

BIOGRAPHY

Artist

Éric Bourret

Born in 1964 in Paris, Éric Bourret lives and works in the South of France and in the Himalayas. His work as an “artist-walker” participates in the tradition of Land Art and land surveying photography.

Since the early 1990s, he has been traveling the world on foot, hiking over all kinds of terrains and at all altitudes, shooting photographs that he refers to as “experiences of walking, experiences of the visible.” His photographs evidence the deep physical and sensory transformations that the act of walking over long distances triggers, as it heightens perception and receptiveness to the surrounding landscape.

During his walks, which last a few days to several months, the artist superimposes different views of the same landscape on a single negative according to a precise conceptual protocol that stipulates the number of shots and the interval between them. These sequences intensify and accelerate the imperceptible movement of geological strata and freeze the ephemeral temporality of human beings. The accident and the unexpected are integral to this concept of random photographic shots. This photographic ephemeris breaks down the structure of the initial image and creates a different sensitive, shifting reality. The image born of this “temporal layering” is vibrant, oscillating, practically animated. Éric Bourret’s images can be seen as photographic notes in a surveyor’s score. They attest to a subjective experience, as he himself has admitted: “The landscapes that I travel through and that travel through me constitute me. I see the photographic image is a receptacle of forms, energy and meaning”. More factual series include date, place, duration, distance travelled and thus convey the rhythm and the space of this walking log (carnet de marche).

Since 1990 his work has been the subject of many exhibitions and has entered the collections of numerous museums and art centres in Europe, North and South America and Africa, including notably the Finnish Museum of Photography in Helsinki ; the Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas in Mexico ; the Musée d’Art Moderne et d’Art Contemporain in Nice ; the Musée Picasso in Antibes ; the Maison Européenne de la Photographie in Paris.

In 2015-23, he participated in several collective and individual exhibitions : The 56° Venice Biennale ; Joburg Contemporary African Art ; Shenzhen Art Museum, China ; l’Espace de l’Art Concret, Mouans-Sartoux ; Sapar Contemporary, New-York ; Xie Zilong Art Museum, China ; le Centre de la Vieille Charité, Marseille ; le Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire ; MuMA Musée d’art moderne André Maraux, le Havre.

Solo shows
(selection)**2023**

Natura, Tours et remparts d’Aigues-Mortes, France
Arbos, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, France

2022

Flux, Centre de la Vieille Charité, Marseille, France
Terres, Musée de Lodève, France

2021

Sainte-Victoire 1991-2021, Musée du Pavillon de Vendôme, Aix-en-Provence, France

2019

Éric Bourret walks alone, Sapar Contemporary Gallery, New York, United-States
Walk, Xie Zilong Photography Museum / XPM, Changsha, China

2018

Zéro l'infini, Espace à Vendre, Nice, France
Infinite movement, Shenzhen Art Museum, Chine

2017

Carnet de marche, Musée Dauphinois, Grenoble, France

2015

Et l'espace fera de moi un être humain, Musée Ziem, Martigues, France
Le temps de la marche, Abbaye de Montmajour, Arles, France
Timescape, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

2014

Le temps de la marche, Galerie Jean Greset, Besançon, France

2012

Excuse me, while I kiss the sky, Centre d'Art Le Moulin, La Valette-du-Var, France

2010

Hun-Tun, Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain / MAMAC, Nice, France
What do really know about landscape ? Arts on Main, Johannesburg, South Africa
Lure, Musée Prieuré de Salagon, Mane, France

2006

Le Var et l'ailleurs, Hôtel des Arts, Toulon, France

2004

Montagne au carré, Musée Museum, Gap, France

**Group shows
(selection)**
2023

Météorologiques, Musée d'art moderne André Malraux / MuMa, le Havre, France

2022

Le vent, cela qui ne peut être peint, Musée d'art moderne André Malraux / MuMa, le Havre, France
Par hasard, Friche la Belle de Mai, Centre de la Vieille Charité, Marseille, France
Walk, Fresh Winds Art Biennale 6, Gardur, Sandgerdi, Iceland
Bis repetita placent, Espace de l'Art Concret, Mouans-Sartoux, France

2017

Horizons, Abbaye de La Celle, France
Quartet, Galerie du Canon, Toulon, France

2015

Crossing borders, 56° Biennale d'Art de Venise, Palazzo Mora, Italy
Borders, Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas / MACT, Mexico

2013

Mer & Ciel, Musée d'Art, Toulon, France
Et si ce n'était pas la mélancolie, Musée Géo-Charles, Échirolles, France

2011

Parcours photographiques, Théâtre de la Photographie et de l'Image, Nice, France

2010

BnF acquisitions récentes, Musée départemental Arles Antique, RIP Arles, France

**Public
collections**

Artothèques de Draguignan, Miramas, Grenoble, Nantes et Nice, France
 Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris, France
 Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, France
 Fondazione Italiana per la Fotografia, Torino, Italy
 Fonds Départemental, Conseil général de l'Yonne, France
 Galerie du Château d'Eau, Toulouse, France
 Hôtel des Arts, Centre Méditerranéen d'Art, Toulon, France
 Le Centre d'Art Informel de Recherche sur la Nature, Digne-les-Bains, France
 Le Parvis, Tarbes, France
 Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
 Musée d'Art Contemporain et d'Art Moderne, Nice, France
 Musée d'Art Contemporain, Marseille, France
 Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie, Aurillac, France
 Musée de l'Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland
 Musée de Lodève, France
 Musée Gassendi, Digne-les-Bains, France
 Musée Géo-Charles, Échirolles, France
 Musée Granet, Aix-en-Provence, France
 Musée Muséum départemental des Hautes-Alpes, Gap, France
 Musée Picasso, Antibes, France
 Musée Ziem, Martigues, France
 Museu da Imagem, Braga, Portugal
 Museum of Contemporary Art of Tamaulipas, Mexico
 Portfolio Hermès remis aux Chefs d'États, Conseil Européen, Nice, France
 The Photographic Museum of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
 Théâtre de la Photographie, Nice, France
 Xie Zilong Photography Museum, Changsha, China

**Walks
associated with
artistic projects****2023**

Summer walking in the Northern Alps, France
 Summer walk in the Karakoram massif, Pakistan
 Winter walking in the Everest valley and Annapurna, Nepal

2022

Summer walking in the Northern Alps, France
 Spring walk in the Everest valley, Nepal
 Summer walk in the Karakoram massif, Pakistan

2021

Summer crossing of the Alps
 Winter walk along the Loire, France
 Winter walk in the primary forest, Madeira, Portugal

2020

Summer walking in Savoie
 Winter walking in Iceland
 Winter walking in Cape Verde
 Winter and spring walks in the Écrins, Oisans and Dévoluy massifs, France

2019

Winter walking in Greenland
 Spring walk in the Hautes-Alpes
 Winter walk on the Causses du Larzac, Méjean, Noir, France
 Winter walk in Death Valley and Mojave Desert, United-States
 Autumn walk in the primary forests. Madeira and Azores Islands, Portugal

2018-2011

Spring walk in Iceland
 Winter walk on Mount Etna, Italy
 Summer crossing on the Aegean Sea
 Winter walk in Svalbard, Norway
 Spring crossing of the Atlantic Ocean
 Winter walk in the islands of Malta and Gozo, Malta
 Winter walking in the Mercantour and Ecrins massifs, France
 Winter walk in the Cradle of Humankind, South Africa

Winter walking in the Vercors, Oisans and Belledonne Massifs, France
 Spring and summer walks in Ladakh, Changtang, Zanskar and Paldar, India
 Summer walking on the high plateaux of Rupshu and Changtang, India and Tibet
 Winter walking in the Khumbu, Annapurna and Mustang ranges, Nepal
 Winter walking in the Sainte-Victoire, Sainte-Baume and Alpilles massifs, France
 Winter walking in primary forests. Islands of Tenerife, La Gomera and Madeira, Spain, Portugal

2010-2004

Spring march in Ladakh and Zanskar, India
 Winter walk in the Khumbu massif, Nepal
 Walking on the sites of Pagan and Mrauk U, Burma
 Summer walk in the Sierra Nevada de Mérida, Venezuela
 Autumn and winter walks on the Lure mountain, France
 Winter walk in the Cradle of Humankind, South Africa
 Autumn walk in the Mercantour and Queyras massifs, France
 Spring walks in the Vanoise and Mont Blanc Massifs, France and Italy