



**RUDY LANJOUW**

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Rudy Lanjouw's minimalist abstractions are a compelling exploration of color, form, and the deep connections between history and the natural world. Dominated by a vivid yellow palette, his canvases may initially appear simple, yet they are rich with meaning and complexity. Over these luminous yellow fields, Lanjouw carefully layers line patterns that vary in thickness and texture, creating a sense of movement that is both dynamic and meditative. These lines, seemingly freeform, evoke the intricate patterns of pathways and routes seen from an aerial perspective, tracing the contours of the landscape with a delicate touch.

Lanjouw's inspiration is drawn from the earth itself, particularly the layered complexity of the soil. This geological influence is evident in his work, where the layered lines suggest the stratified history embedded in the ground. The landscapes around Assen, where Lanjouw lives, play a crucial role in shaping his artistic vision. His work frequently references Wittenveld, a nearby area steeped in historical significance. Once a military training ground, Wittenveld is a place where remnants from various eras coexist, traces of Roman times, the scars of World War II, and more recent histories all mingle in the soil. Lanjouw captures this layered history through his art, creating paintings that are as much about the passage of time as they are about the physical terrain.

Each line on Lanjouw's canvases can be seen as a pathway, a route carved out by time and memory. Some lines are bold and assertive, representing well-trodden paths, while others are delicate and faint, like trails almost forgotten. This juxtaposition of the bold and the fragile adds a poetic dimension to his work, suggesting the varying degrees of permanence in the histories we leave behind. His paintings become metaphors for life's journeys, some paths are frequently traveled, others remain elusive and seldom explored.

Adding to the depth of his work is Lanjouw's use of black borders around the edges of his canvases. These stark frames contrast sharply with the organic flow of the lines within, symbolizing the rigid boundaries that humans impose on the natural world. The rectangular canvas itself becomes a metaphor for these artificial constraints, highlighting the tension between the natural, winding paths that emerge organically and the harsh, angular borders that humans create.

In Rudy Lanjouw's art, minimalism is not about reduction but about distillation, capturing the essence of a landscape, a history, a moment in time. His work invites viewers to look beyond the surface, to consider the deeper layers of

meaning that lie beneath. Through his carefully constructed compositions, Lanjouw offers a quiet but powerful reflection on the ways we interact with the world around us, both shaping and being shaped by the landscapes we inhabit.

In an art world often dominated by excess, Lanjouw's work is a breath of fresh air. His paintings are serene yet profound, offering a contemplative space where history, nature, and human experience intersect. With his minimalist yet richly layered approach, Rudy Lanjouw has carved out a unique place in contemporary art, creating works that are both timeless and deeply resonant.



Rudy Lanjouw in his studio



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24.09

Mixed media on canvas

180 x 145 cm | 70,87 x 57,09 in.





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24.53 Do not ask  
Mixed media on canvas  
200 x 150 cm | 78,74 x 59,06 in.





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Tuesday

Mixed media on canvas

197 x 145 cm | 77,56 x 57,09 in.





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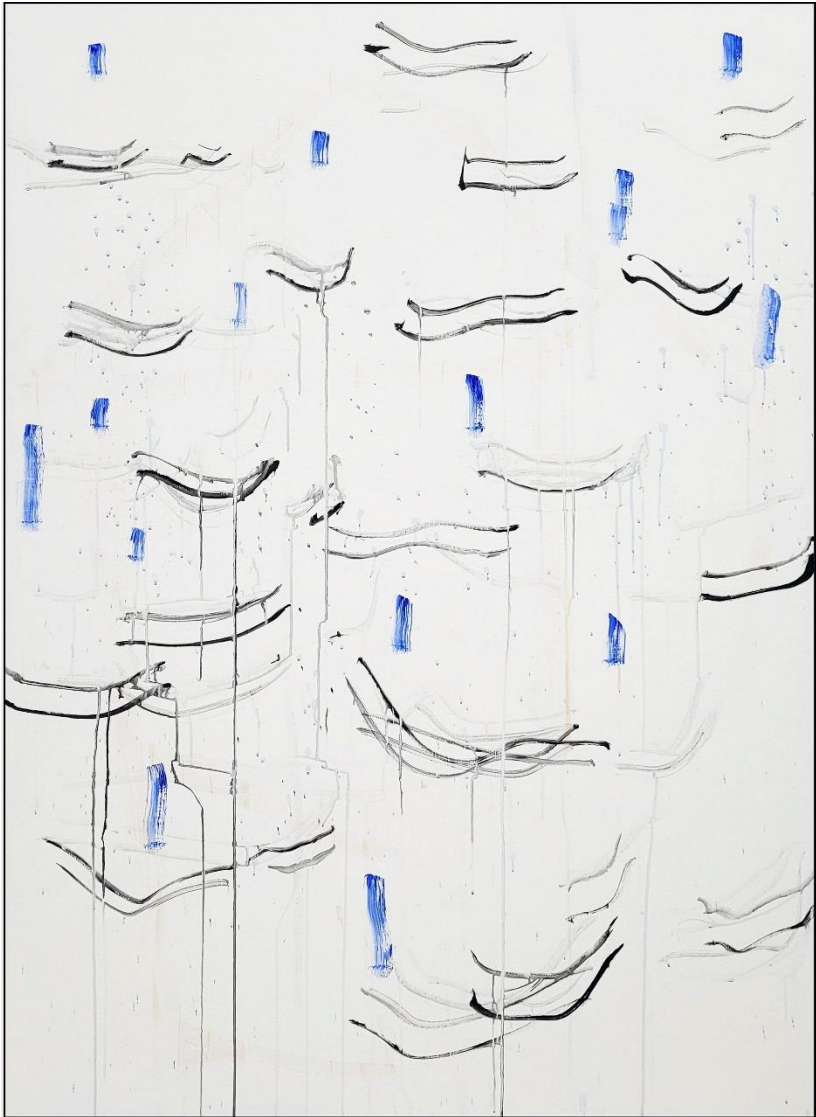
24.77 Felt like yesterday  
Mixed media on canvas  
190 x 140 cm | 74,80 x 55,12 in.





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24.55 Thoughts  
Mixed media on canvas  
170 x 120 cm | 66,93 x 47,24 in.





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24.57 These  
Mixed media on canvas  
50 x 45 cm | 19,69 x 17,72 in.





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24.46

Mixed media on canvas

45 x 35 cm | 17,72 x 13,78 in.





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24.73 Dominiks laugh  
Mixed media on canvas  
75 x 60 cm | 29,53 x 23,62 in.





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24.03

Mixed media on canvas

40 x 35 cm | 15,75 x 13,78 in.





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24.01

Mixed media on canvas

40 x 45 cm | 15,75 x 17,72 in.





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## BIOGRAPHY

**Rudy Lanjouw** is a celebrated Dutch artist known for his vibrant abstract paintings that blend color, structure, and storytelling. Influenced by the rich archaeological landscape of Assen, where he lives and works, Lanjouw creates layered compositions that evoke depth and rhythm. His works are featured in collections across Europe and the U.S., including Museum Belvedere and Her Majesty Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands.

With a career spanning decades, Lanjouw has exhibited widely, with notable shows at galerie RUIIMTE P60, Museum Belvedere, and international art fairs. His art explores universal themes of time and memory, inviting viewers to uncover hidden narratives through his unique visual language.



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