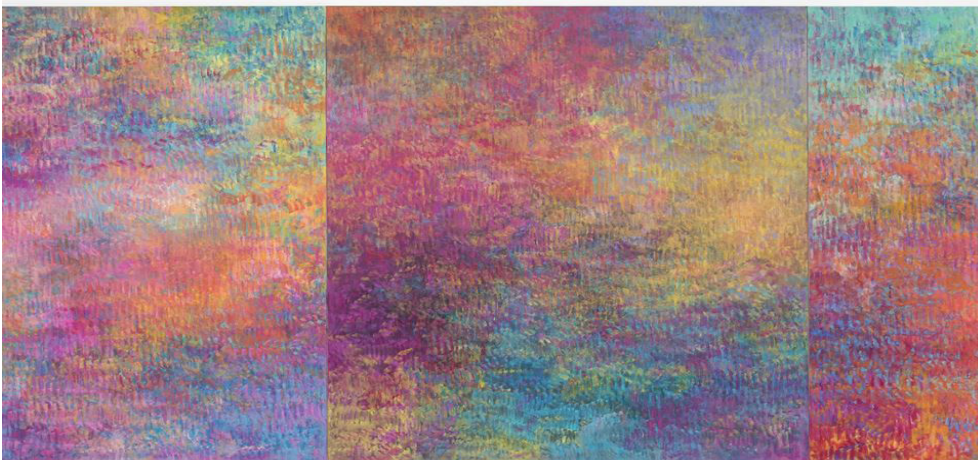


# 15 must-see exhibitions during Art Brussels 2016

With all the art folk coming to town, this week is also an essential one for Brussels' commercial galleries and independent art spaces, which of course try to attract collectors and art fans with ambitious exhibitions and special openings and happenings. Here, we've selected our 15 favorites from an offering that couldn't be more vast and varied, and which proves once more Brussels' growing reputation as a vibrant and exciting international art hub.

## 13. Jean-Baptiste Bernadet at Almine Rech

From 20 April to 28 May



"So Far, So Close" is French artist [Jean-Baptiste Bernadet](#)'s first solo show since joining [Almine Rech Gallery](#) last year, and it's absolutely mesmerizing. While the exhibition presents pieces from three different series, the highlight is a panoramic installation of 12 paintings from his celebrated "Fugue" series: hung next to each other without any space inbetween, they almost merge together into one single monumental artwork, and make for a hypnotizing viewing experience that compares to the Monet room at Paris' Musée de l'Orangerie. Bernadet's "Fugue" paintings, which signify the central point of his practice, reveal his strong interest in colors, optical painting and the question of the nature of perception. "One of the reasons I work in series is that it enables you to build an environment which lets you be completely surrounded by the work and truly experience it", the artist told us.

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## JEAN-BAPTISTE BERNADET "SO FAR, SO CLOSE" EXHIBITION AT ALMINE RECH GALLERY, BRUSSELS

On view until July 30th, 2016, at *Almine Rech Gallery*, Abdijstraat 20 Rue de l'Abbaye, Brussels.

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