

VICTOR MATTHEWS



THE WALL PAINTINGS

Victor Matthews

Victor Matthews (American, b. 1963) is a Brooklyn-based artist and sculptor. A contemporary of Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Donald Baechler, his work as a studio painter whose artwork is heavily influenced by his upbringing in Brooklyn as well as his mother “Nellie” and his Uncle “Sunny”. Matthews is best known for his urban abstractions marked by white geometric motifs.

Matthews has exhibited at The Guggenheim Museum, Sculpture Center, and both the 48th and 55th iterations of La Biennale di Venezia. In 2017, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) acquired a major painting by Matthews for its permanent collection. His artwork can be found in the permanent collections of museums and institutions worldwide.



Artist Bio

With his Utopia series, Matthews pays homage to the spirit of St Barth and the creative debt that he owes to the island. Matthews's singularly meditative and enticing representations of the island's landscapes, flora and fauna celebrate St Barth as both subject and muse. For an artist whose body of work represents a longing to escape the chaos of modernity, the unmatched beauty and quiet seclusion of our small island embodies the promise of utopia.

A visitor of the island for 30 years, the light, energy and the island's vibrant vegetation has become a mecca for the artist – calling him back year after year. Informing his work and entering into his imagination, the islands rolling hills and folding roads have made a map in his mind of his memories and experiences. Familiar territory and imagery are celebrated on his canvases in his signature pure white style. Well known for his depiction of landscapes of his native New York, these delicate elegant paintings recall the flora and fauna of this island utopia.

“Somewhere there's an inner feeling of serenity and peace among all living things.. From humans to insects to mammals to earth. The connection is there all around us.” -Victor Matthews



Select Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 - Victor Matthews: Utopia. Space Gallery St Barth, Gustavia, St. Barthélemy
- 2019 - Victor Matthews: City of Dreams. Space Gallery St Barth, New York, NY
- 2016 - Victor Matthews: The Longest Road. KM Fine Arts, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 - Victor Matthews: Contemplations & Reflections, KM Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 - Victor Matthews: Brighter...brighter...brightest, KM Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 - Beyond Metamorphosis, The New York Department of Parks and Recreation, New York, NY

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2019 - Gesture vs Geometry: Lyrical and Geometric Paintings, Portico, New York, NY.
- 2018 - St Barth in the City, Space Gallery St Barth, New York, NY.
- 2015 - Musings | Part 1, KM Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2015 - BLACK + BLUE, KM Fine Arts, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 - Tête a tête, KM Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 - Transitions: Victor Matthews & Paolo Nicola Rossini, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL.
- 2013 - Victor Matthews & Paolo Nicola Rossini: Transitions/Transizioni, La Biennale di Venezia 2013. Venice, Italy.
- 2001 - Panther, Sculpture Center, Long Island City, NY.
- 2000 - Sala 1, International Center for Contemporary Art, Rome, Italy.
- 1999 - Renée Cox & Victor Matthews: all'Oratorio di San Ludovico, La Biennale di Venezia 1999, Venice, Italy.
- 1996 - Gibbs Museum of Art, Charleston, SC.
- 1996 - Brevard Museum of Art and Science, Melbourne, FL.
- 1993 - Drawing the Line Against AIDS [under the aegis of the 45th Venice Biennale], Peggy Guggenheim Collection,

Selected Books & Catalogues

Courtier, Patrice. Victor Matthews: Milky Way. Moulin-lès-Metz: Art Passion, 2016.

Courtier, Patrice. Victor Matthews: Some Thoughts and Dreams. Moulin-lès-Metz: Art Passion, 2015.

Hollinger, Ana M. Victor Matthews: Bright...brighter...brightest. Los Angeles: KM Fine Arts, 2014.

Clifford, Natalie and Vittorio Urbani. Transitions/Transizioni: La Biennale de Venezia 2013. Gustavia: Space Gallery St Barth, 2013.

Manqueros, Joseph and Serina Manqueros. Victor Matthews: Alter Ego Paintings. New York: Wendt Gallery, 2010.

Select Public Collections

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, CA

Sala 1 Centro Internazionale d'Arte Contemporanea, Rome, Italy

Museum Nuova Icona, Venice, Italy

Museum Overholland, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany

University Art Collection - The New School, New York, NY

Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art - Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL

Eden Rock Hotel, St. Jean, St Barthélemy

The Wall Paintings



Your Custom Piece

A custom fresco painting will be created in Victor's signature style - uncomplicated, pure and natural. The painting will be an immersive experience transforming the selected space into another world where a scene, to be agreed, will play out.

Victor will create something special and unique for you to enjoy – there is the potential to use some color, which will create a different mood, feel and additional element to his work – a signature color could be selected for use.

The Artist and The Client will dialogue to outline the space for the potential piece and propose a sketch of motifs to be included. The creation of the piece will also be an immersive cultural experience for the client and guests who will participate in the creation of the work, by seeing it evolve daily.

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Vision

"In this Bal Harbour Home, the vision came from the family, who are in love with the sea and ocean. They are connected with all the life that's included in that world; it gave me the inspiration for the piece and the outcome was wonderful." -Victor Matthews

Bal Harbour

Bal Harbour was born of a vision of infinite possibility: a vision that has defined this community, making it an internationally renowned destination. Today, Bal Harbour is among the most elegant, exclusive and sought-after beach destinations in South Florida and beyond.



Bal Harbour



Bal Harbour



Barbados



Theme

"The family are in love with the all the creatures and animals that surrounds their Barbados home and wanted to celebrate that in this mural as well as include their baby girl Luna. This piece embraces all of the island wildlife and their family."
-Victor Matthews

San Flamingo House Barbados

Villa San Flamingo is truly of a standard beyond description. Set amongst lush, green, exquisitely landscaped gardens, this marvelous example of traditional Caribbean design and architecture sits on Holders Ridge off the Polo Field.



Barbados



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Miami Beach



Vision

"The couple was relocating from Laguna Beach to Miami Beach. They have a minimalist mindset and are very much in love with palm trees and the outdoors. They had a vision for palm trees in the entry way and the result was spectacular with the 15 foot cathedral ceilings."

-Victor Matthews

Miami Beach House

Miami Beach offers Art & Culture by setting the tone for the emerging popularity of the area's Art Deco design.



Miami Beach



St Barth



Inspiration

"This entire room, all four walls, were inspired by all the nature and life that is found in and around the island of St Barth."

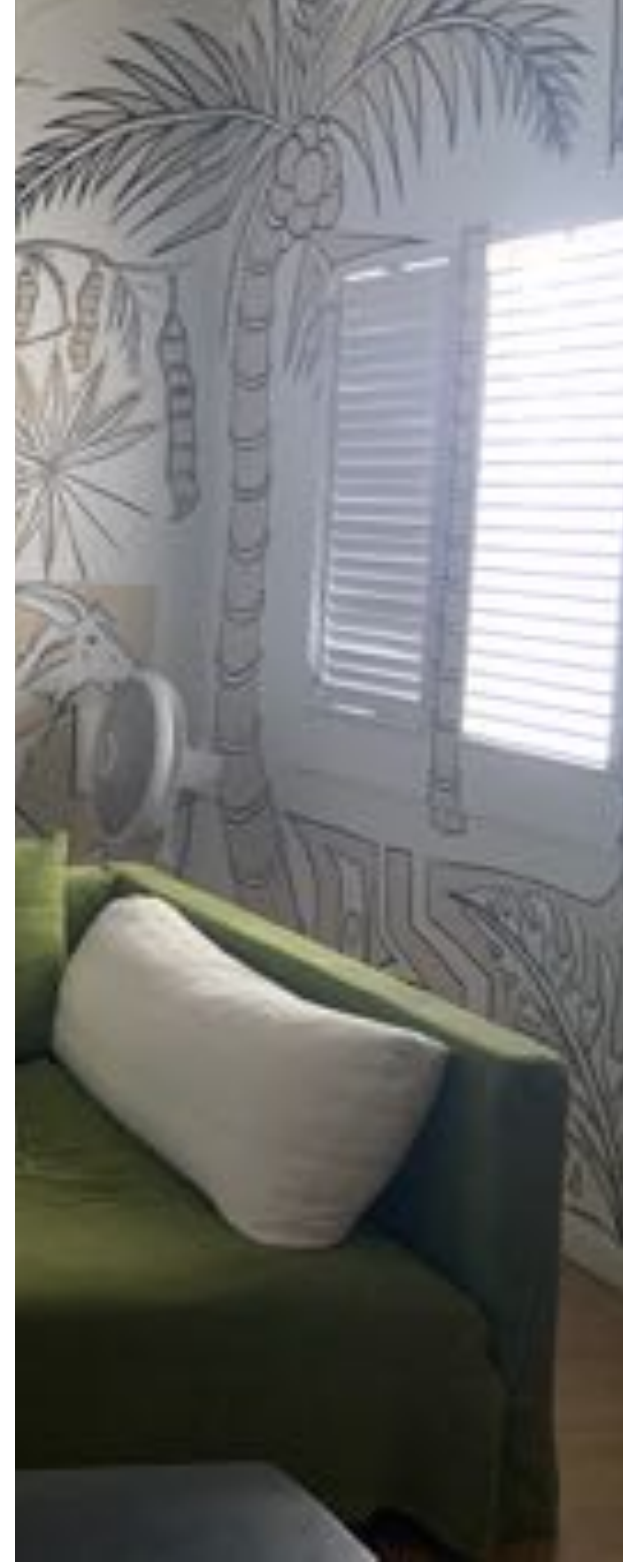
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Villa Angelina St Barth

A Gustavia hillside location gifts the luxurious Villa Angelina with a sensational panorama of the bustling iconic harbor, and beyond to the island of St. Maarten. Artwork by Victor Matthews adorns the interior walls.

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Villa Myles Away St Barth

This exceptional home offers spectacular views. Guests enjoy the serene and calming atmosphere of the Caribbean Island of St Barth on the island's "wild" natural side by Toiny.

Vision

This villa embraces indoor-outdoor living. The ocean enters the living room as it fills the view. I used elements from the rugged vegetation on this side of the island including the mountain goats which are found in abundance here!"

-Victor Matthews



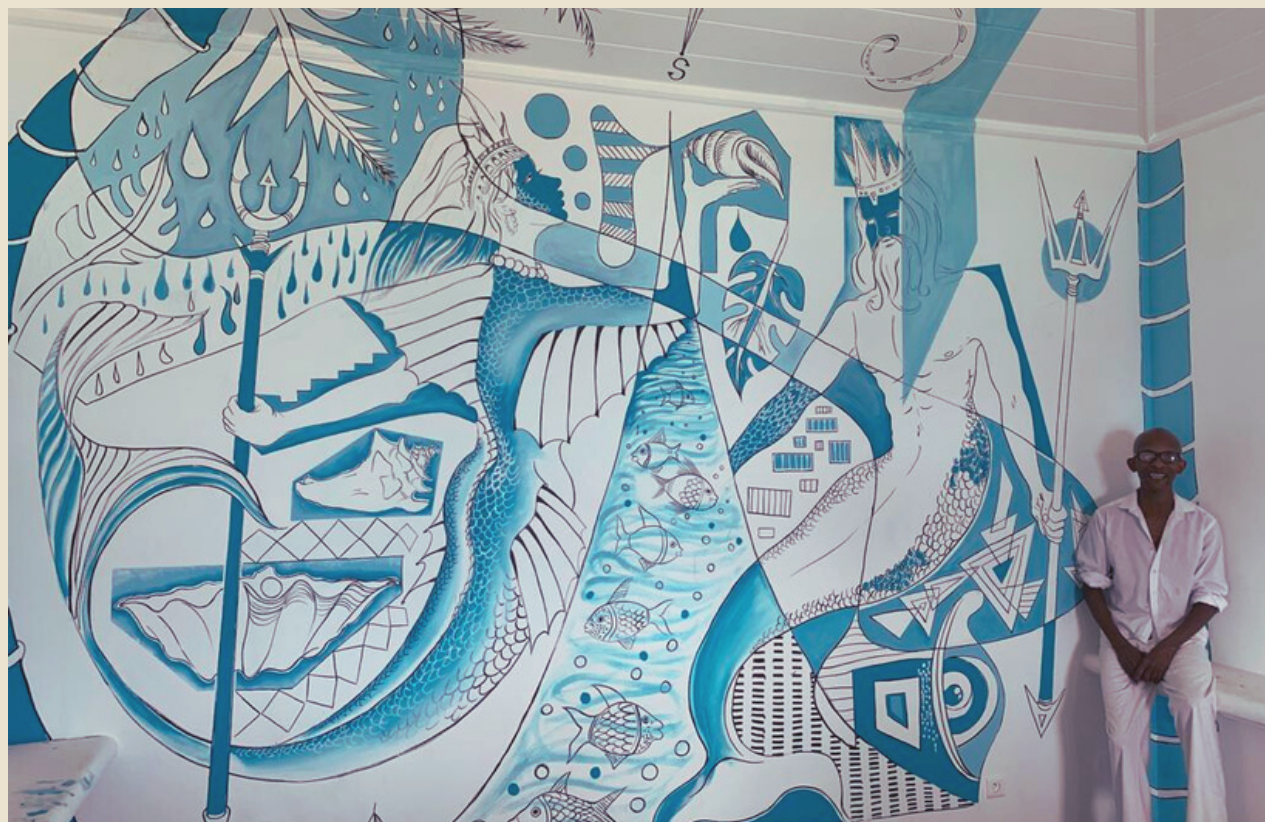
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Villa Myles Away St Barth

The owner of this villa wanted to extend the wall painting into the dining area to create an underwater world and celebrate the marine life and an imagination of Neptune's realms which was reflected further by the use of blue to create this custom piece.

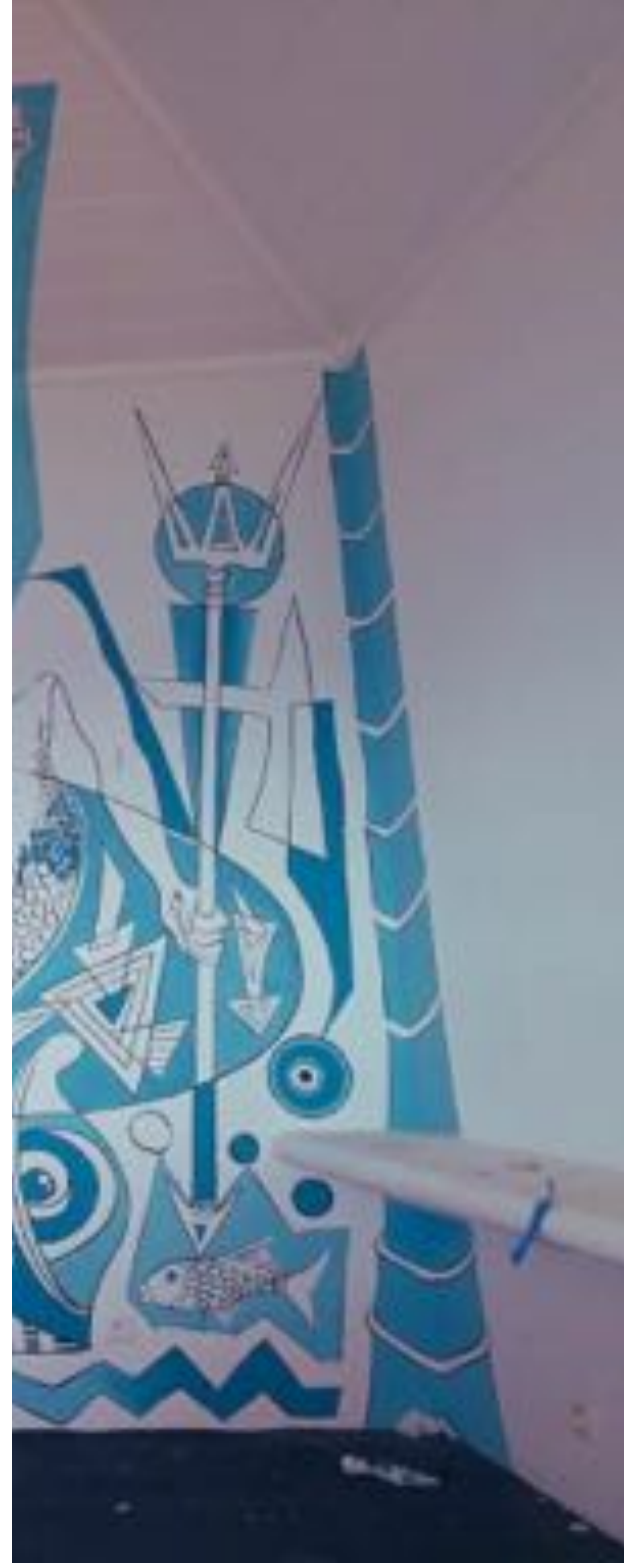
Theme

"The Family wanted a story of the sea and ocean. So we decided of the story of King Neptune and his Queen."

-Victor Matthews



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Vision

“For these wall panels located in the reception office at Le Village St Barthelemy, the owner Catherine wanted me to express all the nature she loves that surrounds the land around her hotel. She has extensive gardens and plants that she wanted represented.”

-Victor Matthews

Le Village St Barth

Le Village St Barth is located on a breeze-cooled hillside, La Colline de St Jean, on a narrow back-road leading from La Baie de St Jean, the largest and most photogenic bay in St Barth.



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Contact

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