

LAURENT MARTIN `LO`

France, 1955. Lives and works in Camallera, Spain

ALZUETA
_GALLERY



Photo by Vanessa Jorda Pagani courtesy of the artist

Born in France, Laurent trained as a visual artist at ENSAD (Paris). He worked for many years as a creative director in advertising and fashion. His first encounter with bamboo was circumstantial, but it was "love at first sight," according to the artist. Bamboo became his obsession and passion, leading him to change his life. He left behind his work, house, and city to embark on his first trip to the "bamboo countries": India, Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. Since then, he has traveled long roads in search of the essence of bamboo, journeying to places he calls the "bamboo belt"—an imaginary terrestrial parallel around the tropics that, through bamboo, unites diverse cultures across the Americas to Asia.

Laurent visited remote areas where bamboo remains a vital resource for many communities. Living with these communities, he learned the craftsmanship and various uses of bamboo, discovering its emotionality, ancient traditions, sensuality, and spirituality. In Indonesia, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, he followed architects and engineers who integrate bamboo's natural properties—its flexibility, resilience, and durability—with high technology, revealing a fusion of traditional craftsmanship and contemporary architecture.

Laurent's creative process is one of evolution, rooted in his deep knowledge and understanding of bamboo. His artistic palette draws from bamboo's physical and sensorial virtues, its sophisticated organic structure, energy, and spirituality. Through an intimate dialogue with bamboo, Laurent explores its flexibility, strength, density, lightness, and the interplay of mathematics and poetry. His bamboo structures curve gracefully in the air, embodying a fragile harmony achieved through opposites: flexibility and strength, fullness and void, light and shadow, movement and stillness. Laurent invites the spectator to engage in a personal dialogue, seeking calm, serenity, and balance.

SOLO AND DUO EXHIBITIONS

One Bamboo Show, Alzueta Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2024)
Celestial Equilibrium, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2024)
Bamboo Lover, Alzueta Gallery, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2023)
Yoyo & Lo, Galeria Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Girona, Spain (2023)
Holly Circles, Alzueta Gallery, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2022)
Cadaqués Soul, Galeria Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Girona, Spain (2022)
Bamboo Spaces, Sa Pleta Freda Gallery, Mallorca, Spain (2022)
Dialogue, Alzueta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2021)
Bamboo Swing, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2021)
Crossing the Void, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2020)
Territorios Compartidos, Mexico City, Mexico (2019)
Visions in Motion, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong, China (2019)
Anatomía del Viento, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2019)
Anatomía del Viento, Galeria Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Girona, Spain (2019)
Organic System, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2019)
Reflections, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong, China (2018)
Variations, Art Loft, Brussels, Belgium (2018)
Zhu Qi, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong, China (2018)
Bamboo Spirit, Palau Moxó, Barcelona, Spain (2018)
Vents, Galería Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Girona, Spain (2017)
Bamboo Traces, NTCRI, Taipei, Taiwan (2017)
Intangible Space, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong, China (2016)
Sur les Chemins du Bambou, Museu Can Mario, Palafrugell, Girona, Spain (2016)
Bamboo Sculptor, 2005-2015, Espai Volart, Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona, Spain (2015)
Taboo Bamboo, Patrick Domken Gallery, Cadaqués, Girona, Spain (2015)
10 Years with the Energy of Bamboo, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2015)
Bamboo Energy, HCH Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands (2015)
Record'Art Cadaqués, Galería Patrick Domken, Cadaqués, Spain (2014)
Bamboo Sail, Galeria Palau de Casavells, Girona, Spain (2014)
Bamboo Energy, Ars et Scientia, Centro Médico Teknon, Barcelona, Spain (2013)
Inside Bamboo, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2013)
Movement and Space, Marges-U, Cadaqués, Spain (2013)
One Bamboo Show, Palau de Casavells, Casavells, Spain (2012)
Bamboo Spheres, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2012)
Esfera Bamboo, Ingracia Space, Barcelona, Spain (2012)
Organic Geometry, Aina Nowack Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2011)
The Soul of Wind, Tramuntan'art, Port de la Selva, Spain (2011)
Bamboo Mind, HCH Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands (2010)
Galaxy, Impar Gallery, São Paulo, Brazil (2010)
Inside Bamboo, Àmbit Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2010)
Bamboo Dreams, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2010)
Alphabet of Wind, Galería Pilar Riberaygua, Andorra (2010)
Bamboo Spirit, K Space, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Spain (2010)
Dream with Woman and Boat, Ruta de l'Art, Castelló d'Empúries, Spain (2010)

The Dead Nature, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2009)
At the Edge of the Wind, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2008)
Al Fil del Vent, Galería Km7, Girona, Spain (2008)
Body Bamboo, Galleria Ctartica, Torino, Italy (2008)
Bamboo Wind, N3 Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2007)
Bamboo Space, N2 Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2007)
Bamboo Space, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2007)
Bamboo Space, Galería Juan Planellas, Tossa de Mar, Spain (2007)
Bamboo Grove, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2006)
Large Formats, Bamboo Art, Galería Ignacio de Lassaletta, Barcelona, Spain (2006)
Bamboo Art Work, Km7 Gallery, Girona, Spain (2005)
Small Formats, Galería Ignacio de Lassaletta Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2005)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Spring Show, Alzueta Gallery, Palau de Casavells, Girona, Spain (2024)
 Group Show, Le Sentiment des Choses Gallery, Paris, France (2024)
 Group Show, Museu Can Mario, Palafrugell, Girona, Spain (2023)
 Group Show, Torroella de Fluvià, Spain (2023)
 Group Show, Museu Can Mario, Palafrugell, Girona, Spain (2022)
 Group Show, Collectors Cabinet, Puerta Roja, Hong Kong, China (2017)
Appertizers of Art, HCH Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands (2013)
 Group Show, Unraveling, The Art Project, Galerie Espacio, Maastricht, NL (2015)
Form and Colour, N2 Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2009)
The Route of Art, Castelló d'Empúries, Spain (2009)

ART FAIRS

LUXEMBOURG ART WEEK, Alzueta Gallery, Luxembourg, Luxembourg (2024)
 ART PARIS, Le Sentiment des Choses Gallery, Paris, France (2024)
 ART BASEL HONG KONG, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2024)
 ARMORY SHOW, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, New York, USA (2023)
 ART BASEL HONG KONG, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2023)
 KIAF ART FAIR SEOUL, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Seoul, Korea (2022)
 ART BASEL HONG KONG, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2022)
 ART BASEL HONG KONG, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2021)
 SPOTLIGHT BY ART BASEL HONG KONG, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2020)
 ART PARIS, Alzueta Gallery, Paris, France (2020)
 ART PARIS, Alzueta Gallery, Paris, France (2019)
 ART CENTRAL, 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong, China (2019)
 KIAF ART FAIR, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Seoul, Korea (2018)
 ART CENTRAL, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Hong Kong, China (2018)
 ART TAIPEI, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Taipei, Taiwan (2018)
 ART STAGE, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Jakarta, Indonesia (2018)
 ART PARIS, Alzueta Gallery, Paris, France (2017)
 KIAF ART FAIR, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Seoul, Korea (2017)
 KIAF ART SEOUL, Puerta Roja Gallery H.K., Seoul, Korea (2016)
 ART MADRID, Alzueta Gallery, Madrid, Spain (2015)
 AURANTICA, Brussels, Belgium (2015)
 PINTA, Aina Novak Gallery, London, UK (2014)
 BREDA ART FAIR, Low Countries (2014)

PIECES IN COLLECTIONS, FOUNDATIONS AND MUSEUMS

Shinedale Collection South Korea

M+ Museum Hong Kong

Koo House Museum of Art and Design Collection, Seoul, South Korea

Kai Yin Lo Collection, Hong Kong

Living Collections (William Lim), Hong Kong

Sun-Jet Collection, Vicky Liang, Taiwan

Esther Heer-Zacek Collection

Banco Popular Collection, Puerto Rico.

Fundació Vila Casas, Barcelona, Spain

Museo Can Mario, Palafrugell, Spain

Fundación Daurella, Barcelona, Spain

Fundación Daurella, Ventalló Girona, Spain

Maison Particuliere, Brussels

ART FAIRS

MIART, Cadogan Gallery, Milan, Italy (2024)

ENTER ART FAIR, Alzueta Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark (2023)

KUNSTRAI AMSTERDAM, Galerie Post+García, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2019)

KUNSTDAGEN KASTEEL WITTEM, Limburg Hills, Netherlands (2019)

ART THE HAGUE, Galerie Post+García, The Hague, Netherlands (2018)

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