



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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L'atelier | 2026

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

2' 45"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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An elderly woman gets ready and works in her painting studio, a cabin lost deep in the woods.



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Des fleurs et des hommes | 2026

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 20"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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An elderly painter is talking with a friend about her love of plants and the foolishness of men.



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La traversée des bois | 2026

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

59"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A man is walking alone in the autumn forest.



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La fenaison | 2025

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

9' 9"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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An elderly man carries out the various stages of haymaking in his own way on a small sloping meadow. First, he cuts the grass with a strimmer and leaves it to dry in the sun. He then gathers and rolls the hay into a large tarpaulin and laboriously drags it up to his barn.



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Le décavaillonnage | 2025

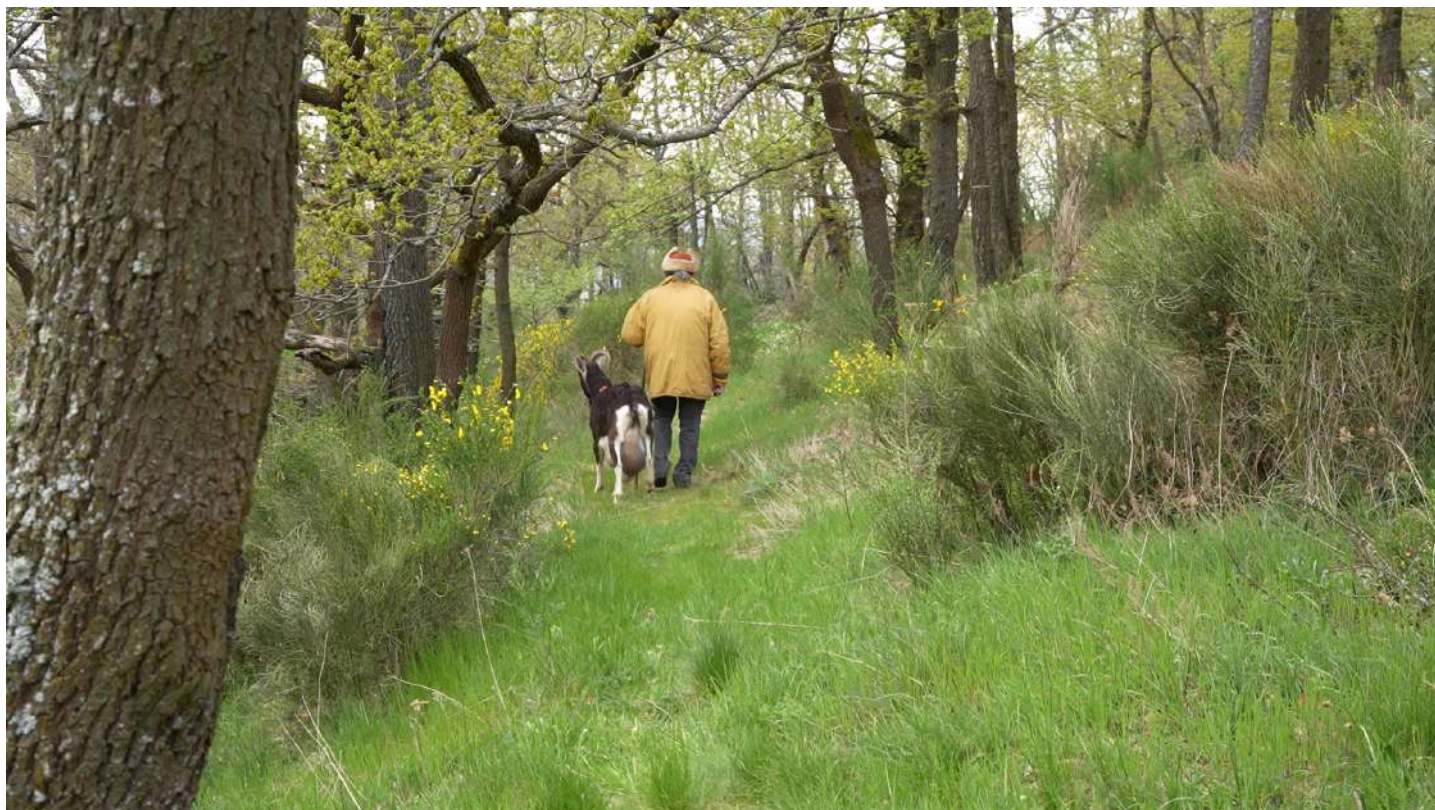
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4'14"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A man and his horse plow the rows of vine stock with the complicity of his horse.



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La dernière chèvre | 2025

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 23"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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As every late afternoon, a lonely and isolated man takes his last goat for a walk in the forest and undergrowth.



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Le luthier | 2025

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

52"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A luthier plays a stringed baritone, an instrument he has made himself from local wood.



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À l'heure la plus silencieuse | 2025
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound
59' 24"
ed. 4 + 1 a.p.

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In the gorges of the Haut-Allier, shaped by one of Europe's last great wild rivers, people have chosen to live and invent their own ways of inhabiting the land – forging unique relationships with time, the living world, and the economy.



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La tourmente de neige | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 22"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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During a snowstorm, a young women approaches to shelter against a wall, catches her breath and walk away. A single shot, a simple trajectory in the white and the silence of winter.



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L'imposition des mains | 2023
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop
2' 44"
ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Fanette comes to see Christiane about her pregnancy and upcoming birth.



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La tonte des moutons | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 28"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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With an economy of means characteristic of her farm, Christiane shears her sheep. This video shows the relationship between a shepherdess and her animals, between harshness and affection.



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La cueillette de l'osier | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 18"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Fanette gathers osiers in the January snow.



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La nasse | 2023

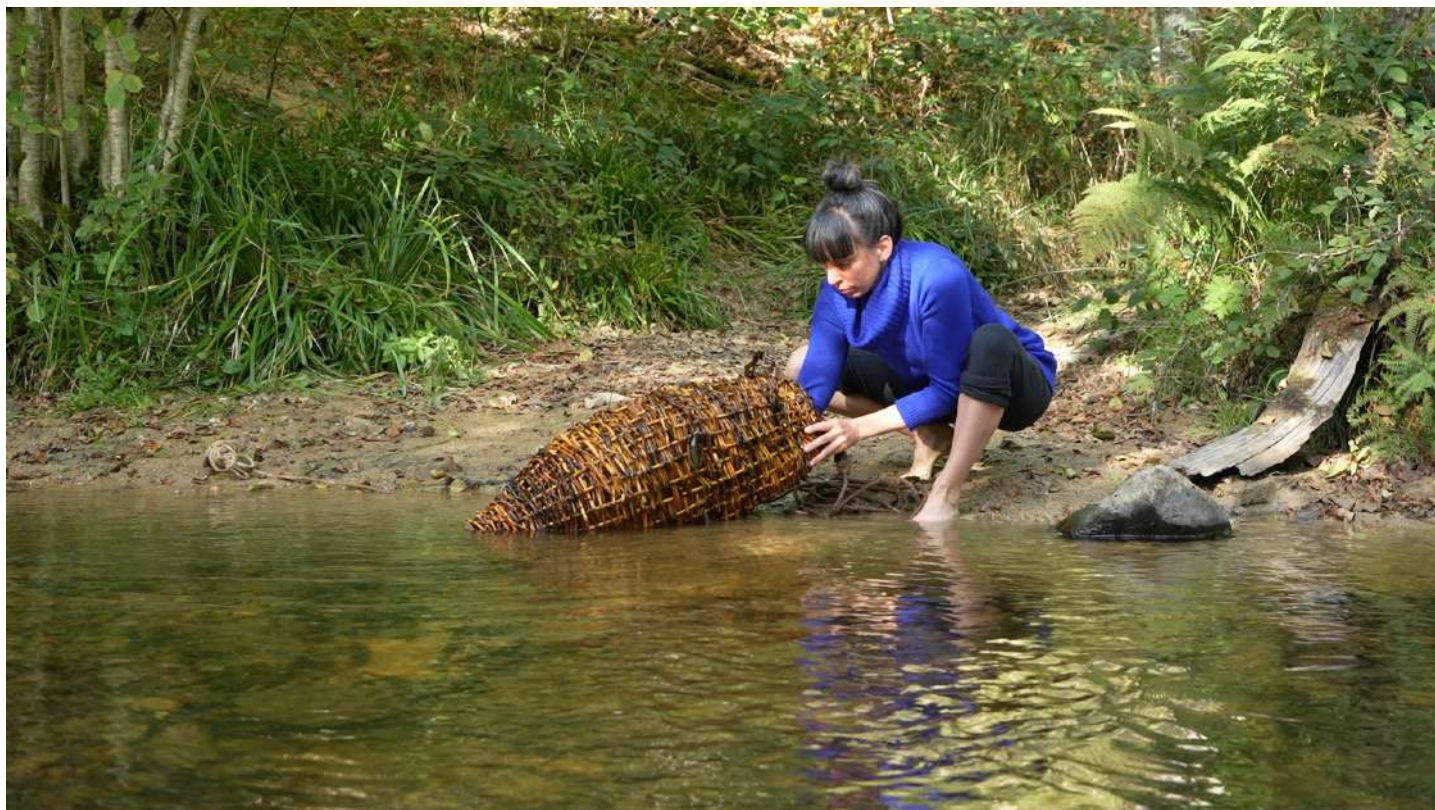
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3' 44"

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Jean-Marc weaves a wicker fish trap in front of his cabin. As he works, he tells Fanette about the loneliness and fear he sometimes struggles with.



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La pêche à la nasse | 2023

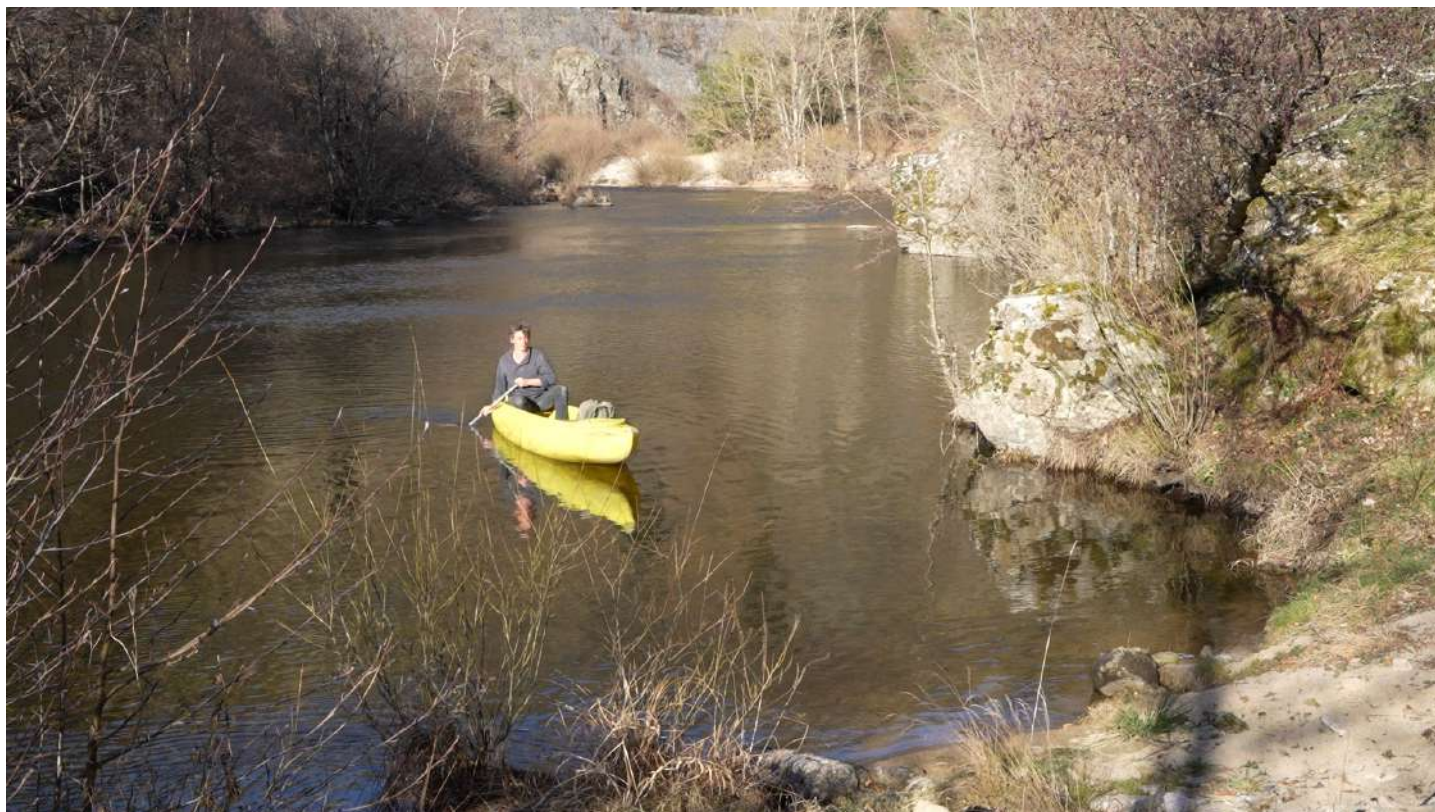
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

1' 38"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Fanette uses the trap made by Jean-Marc in the video *La nasse* to catch a fish and whisper a few words to it before releasing it.



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L'arrivée au refuge | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 38"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A man walks through the landscape of the gorges du Haut-Allier until he arrives at a refuge in an isolated backwater.



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Spleen | 2023

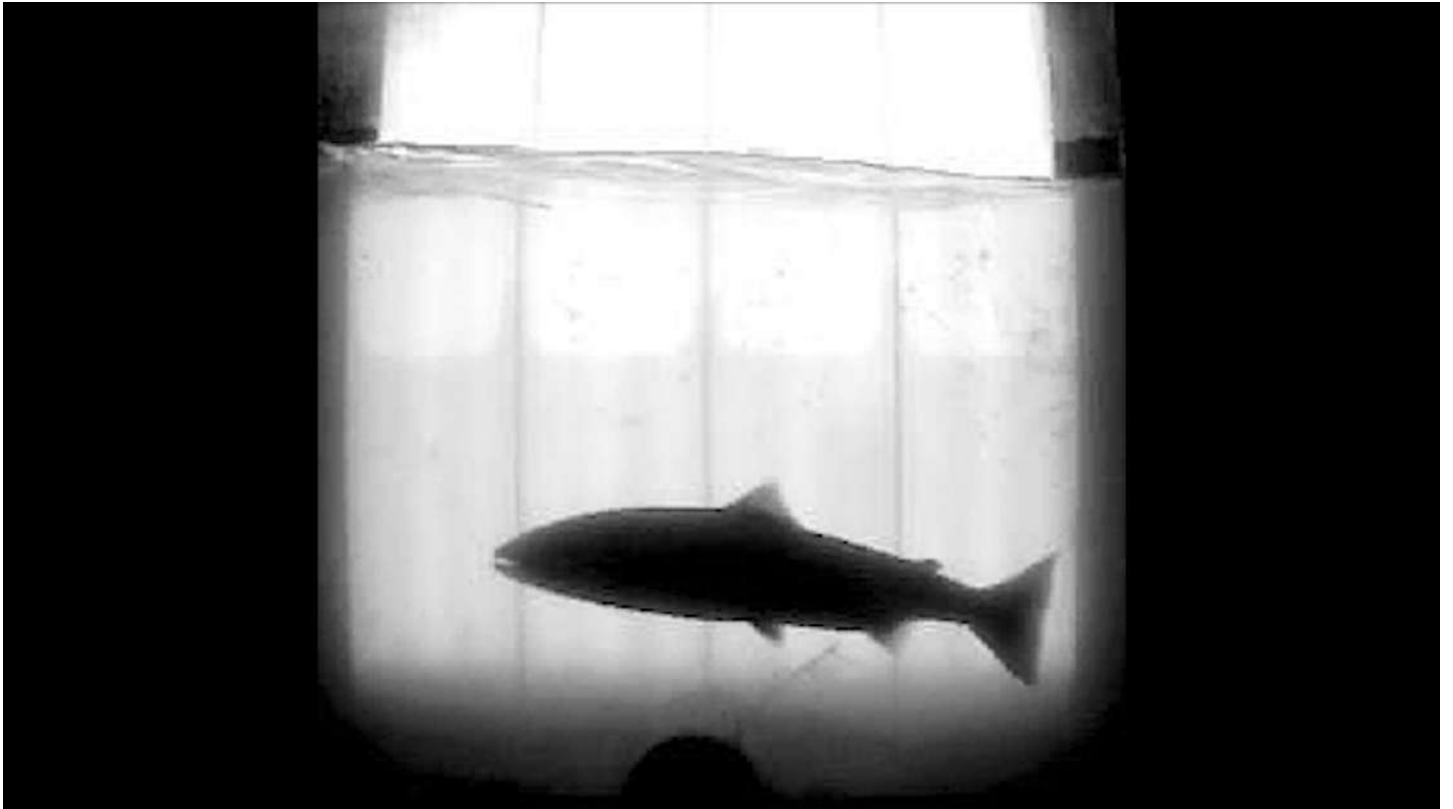
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

5' 42"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Jean-Marc, the basket maker, says out loud the thoughts that come into his mind as he smokes a cigar. Their real meaning escapes us in this language that he seems to be the only one to speak. A free association of thoughts where an emotional state close to melancholy remains.



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La passe à poissons | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

7' 18"

ed. 5 + 1 a.po.

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La passe à poissons makes visible the hypnotic dance of migrating fish from early spring to late summer. For this video, the artist reuses scientific images from a camera that detects and records movements at the Vichy fish ladder. These images enable scientists to monitor the evolution of the population of wild Atlantic salmon, which swim up the Loire river and then the Allier river against the current to reproduce in their birthplace. This video allows us to observe these inhabitants of the river, such as spirilins, nases and other barbels, which usually escape human perception.



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Le quotidien | 2022

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

5' 12"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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In the manner of an anthropological filmmaker, Jean-Baptiste Perret often chooses rural land and immerses himself in it for long periods. He builds relationships with the people he meets, films their habitat and documents their know-hows. Filmed in the gorges du Haut-Allier, *Le quotidien* (2022) is the portrait of a man who has chosen to live alone and away, in a hut on the edge of a forest. The artist captures his daily gestures, linked to the essential needs of the human being: drinking, eating, washing, repairing, starting over. The film is part of a more global research on the life paths of people who develop original relationships to time, life and economy.



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La réparation du toit | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

5' 50"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Jean-Marc comes to help Christiane in order to repair her roof. With rudimentary tools, he moves carefully over the tiles to fix the sheet metal, which was flapping in the wind, while Christiane looks at him with a worried eye. A strange dialogue links them between absurdity and complicity.



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Le lavage des cheveux | 2023
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop
1' 38"
ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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At sunset, by a small mountain stream, Christiane washes her hair as she usually does.



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Single surface | 2023

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

20' 16"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A farmer tells of a series of misfortunes that affect all aspects of his farm and which he attributes to an invisible phenomenon. His words reveal that he sees his body, his family, his cattle and his electrical machinery as forming a "single surface" that is likely to be affected by such events.



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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Le massage à l'oeuf | 2018
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop
6' 20"
ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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« In this video, Christiane the shepherdess appears as an old superstitious woman. Suffering from joint pain, she asks her friend Jean-Marc to relieve her. Between religious beliefs and popular naturopathy, Jean-Marc, apprentice masseur with unusual techniques, heals her. » (extract from the text by Luce Coquerelle-Giorgi, art critic and independent curator)



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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Le millepertuis | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

5' 04"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Jean-Marc meets Marion on the mountain while she's harvesting St John's wort. He asks her about the plant's properties and confides in her that he's not feeling very well.



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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La trappe | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 24"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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La trappe (2018) stages an immaculate nature, in which solitary characters with parsimonious speech evolve to the rhythm of the seasons. Perret's sober and meditative work oscillates between documentary and fiction, by giving an account of moments of life whose compositions by sketches evoke the paintings of the Flemish primitives. Here, the artist follows a hunter progressing in the snow around a bird trap, on the lookout for life that surrounds him. The man is a farm worker trying to recover from a burn-out. Through the exchanges with the artist, he shared his vulnerability and tried to identify ways to heal his suffering. The video is part of a research lead in the Massif central mountains on care, affects and healing. *(text by the agency Work Method)*



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Le sorbier des oiseleurs | 2018

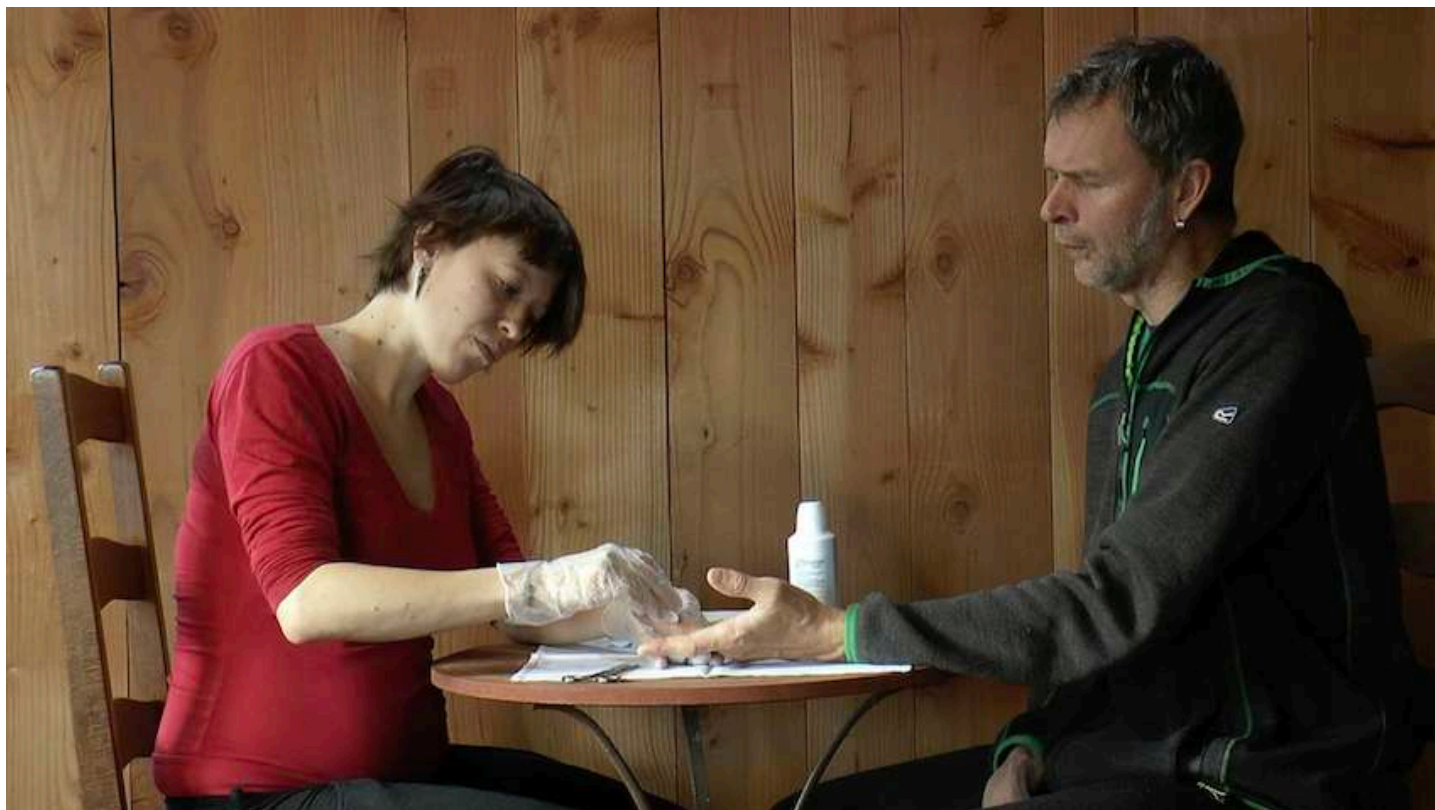
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

5' 04"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Le sorbier des oiseleurs (2018) features a man who builds a bird whistle and calls into the fog. The artist uses a traditional technique to attract certain bird species. He hijacks this technique in order to link it to a local story about how shepherds, leading their flocks through thick fog, used to reassure the farms below by producing clearly identifiable sounds. This video explores in a poetic way the original communication methods developed in these cold lands of the Massif central, where the solitude of beings constantly confronts the power of landscapes and animal presence.



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Les doigts | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

2' 54"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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To treat Jean-Claude's injured fingers, Marion tries to distract him by asking him to imitate the calls of nocturnal birds of prey that he knows.



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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L'hypnose | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

2' 37"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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In the middle of the night, with a lamp around her neck, Christiane listens as Jean-Marc tells her the story of his burnout, when he was still a farm worker.



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Les pièges | 2018

video, mixed media, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 33"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Animals are caught in the dark by an infrared camera trap.



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La hutte | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 36"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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« In the video *La hutte*, three people are isolated in a mountain during winter. Marion and Jean-Claude are warming themselves by an open fire, while Jean-Marc is in a small hut. Time seems suspended: the shots are long and fixed, the movements slow and the action almost non-existent. Only the crackling of the fire and Jean-Marc's scream at the end of the video disturb this composition. [...] Breaking with the apparent calm of the mountain, he emerges from the hut, naked, into the snowy landscape. Like an exorcism, this scene seems liberating: his cry is like a cry of relief when he seems to become one with his environment. The harshness of winter, its shades of white and icy cold, and the expression of simple joy converge in this single shot, in front of a nature that heals the most intimate wounds. A necessary return to our roots. » (extract from the text by Luce Coquerelle-Giorgi, art critic and independent curator)



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Le retable d'Issenheim | 2019
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop
4' 59"
ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Le retable d'Issenheim, a mythical masterpiece painted by Grünewald in 1510, was once used to treat patients suffering from ergotism. This story echoes alternative therapeutic practices in the Massif Central, where the spirit of the place is invoked to provide care. The video *Le retable d'Issenheim* portrays the gestures of the restorers and the noise of their tools.



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La baignade | 2019

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

1' 46"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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While Jean-Marc massaged Christiane in *Le toucher* to remove her pain, in the video *La baignade* he washes in the fresh waters of a mountain stream to get rid of it.



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Le char de foin | 2019

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 30"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A shepherdess tells a memory.



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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Winter and August 15th | 2018
HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound
56' 38"
ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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In the Massif Central, where the solitude of beings constantly confronts the power of landscapes and animal presence, four habitants come to confide with each other. In these cold lands, it is told that there are only two seasons : winter and the 15th of august. Jean-Marc, Christiane, Jean-Claude and Marion cross them resolutely, with means that are their own, while being traversed by unique forces. The film explores their stories and the remedies they invent to heal themselves.



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Le versant animal | 2016

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 32"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A group of naturalists set off to bivouac in the snow. As night falls, they listen to the sound of animals in the silence.



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La salle de traite | 2014

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

4' 59"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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Early in the morning, a farmhand fetches his cows for milking. The intermingling of the bodies of the farmer and the animals is accompanied by the sound of machinery.



Jean-Baptiste Perret

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Le toucher | 2018

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

3' 14"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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In the video *Le toucher*, Christiane explains to Jean-Marc her difficulties and physical pain. He offers to massage her to relieve her while confessing that he has a gift for healing. This video was inspired by the work of the historian Marc Bloch and his research into the thaumaturge kings, who practiced scrofula touching. Here, the artist replaces the king with the farm worker.



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La grotte | 2019

HD video, color, 16:9, stereo sound, loop

1' 35"

ed. 5 + 1 a.p.

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A man stands by a fire in a cave.

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