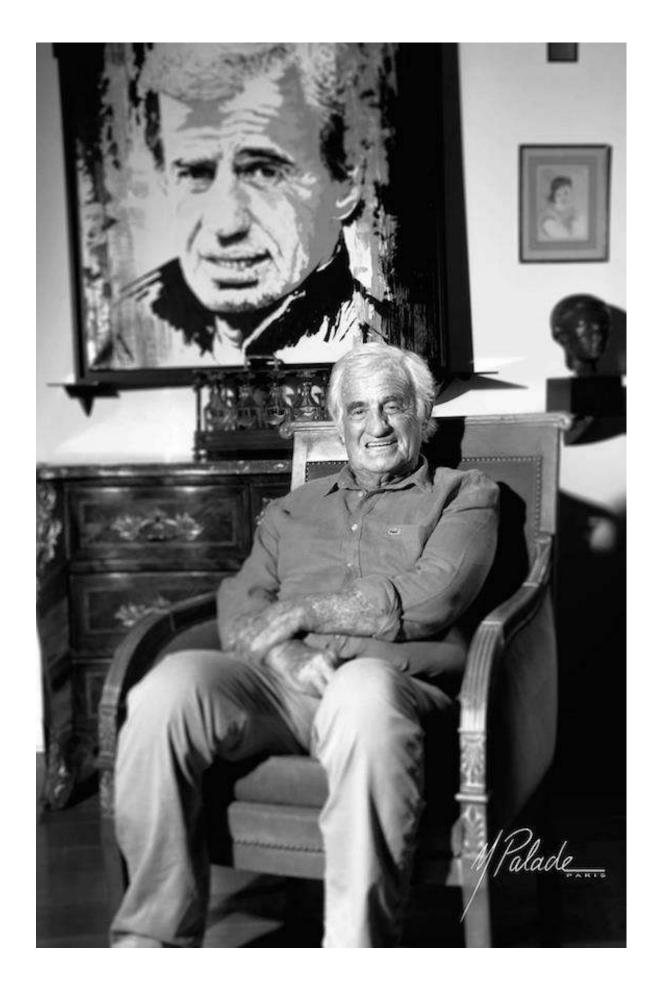
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Press magazines







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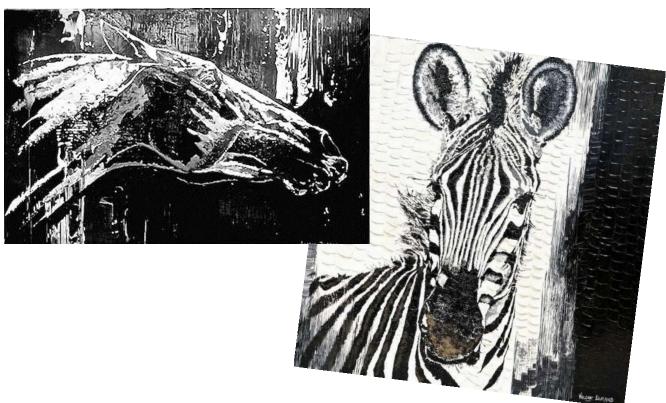




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Animal portraits





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