



# MADELEINE VAN MANEN

YOU FIND SILENCE WHERE YOU EXPECT NOISE

RUST-EN-VREDE GALLERY : SOLO EXHIBITION CATALOGUE

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**“You don’t necessarily find silence in a quiet environment - You find silence where you expect noise.”**

Madeleine van Manen uses this quote as starting reference for her latest solo exhibition at Rust-en-Vrede Gallery. She declares that urban and suburban areas are developed to a point of bursting. We live in constant chaos of commuting, communicating, socialising, managing our security, optimising mental and physical health, goals etc.

The intimate engagement and emotional attachment we have with our physical environment result in a mad buzz of collective energy - a noise both external and internal, real and abstract. The only way to find sanity and silence is to detach even when escape is not possible.

Ironically, the silence we are seeking can be found in this built environment - the same environment Van Manen tries to depict in her paintings by removing the unnecessary or unwanted detail (noise) from the artworks, creating an eerie feeling of forlornness, pensiveness and tranquility.

Madeleine uses her personal experiences as reference and tries to recreate the atmosphere of each experience in her work, rather than focussing on the exact details. Current recurring themes include landscapes, cityscapes and domestic situations. The latter sometimes include the use of animals as symbolic reference, carrying a message that is sometimes dark and disturbing and at other times tongue in cheek.



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**Rising**

Oil and Pencil on Canvas  
30 x 40 cm

**R 3 600 - SOLD**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**Look Left**

Gouache, Pencil and Pastel on Canvas  
45 x 70 cm

**R 8 400**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**A Street in Blouberg**

Oil on Board

30 x 30 cm

**R 3 100 - SOLD**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**Highway into Town**

Oil on Canvas

50 x 50 cm

**R 6 800**





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**Asimov's Dream**

Oil on Canvas  
60 x 84 cm

**R 12 000**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**At a Glance**

Gouache and Pencil on Canvas  
45 x 70 cm

**R 8 400**



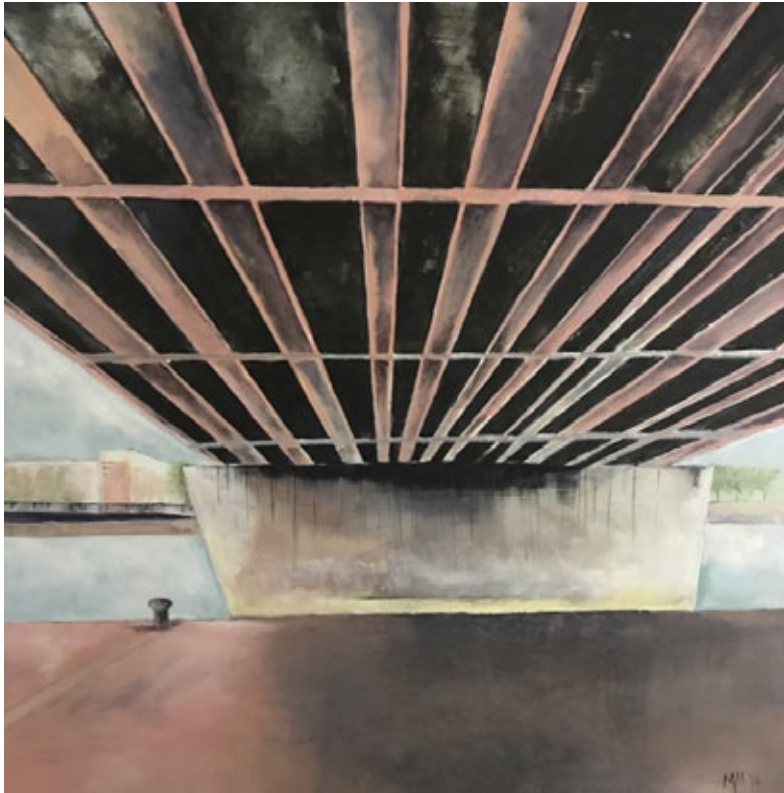
**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**At the End of the Day**

Oil, Charcoal and Pastel on Canvas

120 x 40 cm

**R 10 000**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**  
**Bridge over the Seine, Rouen**

Oil on Board  
40 x 40 cm

**R 3 800**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**  
**Coming Home**

Oil and Pastel on Canvas  
36 x 46 cm

**R 4 800**





BRUNNEN UND QUADRE  
1997



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**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**  
**Look Right Before Crossing**

Oil on Canvas  
50 x 40 cm

**R 4 900**



**MADELEINE VAN MANEN**

**Street View #1**

Oil, Pencil and Pastel on Canvas  
20 x 20 cm

**R 1 950**



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