

MEET PURVIS YOUNG

PRESS RELEASE

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"My dream is to go to France, and see where the great painters are from." Purvis Young, 1973

If the artist, who was born in 1943 in Liberty City and passed away in 2010 in Overtown, was unable to achieve his dream and has so far rarely been exhibited in France, Dorian Navarra and Joseph Abergel¹ with the exhibition "Meet Purvis Young" at Galerie 75 Faubourg attempt to revive this old dream.

In his artworks, Purvis Young depicts the urban culture of the neighborhood of Overtown in Miami, which the artist has practically never left. Self-taught and particularly prolific painter, he assembles the discarded objects he finds around his home: account books, wooden planks, carpet, fabrics, advertising leaflets, linoleum, cardboard... His works combine urban environment, representations of the sacred and of fertility, but also war and popular uprisings. Always through the prism of his life, of life, of a reality that fits into his own mythology. Purvis Young thus creates a narrative that belongs to him while being universal.

In her introductory text², Olivia Anani³ writes: *"Plank by plank, stroke by stroke, one panel at a time, history has been made by these black hands, and an epic narrative has taken form."*

Purvis Young's works have entered major private and institutional collections such as the Smithsonian American Art Museum (Washington DC, USA), the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, USA), the Rubell Family Collection (Miami, USA), the Philadelphia Museum of Art (Philadelphia, USA).

1. This exhibition at Galerie 75 Faubourg, as well as the monograph edited by Editions Enrico Navarra, is the fruit of a story of friendship and loyalty, the one that linked Enrico Navarra and Emmanuel Barth on the one hand, to Joseph Abergel and his son Eric on the other hand, and which continues today around Dorian Navarra.
2. Along with this exhibition, the Editions Enrico Navarra publish a 256-page monograph including 150 works, with texts by Olivia Anani, Annabelle Gugnion, Gean Moreno, and Leslie Umberger.
3. Art critic, co-director of the Africa + Modern and Contemporary Art department at PIASA, Paris

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Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur papier / Acrylic and carpet on paper
122 x 106 cm / 48 x 41 3/4 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
124 x 55 cm / 48 1/4 x 22 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur tissu et moquette sur bois / Acrylic on fabric and carpet
on wood
122 x 61 cm / 48 x 24 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur tissu et bois / Acrylic on fabric and wood
121,5 x 117 cm / 47 3/4 x 46 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur bois / Acrylic and carpet on wood
122 x 77,5 cm / 48 x 30 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur tissu et moquette / Acrylic and carpet on
fabric and carpet
105 x 112 cm / 41 1/2 x 44 1/8 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur linoléum et bois / Acrylic on linoleum and wood
122 x 41 cm / 48 x 16 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur bois / Acrylic and carpet on wood
43 x 25 cm / 17 x 9 3/4 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur bois / Acrylic and carpet on wood
40 x 25 cm / 15 3/4 x 9 3/4 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois stratifié / Acrylic on laminated wood
37 × 132 cm / 14 1/2 × 20 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et moquette sur tissu et moquette / Acrylic and carpet on fabric and carpet
99 × 68,5 cm / 39 × 27 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
81,5 × 122 cm / 32 × 48 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
122 × 30,5 cm / 48 × 12 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique et tissu sur bois / Acrylic and fabric on wood
122 × 84,5 cm / 48 × 33 2/6 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
131,5 × 40,5 cm / 51 3/4 × 16 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
36 × 88,5 cm / 14 1/6 × 20 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois stratifié / Acrylic on laminated wood
37,5 × 83 cm / 14 3/4 × 32 3/4 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur métal / Acrylic on metal
75,5 × 75,5 cm / 29 2/3 × 29 2/3 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
136 × 41 cm / 53 1/2 × 16 1/6 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur bois stratifié / Acrylic on laminated wood
122 x 29 cm / 48 x 11 1/2 in

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Le Boxeur / The Boxer, c. 2000s

Huile sur papier / Oil on paper
60 x 45 cm / 23 5/8 x 17 2/3 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Aquarelle sur papier / Watercolor on paper
27 x 21 cm / 10 5/8 x 8 1/4 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur tissu / Acrylic on fabric
94 x 120,5 cm / 37 x 47 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur tissu et contre-plaqué / Acrylic on fabric and plywood
123 x 91,5 cm / 48 1/2 x 36 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur plastique / Acrylic on plastic
61 x 122 cm / 24 x 48 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s

Acrylique sur plastique / Acrylic on plastic
61 x 122 cm / 24 x 48 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s
Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
96,5 × 189 cm / 38 × 74 1/2 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s
Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
87,5 × 218,5 cm / 34 1/2 × 86 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s
Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
63,5 × 78,5 cm / 25 × 31 in



Sans titre / Untitled, c. 2000s
Acrylique sur bois / Acrylic on wood
59,5 × 200,5 cm / 23 1/2 × 79 in



Composition, c. 2000s
Acrylique et moquette sur toile cirée et carton / Acrylic and carpet on
oilcloth and cardboard
43 × 110 cm / 17 × 43 1/3 in