

HETEROTOPIA

Mickaël Doucet

Exhibition: March 7 – April 25, 2026

Vernissage: Friday, March 6 at 7 pm

The artist will be present.

PRESS RELEASE

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With *Heterotopia*, Galerie Isabelle Lesmeister is presenting works by French artist Mickaël Doucet (born in Blois in 1974) for the first time. In addition to large-format oil paintings on canvas, impressive charcoal drawings are also on display.

Michel Foucault describes heterotopias as “other places” - real spaces that are simultaneously outside of all places: mirror rooms, stages, gardens, inner worlds in which different times, orders, and realities are present at the same time. In Doucet's interior still lifes, these ideas find a powerful visual counterpart.

His spaces seem familiar - living rooms, niches, window axes, carpets, tables, plants, objects. And yet they elude clarity. Perspectives shift subtly, architectural lines condense into ornamental rhythms, geometric forms enter into dialogue with organic motifs. A radio, a book, a sculpture, an empty chair—each element seems to be the bearer of its own time. Past, present, and memory overlap.

In the colourful works, clear compositions and luminous contrasts create an almost staged atmosphere - as if the rooms were stages waiting for an invisible event. The charcoal drawings, on the other hand, condense the motif into monochrome: light and shadow form quiet, contemplative architectures in which the interior becomes both a psychological and physical space. Doucet's interiors are not mere still lifes. They are spaces for thought - heterotopias in the Foucauldian sense: places of collection and displacement, of intimacy and distance. Spaces in which orders become visible and at the same time begin to falter.

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Doucet was born in Bois, France, in 1974 and studied painting at the Atelier des Beaux-Arts de Paris - Glacière, Paris, France.

We look forward to seeing you at the opening and exhibition, and will be happy to provide you with additional images if required. If you are interested in interviewing the artist, please contact us at info@galerie-lesmeister.de.

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ARTWORK INFORMATION

- (1) Mickaël Doucet, *Insaisissable*, 162 x 130 cm / 63.8 x 51.2 in, Oil on canvas, 2025
- (2) Mickaël Doucet, *Demuere de Circe*, 183 x 244 cm / 72 x 96 in, Oil on canvas, 2024
- (3) Mickaël Doucet, *Ultima Planitia*, 97 x 195 cm / 38.2 x 76.8 in, Charcoal on oil on canvas, 2024
- (4) Mickaël Doucet, *Mouvement intérieur*, 110 x 76 cm / 43.3 x 29.9 in, Charcoal on paper, 2025

IMAGE CREDIT

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