

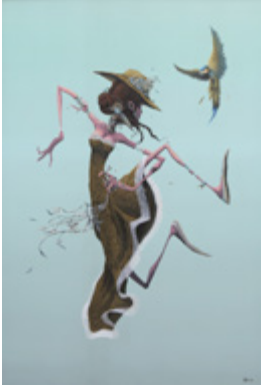


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## **MAYE SOLO SHOW**

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Galerie Itinerrance is proud to present the first solo show of Victorien Liria, aka Maye.

Maye (born in Sète in 1990) lives and works in Montpellier. He is a self-taught artist who has always been passionate about drawing. Around 2004, he started to practice graffiti, mostly to develop and experiment with letters. In 2013 he started to paint on canvas in addition to his street work. Canvas has allowed him to use the techniques he developed in the street on a more permanent medium. As part of this shift, his work evolved from writing letters to making figurative paintings.

His studio work is very narrative and based on his personal experiences, memories, and imagination. He depicts allegoric situations, centered around lanky human figures interacting with their direct environment. He plays with depth, textures and light effects to create chaotic landscapes, where nature takes over the ruins of a modern civilization. In that same way, his characters are a mix of natural and artificial elements.

For his first solo show, Maye chose to bring the spectator into three aspects of his world. With his characters submerged in polluted water, he shows us that life can persist, even in a hostile environment. Delicate butterflies co-exist with rusted objects and floating garbage. On other canvases, the characters seem to float in minimal backgrounds. The closer we get, the more we are able to appreciate the details that compose the men and women represented. Each figure is covered with elements revealing their personal story. Finally, Maye eliminates colors in his representations of gigantic figures walking through urban landscapes. Here, one can see various humorous situations.

For his first solo exhibition Maye invites us to discover his complex world while projecting our own interpretation onto it.

### **OPENING IN PRESENCE OF THE ARTIST**

FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 2016 AT 6PM in partnership with Grolsch



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