

Homeboy

MICHEL SANTOS

March 24th to April 9th 2023

Michel Santos, painter and author (Fr b.1981).

For his first solo show, Michel Santos proposes an auto-fictional installation.

Playing with the codes of representation, he mixes both reality and fiction to depict his perception of society and his surroundings.

The practice of painting and installation began with a desire to explore the physicality of his first novel, a tale of the French Parisian suburbs. His realistic and anachronistic observations, both humorous and tragic, are a path that anchors and reveals his entire universe. From figurative painting to dioramas and staged sceneries, this new body of work offers another dimension to his narratives.

Taking his reality as a starting point, "Homeboy" proposes the possibility of an aesthetic evolving towards fiction yet universality.

Show curated by Damien Sayer and James Verhille

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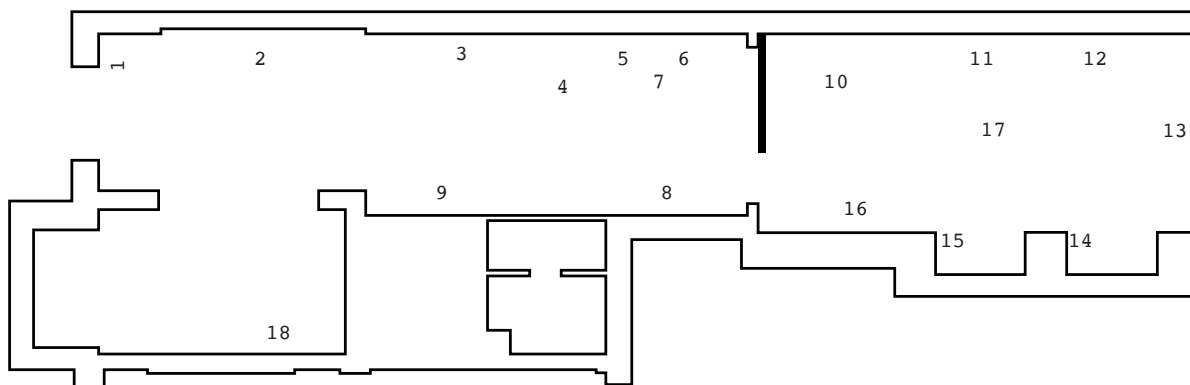
Using multi-disciplinary methods of visual art, performance, sound and linguistics.

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1. Piotr, oil on canvas,
18 x 24 cm, 2022.

2. Autoportrait bleu, oil on canvas,
60 x 80 cm, 2023.

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18 x 24 cm, 2023.

4. Possibility of an existence 1
Diorama, dimension variable,
2023.

5. Angela Merkel's retirement,
oil on canvas, 24 x 30 cm, 2023.

6. CTL worker, oil on canvas,
40 x 50 cm, 2023.

7. Johnny, oil on canvas,
60 x 80 cm, 2023.

8. Homeboys, oil on canvas,
60 x 80 cm, 2023.

9. Pascal, oil on canvas,
40 x 50 cm, 2023.

10. Possibility of an existence 2
mixed media installation, 2023.

11. Prisoners, oil on canvas,
150 x 200 cm, 2023.

12. Road trip to Normandie,
oil on canvas, 80 x 100 cm, 2023.

13. Sodexo catering, oil on canvas,
24 x 30 cm, 2023.

14. Auchan, oil on canvas,
40 x 50 cm, 2023.

15. Barbecue, oil on canvas,
27 x 35 cm, 2022.

16. Tatanes, oil on canvas,
2 x 24 x 30 cm, 2023.

17. Fils de puterie sans nom,
novel, 2023

18. PSG fan, oil on canvas,
50 x 70 cm, 2023.