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Portrait of **Claude Rutault** after Poussin  
Photo Marie Clérin

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*Claude Rutault first used the term definition/method in 1978, and he put all his work under that generic title from then on, through the definitive change had come as early as 1973. In March of that year, he painted a small canvas the same grey as the wall, which gave rise to his iconic phrase: "a canvas stretched on stretchers and painted the same color as the wall on which it is hung." From that principle, he developed short, directive texts proposing specific works. They were first called constructions and then definitions/methods, which were later numbered. Each definition/method is a proposition to be actualized, in most cases by an act of painting that conforms to certain parameters controlling the relation of the canvas or canvases to the wall. They are based on the traditions of presentation, the history of art, and the institution of the exhibition. Rutault later extended the principle to include non-painted, repainted, and stacked canvases. A collector, either private or public, must abandon any fetishistic relationship to the work and choose the place and way to actualize it.*

Extract from p. 85 and 86 of Claude Rutault *The Inventory*, Marie-Hélène Breuil, published by Mamco in 2015

**mfc-michèle didier** is pleased to announce the publication of the English edition of *de-finitions/methods 1973-2016* by **Claude Rutault**<sup>1</sup>.

During a six-month residency (1977-1978) at PS1 in New York, Claude Rutault felt the need to publish his work in English. His motivation to have the entirety of the definitions/methods translated remained intact until his death in 2022.

We had the honour and the immense pleasure of accompanying Claude Rutault to make this work complete and to carry out the translation of this "long text", to produce it and to publish it as a mirror of the Mamco<sup>2</sup> publication produced in 2016 in its French version.

On Tuesday 18 April, *de-finitions/methods 1973-2016* will be presented on the occasion of the tribute to Claude Rutault<sup>3</sup> at the Centre Pompidou. All the *de-finitions/methods* works published successively since 1979 will also be exhibited.

On Thursday 20 April from 5 to 7 pm, *de-finitions/methods 1973-2016* will be presented in our gallery at 66 rue Notre-Dame de Nazareth, 75003 Paris. The book will then be available on our website: **www.micheledidier.com**

Specifications of the work:

### **Claude Rutault**

*de-finitions/methods 1973-2016*

864 pages

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The text is composed in Sabon and Univers and is printed on white Multi Offset 90 gr

Limited edition of 250 copies numbered from 1 to 250

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This book contains all the definitions/methods from 1973 to 2016.

With the kind contribution of Françoise and Jean-Philippe Billarant, Éric Decelle, Galerie Perrotin

<sup>1</sup> The French edition *dé-finitions/méthodes 1973-2016* was published by Mamco in 2016.

<sup>2</sup> We warmly thank the Mamco for allowing us to use the design of the French version in order to make both the French and English versions similar.

<sup>3</sup> A tribute to Claude Rutault will also be paid at the Musée du Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay (see attached dates).

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Tributes to Claude Rutault:

Centre Pompidou, *ready to be made*, from April 19, 2023

Musée du Louvre, *d'après les maîtres*, from April 19 to September 25, 2023

Musée d'Orsay, *d'après les maîtres la porte de la peinture*, from April 19 to July 16, 2023



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## claude rutault **de-finitions/methods 1973-2016**

un texte au travail  
saga 2  
livret pour isée et zéphyr.

saga émerge à la suite d'une œuvre dont le temps est le moteur, amplifiant ses capacités d'évolution dans la durée.

peinture suicide 9 n'est que le signal de la fin d'un cycle, ouvrant sur une œuvre inédite. ce n'est pas d'abord le risque qui est en jeu, mais la volonté de faire de ce risque l'enjeu de sa vie. il y a la conscience que la vie ne vaut que parce qu'il y a la mort. saga parle de cela. il y a la peinture, il y a la vie, ma vie qui ainsi se trouve décalée avec ma peinture. il y avait quelque chose avant saga qui l'a initié, la toile de la même couleur que le mur. il y a quelque chose après qui m'échappe mais n'efface pas l'œuvre; comme la toile posée à plat devant la fenêtre échappe aussi bien à l'artiste qu'au spectateur tout en ayant porté le message de la peinture. la proposition insiste sur le passage du regard dans la durée, dans une persistance qui va se retrouver corrigée un peu plus loin, un peu plus tard; si la famille a ce rôle c'est parce qu'elle est, par les nouvelles actualisations qu'elle réalise, ce qui véhicule une infinité de possibles, ce moment où cette peinture n'a d'autre rôle que d'être le support d'un passage de témoin. l'évolution certaine de l'œuvre est le résultat de son éloignement de l'origine. ici chaque génération est contrainte de revenir aux règles initiales, non pour les recopier, mais au contraire s'en éloigner.

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de-definition/method **fourteen**

repainted [1973] depainted [2012]

a simple diptych, two paintings hung very close together. one of them is repainted the same colour as the wall, the other is depainted. the repainted canvas is a painting from before 1973. the second was painted the same colour as the wall. the original paintings will have been photographed in colour and in black and white before being repainted and depainted. the photographs are not exhibited but may be consulted.

a second version is possible, a sheet of paper mounted on canvas, repainted the same colour as the wall, replaces the repainted canvas. equally, the depainted canvas may be replaced by paper mounted on a depainted canvas

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de-definition/method **one hundred and two**

element in a line [1976]

a series of rectangular shapes follow each other according to a clear process.  
break(s) in the process as the series develops.

the items are painted the same colour as the wall on which they hang. the painting  
that was begun in one location can easily continue in another – not belonging to  
the charge taker – without the first part disappearing. it remains the property of  
the charge taker. although it may be different, it will bear the same title, with the  
addition of the word *sequel*. this sequel in a new location takes the last shape of  
the previous space as a starting point. the painting is therefore not limited in space  
or time

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de-definition/method **two hundred and fifty-nine**

current [2011]

a wall painted any colour. only the colour white and the colour black are prohibited, at least for the first activation. on the wall hangs a vertical canvas painted the same colour as it. portrait format canvas, one hundred and ninety-five by one hundred and thirty centimetres. traditional hanging height, one hundred and fifty-five centimetres above the floor.

a monochrome tapestry is hung parallel to the wall, directly opposite to the canvas. the distance between the wall and the tapestry can be between twenty-five and thirty-five centimetres. the tapestry is hung from the ceiling and tethered to the floor by very thin steel cords.

several openings are made in the tapestry, discreetly evoking the usual elements of a colour wheel. the tapestry and the canvas are in complementary colours. the charge taker may later change the size of the artwork, the canvas and the tapestry, thereby requiring a new tapestry to be produced, and take that opportunity to experiment with a new relationship between complementary colours

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de-definition/method **five hundred and eighty-seven**

painting watches over painting [2011]

do away with the security alibis of an exhibition space.

would it be so dangerous to get rid of this festival of precautions, of sensors, of batteries of extinguishers, of hidden or visible cameras...

are all these precautions anything but an incitement, or a provocation?

establish a painting that will watch over the artworks. a small rectangular canvas painted the same colour as the wall on which it hangs, high up in a corner of the wall in the exhibition space, leaning slightly forward so as to sweep its gaze across the entire room.

in order for this set up to be effective, it would require all usual surveillance equipment to be removed from the space.

this project takes its meaning from the very nature of my work. anyone that steals one of my canvasses – and it has happened several times – is stealing nothing but material that is easily replaceable. equally, if someone vandalises a canvas, it can easily be repainted.

hanging this little canvas, in the corner of a room, near the ceiling, recalls the hanging of malevitch's black square on a white background at the *last futurist exhibition o.10* in december 1915, in petrograd

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texte de claude rutault glissé entre la couverture et la page de titre de *chemins qui ne mènent nulle part* de martin heidegger.

«ce qui aujourd'hui m'intéresse le plus dans la toile de la même couleur que le mur ce n'est pas la question formelle de la peinture mais le fait que la durée de vie de la peinture s'est rapprochée de la nôtre, c'est ce qui soutient la peinture suicida n°9.

la vie de la peinture s'accorde avec la vie du preneur en charge, elle l'assiste face aux différentes aventures qu'il rencontre. ainsi la peinture n'est plus une simple contemplation, n'a plus aucune prétention d'un message qui se revendique intemporel et universel, mais elle est un moyen (la toile posée à plat devant la fenêtre) de connaissance, de réflexion, de méditation. elle se contente, sans pour autant renier une forme presque traditionnelle, de montrer. elle n'impose ni son point de vue, histoire plus ou moins lointaine, ni celui de l'artiste qui imposerait (de quel droit?) sa vision des choses.

je lance ma peinture dans la durée sans être assez naïf pour la croire immortelle. j'envisage seulement, et cela ne dépend plus de moi, que cette peinture permette qu'un nombre suffisant d'amateurs d'art aient envie de l'utiliser, tant qu'elle peut être utile. si elle s'avère anachronique qu'elle disparaisse, je n'ai pas d'autre prétention.

ce qui peut survivre n'est pas la définition méthode elle-même, mais la méthode. survivre se laisser balloter au fil du temps.

sur-vivre déployer l'intensité de la vie»

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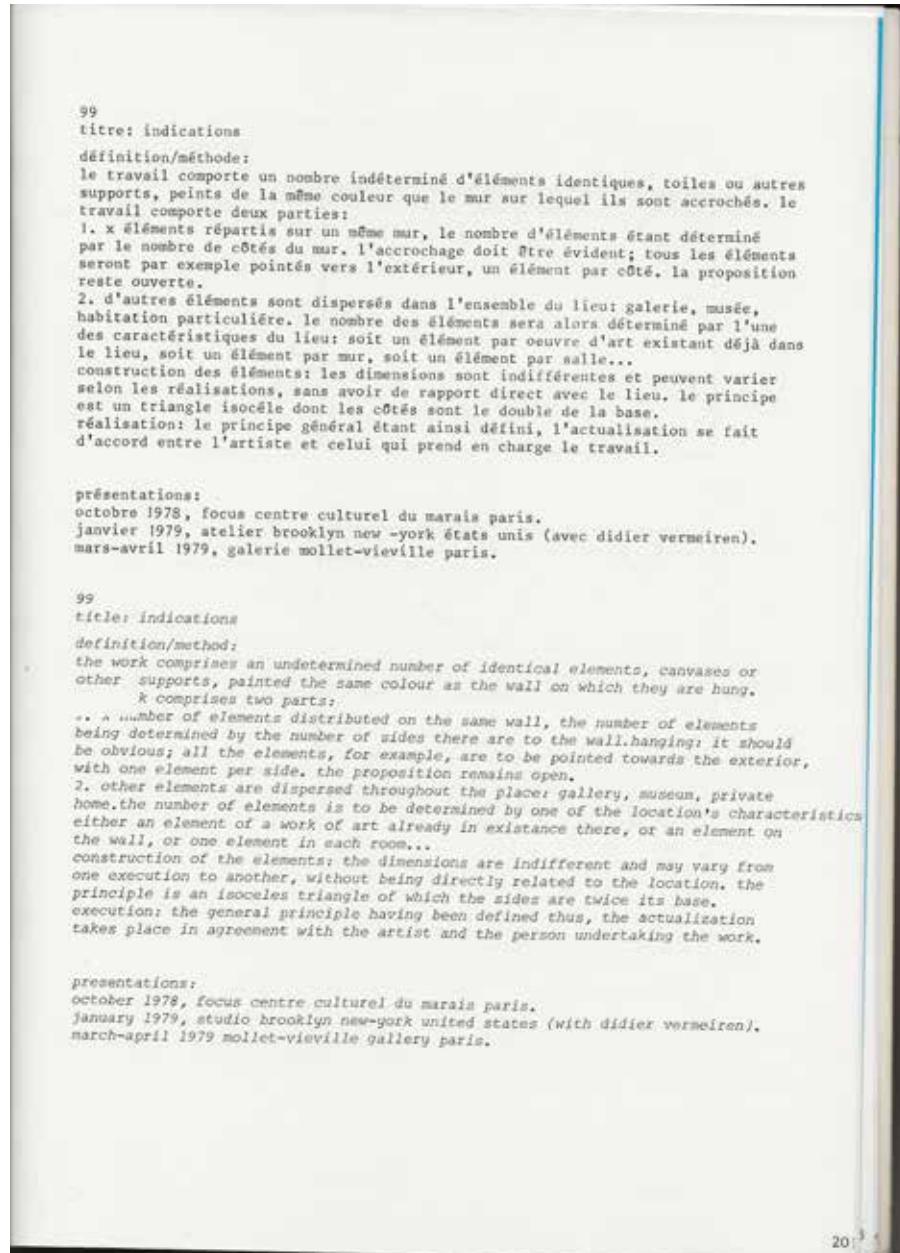
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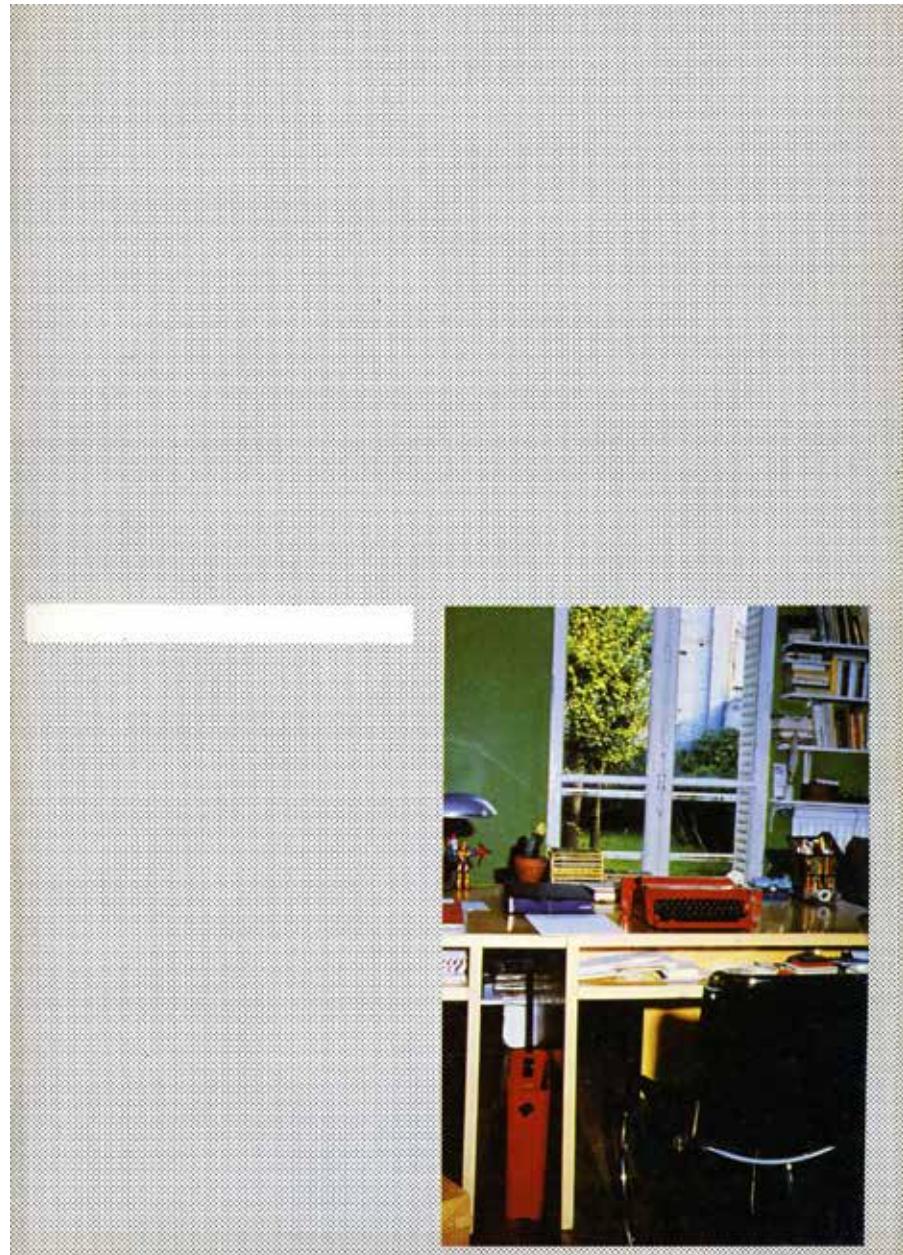
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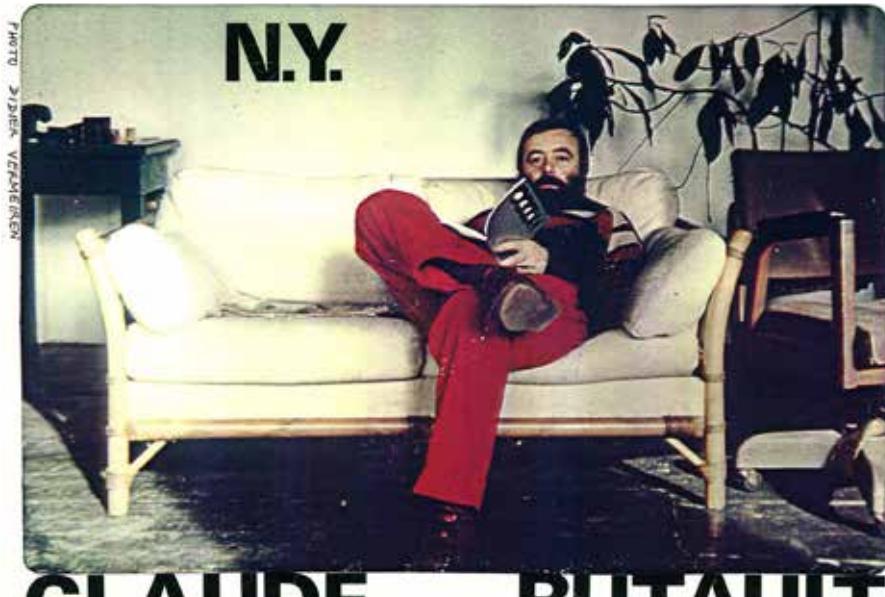


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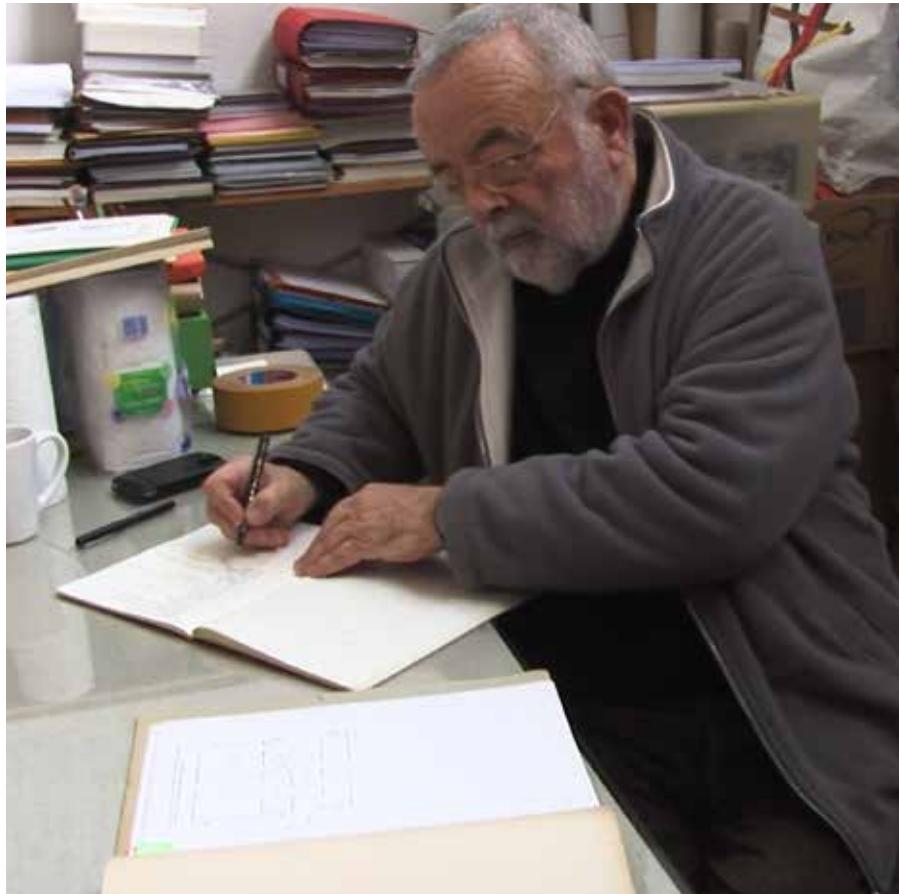


Claude Rutault  
New York, 1977  
Photo Didier Vermeiren

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### Biography

Claude Rutault was born in October 1941 in Trois-Moutiers and died in May 2022 in Suresnes, France.

He did not make his paintings himself, he did not have them made in his studio, he did not supervise his hangings, but he did write a set of instructions, guidelines and recommendations called «definitions/methods». These are meticulously followed by a collector, a museum or a gallery, whom he calls the «charge takers» and who work to «update» them.

The origin of his reflexion was born in 1973, when he was painting the walls of his kitchen, during his move to his new house. He repainted one of the canvases in the process and hung it up again. Since then, he has been reflecting on and deepening the significance of his act.

His first definitions/methods dates from 1973 and is numbered 1: *canvas per unit*, «a stretched canvas on a frame painted in the same colour as the wall on which it is hung. All standard commercially available formats can be used, whether rectangular, square, round or oval. The hanging is traditional».

His paintings have a limited life span. Indeed, if the «charge taker» decides to move it or repaint the wall on which it is hung, he will be obliged to do the same for the canvas and consequently give it a new identity, he «updates» it.

The instructions of the «definitions/methods» are clear, short and simple. Their execution depends solely on the «charge taker». Their interpretations, the following of the instructions, the shapes, the colours, the location, the context, all contribute to Rutault's lack of control over them. These parameters are unpredictable, linked only to the «charge taker» and cannot be anticipated. If his paintings evolve in an unforeseen way, the «charge taker» will have to inform Rutault.

Over time, he has had to accept that his paintings have their own paths and existences. They evolve without markers, without his control. His «definitions/methods» have described the birth of hundreds of paintings for which he is no longer responsible as time goes by.

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## List of exhibitions (selection)

**1941**

Born in Trois Moutiers, France

**2022**

Died in Suresnes, France

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2023**

*de-finitions/methods 1973-2016*, presentation English edition and all *dé-finitions/méthode* published successively since 1979, Galerie mfc-michèle didier, Paris

*Ready to be made*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

*d'après les maîtres la porte de la peinture*, Musée d'Orsay, Paris

*d'après les maîtres*, Musée du Louvre, Paris

**2022**

*Claude Ruthault, Inframince #1, À PEINDRE, TOUJOURS*, Galerie Duchamp, Yvetot, France  
*Claude Rutault, A Proposal to Peter Nadin, 1979; realized 2022*, Off Paradise, New York, USA

**2021**

*À l'adresse (suite)*, Galerie Duchamp, FRAC Franche-Comté, France

**2020**

*seasonal paintings*, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, USA

**2019**

*monochrome 5 sur une grille de marelle*, Fondation CAB, Brussels, Belgium  
*de-finitions/methods from the 70s*, Galerie Perrotin, New York, USA

**2018**

*Picasso-Rutault. Grand Ecart*, Musée Picasso, Paris

**2017**

Galerie Perrotin, Hong Kong  
*Claude Rutault de Poussin aux peintures-suicides*, 1660 à 2012, Centre d'art contemporain de Saint-Réstitut, France  
*Claude Rutault*, Attic, Brussels, Belgium  
*à vous de jouer*, Hôtel Grand Amour, Paris

**2016**

*Nouvelle adresse*, Parc des Anciennes Mairies, Nanterre, France  
*A Vendre*, Ehibition, collaboration with Allan McCollum, Galerie mfc-michèle didier, Paris  
*de la peinture sire,...*, permanent artwork commissioned for the Pavillion Dufour, Château de Versailles, France

**2015**

*d'où je viens où j'en suis où je vais*, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
*écouter la peinture / regarder la musique*, performance, Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, USA  
*AMZ ou le soleil brille pour tout le monde*, Fondation Hippocrène, Paris  
*En ce qui me concerne...*, Galerie mfc-michèle didier, Paris

**2014**

Galerie Perrotin, New York  
Public commissioning for the Lycée de l'Île de Nantes, France

**2013**

*des histoires sans fin*, MAMCO, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland  
*actualités de la peinture*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris  
*sentinelle - hommage aux carriers*, permanent installation, Saint Restitut, France (programme Nouveaux Commanditaires with the help of Fondation de France)

**2011**

*la traversée de la peinture*, Château d'Oiron, France  
*bataille navale*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France  
*exposition suicide*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris  
*AMZ*, Centre des livres d'artistes, St Yrieix la Perche, France

**2010**

*ponctualité*, Galerie Guy Ledune, Brussels, Belgium

**2009**

*vers le ciel de la peinture*, Le Creux de l'enfer, Thiers, France  
*en peinture la vue ne suffit pas*, Galerie Marion Meyer, Paris

**2008**

*la peinture de claude rutault expose celle de jean gorin*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France  
*l'exposition continue, Circuit and 1m3*, Lausanne, Switzerland (travelled 2008-2010 at Reykjavik Museum, Island ; CNEAI, Chatou, France)

**2007**

*la peinture fait des vagues*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Brest, France  
*correspondances - Georges Seurat - Claude Rutault*, Musée d'Orsay, Paris  
Eglise de Saint Prim, France

**2006**

*faites comme si j'étais mort*, Galerie Catherine Issert, Saint-Paul de Vence, France  
*(p)réparations*, MAMCO, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland

**2005**

*les toiles et l'archer*, Musée Bourdelle, Paris

**2004**

Galerie Martine et Thibault de La Châtre, Paris

**2003**

*d'après les saisons de nicolas poussin*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nancy, France  
National Gallery of Iceland, Listasafan, Iceland

**2002**

*Installation de TRANSIT dans une folie du Parc de la Villette*, Paris  
*la peinture photographie*, Atelier Brancusi, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
Bergen Kunstmuseum, Bergen, Norway  
*pintura*, Pavillon Mies van der Rohe, Barcelona, Spain  
*the painting in the same colour as the wall on which it is hung*, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo, Norway

**2000**

*la vie en rose*, Villa Savoye (Le Corbusier), Poissy, France  
*Claude Rutault chez Dominique Perrault*, Hôtel Industriel Berlier, Paris

**1999**

Galerie Guy Ledune, Brussels, Belgium

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**1998**

*la peinture sort de sa réserve*, Musée d'art Moderne, Villeneuve d'Ascq, France  
FRAC Pays de la Loire, Carquefou, France  
*promenade*, Galerie Gilbert Brownstone, Paris

**1997**

Galerie Martine and Thibault de La Châtre, Paris  
Galerie Michel Rein, Tours, France  
*promenade*, CCC, Tours, France

**1995**

*Le Creux de l'enfer*, Centre d'art contemporain, Thiers, France

**1994**

*à titre d'exemple*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France  
*paso doble*, FAE Musée d'art contemporain, Pully, Switzerland, and MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland

**1992**

*extraits*, Museum of the city of Reykjavik, Iceland  
*extraits*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland  
*Le Consortium*, Dijon, France  
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris  
Musée de Grenoble, France

**1991**

*exposition sur le non-peint*, Galerie Arnaud Lefebvre, Paris

**1990**

*lectures*, musée Greuze, Tournus, France

**1988**

*claude rutault une toile un mur*, Museum Vanhedendaagse kunst, Ghent, Belgium

**1987**

FRAC des Pays de la Loire, Abbaye de Fontevraud, France  
AMZ, Le Consortium, Dijon, France

**1983**

*claude rutault, exposition de peintures de...*  
Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris

**1981**

FRAC Rhône-Alpes, Institut d'art contemporain, Villeurbanne, France

**1979**

Studio, PS1, New York, USA

**1976**

Galerie Paul Maenz, Cologne, Germany (and in 1977, 1979)  
Galerie Durand-Dessert, Paris (and in 1977, 1978)

**1974**

Galerie 22, Paris  
Jean Clavreul, Place des Vosges, Paris

### GROUP SHOWS

**2022**

Sélection française, Consortium de Dijon, France  
*Traverser la nuit*, curated by Noëlig Le Roux, Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology (MAAT), Lisbon, Portugal  
*« On The Approach » A Perspective On The Collection*, curated by Grégory Lang, Fondation CAB - Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France  
Nouveau parcours contemporain, Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, Paris  
*Une histoire de famille*, Collection(s) Robelin, Musée d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, France

**2021**

*DOUBLE JE*, Donation Durand-Dessert & Collections MAMC+, Saint-Etienne, France  
*SILLON / Itinéraire-Art-Drôme*, Saoû, France  
*50/50*, Exhibition of the 50th anniversary of the École des arts de la Sorbonne (EAS), Galerie Michel Journiac, Paris, France

**2019**

*Histoire de l'art cherche personnages...*, CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France  
*Glenn O'Brien: Center Stage*, Off Paradise, New York, USA  
*Souvenirs de voyage*. The collection Antoine de Galbert, Musée de Grenoble, Grenoble, France  
*Space is a house*, as part of the triennial Gigantisme - Art & Industrie, FRAC Grand Large - Hauts-de-France, Dunkerque, France  
Biennale Révélations 2019, stand Mobilier national and manufactures des Gobelins, Grand Palais, Paris

**2017**

*A la lumière de Matisse*, Musée de Vence - Fondation Emile Hugues, Vence, France  
*Modus Operandi*, Société d'électricité, Brussels, Belgium

**2016**

*L'œil du collectionneur*. Nine private collections from Strasbourg, MAMC, Strasbourg, France  
*Toujours: le musée comme témoin*, MARCO, Monterrey, Mexico  
*Portrait de l'artiste en Alter*, FRAC Haute Normandie, Sotteville-lès-Rouen, France  
*L'almanach 16*, Le Consortium, Dijon, France

**2015**

*Quand fondra la neige, où ira le blanc*, Galerie Les Filles du Calvaire, Paris

**2014**

*PANORAMIC AVE*, Kunstsaele, Berlin  
*Sol mur plafond*, Galerie Art & Essai, Université de Rennes, France  
Permanent work commissionned for the Lycée de l'Ile de Nantes, France

**2013**

*Une tradition matérielle*, FRAC Poitou-Charentes, Angoulême, France  
*Théâtre du monde*, Maison Rouge, Fondation Antoine de Galbert, Paris  
*Le CAPC a 40 ans*, CAPC, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France  
*Bonjour Monsieur Matisse !*, MAMAC, Nice, France  
*Une exposition sans textes*, Maison d'Art Bernard Anthonioz, Nogent-sur-Marne, France

**2012**

Comtemporary collections of the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou  
*Le Confort Moderne*, Le Confort Moderne, Poitiers, France  
*Theater of the World*, Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania (curated by Jean Hubert Martin)  
*à l'adresse*, permanent installation on the facade of the Consortium, Dijon, France  
*L'œuvre et ses archives*, CAPC, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France

**2011**

*On emménage au château*, Château de La Roche Guyon, France  
*Décors et installations*, Galerie des Gobelins, Paris  
*Art et argent - liaisons dangereuses*, online show organised by la Monnaie de Paris, Paris

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## List of exhibitions (selection)

**2010**

Galerie Perrotin, Paris  
*Violet de Bayeux*, Le Radar, Bayeux, France  
*Coquillages et crustacés*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Brest, France

**2009**

*contre l'exclusion*, 3rd Moscow Biennale, Moscow, Russia  
Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris  
Galerie Jean Brolly, Paris

**2008**

*Coquillages et crustacés*, Musée International des Arts Modestes, Sète, France  
*Regarde de tous tes yeux, regarde*, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France  
*L'Argent*, FRAC Ile-de-France, Le Plateau, Paris  
P2P, Casino Luxembourg, Forum d'art contemporain, Luxembourg

**2007**

*ARTEMPO, Where Times Becomes Art*, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy  
*Ateliers. L'artiste et ses lieux de création*, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
*Ruins / Emotional Landscapes*, Reykjavik, Iceland

**2006**

*Peintures / Paintings*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin  
*collection de définitions/méthodes et réciprocement*, Mac/Val, Vitry-sur-Seine, France  
*Moi et les autres*, Galerie Catherine Issert, Saint-Paul de Vence, France  
*The Title As The Curator's Art Piece*, Blow de la Barra, London, UK

**2005**

*Big Bang. Destruction et création dans l'art du XX<sup>e</sup> siècle*, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
*Les apparences sont souvent trompeuses*, CAPC, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Bordeaux, France

**2004**

*Systèmes de l'art concret*. Prélude à l'ouverture de la Donation Albers-Honegger, Espace de l'art concret, Mouans Sartoux, France

**2002**

*Claude Rutault and Mike Bidlo - Painting and Painting*, Kunstmuseum, Bergen, Norway  
*De concert. Oeuvres d'une collection privée*, FRAC Pays de la Loire, Carquefou, France  
*Chroma Espace de l'art concret*, Mouans Sartoux, France

**2001**

*Au fur et à mesure. Une collection, un point de vue*, Espace de l'art concret, Mouans Sartoux, France  
*Paso doble 2*, MAMCO, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Critique et utopie. Les livres d'artistes*, La Criée, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Rennes, France

**2000**

*Espaces de circonstances*, FRAC Bourgogne, Dijon, France  
*Partage d'exotismes*, 5e Biennale d'art contemporain de Lyon, France

**1999**

*Espace. Mode d'emploi*, Centre d'Art La Passerelle, Brest, France  
*L'envers du décor*, FRAC Rhône-Alpes, Institut d'art contemporain, Villeurbanne, France

**1998**

Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Strasbourg, France  
*La nuit, l'oubli (in memory of Gilles Dusein)*, MAMCO, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Premises*, Guggenheim Museum Soho, New York, USA

**1997**

*Le bel aujourd'hui*, FRAC Rhône-Alpes, Institut d'art contemporain, Villeurbanne, France

**1996**

*Stenze pour la peinture*, Casino Luxembourg, Forum d'art contemporain, Luxembourg  
*L'enseigne de Gersaint*, Konzerthaus, Berlin, Germany

**1995**

*Passions Privées*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris

**1994**

*La perte de l'aura*, Weiner Secession, Vienne, Austria

**1993**

*Curios et Mirabilia*, Château d'Oiron, France  
*copier - créer*, Musée du Louvre, Paris

**1992**

*Résistances*, Watari-Um Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan

**1988**

*Nat Finkelstein. Robert Mapplethorpe. Danny Matthys. Claude Rutault*, SMAK, Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium  
*Sous le soleil exactement*, Villa Arson, Nice, France

**1986**

*chambres d'amis*, SMAK, Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

**1984**

*Situations et mutations de place en place*, Centre Georges Pompidou (travelling), Paris

**1983**

*Bonjour Monsieur Manet!*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

**1982**

*documenta 7*, Cassel, Germany  
*Vision in disbelief*, Sydney Biennale, Australia

**1978**

*Henri Matisse en de Hedendaagse Franse Kunst*, SMAK, Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium

**1977**

*documenta 6*, Cassel, Germany

**1975**

Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris

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# **Claude Rutault**

## Works in the public space (selection)

### **WORKS IN THE PUBLIC SPACE**

FRAC Poitou-Charentes, Angoulême, France

CAPC Musée d'art contemporain, Bordeaux,  
France

FRAC Pays de la Loire, Carquefou, France

FRAC Bretagne, Châteaugiron, France

Le Consortium, Dijon, France

FRAC Bourgogne, Dijon, France

FRAC Nord-Pas de Calais, Dunkirk, France

FRAC Lorraine, Metz, France

Espace de l'art concret, Mouans Sartoux, France

Château d'Oiron, Oiron, France

Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris,  
MAM/ARC, Paris, France

FNAC Fonds National d'Art Contemporain,  
Puteaux, France

MNAM Musée national d'art moderne, Centre  
Pompidou, Paris, France

MAMCS, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contempo-  
rain, Strasbourg, France

Musée d'art moderne Lille métropole, Villeneuve  
d'Ascq, France

Mamco, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain,  
Geneva, Switzerland

SMAK Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst,  
Ghent, Belgium

Museum of Old and New Art, Berriedale,  
Australia

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*Des œuvres... Voir quelques saillies*  
From February 10 to April 29, 2023

### **Claude Rutault**

*de-definitions/methods 1973-2016*  
Presentation of the English edition  
Thursday April 20, 2023, from 5 to 7pm

### **Pierre Escot & Hubert Renard**

*Dimensions variables*  
Performance-reading  
Thursday May 11, 2023, from 6 to 9pm