



OLIVIER VAN NESTE

Watercolors · Catalogue 2025–2026

“Beyond”



Olivier's work is collected by various private national and international collections.

ABOUT ME

Olivier Van Neste (born 19 January 1975 in Oostende, Belgium) is an impressionistic painter based in Bali, Indonesia. Working with traditional watercolor on cold-pressed cotton paper, he is best known for impressionistic landscapes and seascapes, primarily realized in small to medium-sized formats. His work is characterized by a restrained use of washes and a reduced visual language, with an emphasis on atmosphere, light, and stillness within coastal and oceanic environments.

His practice centers on moments encountered during travel, particularly in remote coastal regions connected to surf journeys. Rather than depicting surfing itself, his paintings focus on the surrounding landscapes, cultural traces, and quiet transitions that frame these experiences. Using his own reference photography, he distills scenes to their essential elements, favoring simplicity and balance over descriptive detail. This approach reflects an interest in ways of living shaped by distance from urban intensity and by sustained contact with natural environments.

WORKSPACE

A small home studio on the west coast of Bali, in a village near the famous Tanah Lot temple—five minutes from the ocean. A tropical garden view keeps nature close. Surfboards lean against the wall. A painting table and a design desk sit side by side, where watercolors and graphic work each have their own space, their own rhythm.



Bali has always drawn creative people. Ubud remains the island's artistic heartland—a place with deep roots in painting, craft and cultural practice since the early twentieth century. But that creative spirit spreads across the whole island. It is a place where things get made quietly, without fuss—which suits the work.

EXHIBITIONS

Beyond the horizon.

Beyond the noise of everyday urgency.

Beyond what we think we see.

The paintings in this catalog were created between 2024 and 2025, across a series of journeys from the Canary Islands to the remote Indonesian archipelago.

Most of these trips follow surf— mostly not to paint the surf itself, but to witness what surrounds them. The fishing villages. The quiet roads. The way light falls on water at dawn. The rhythm of daily life in places where simplicity and nature still hold their ground.

I travel to see what waits beyond the familiar. Empty coastlines. Islands in the distance. Moments where lush nature meets turquoise water and the world feels distilled to its essence. I'm not interested in capturing every detail—I want to hold onto what moved me about a place: the light, the atmosphere, the feeling of being there at that exact moment.

Beyond is about looking past the surface. Past the rush. Toward what is actually there when you stop long enough to see it.

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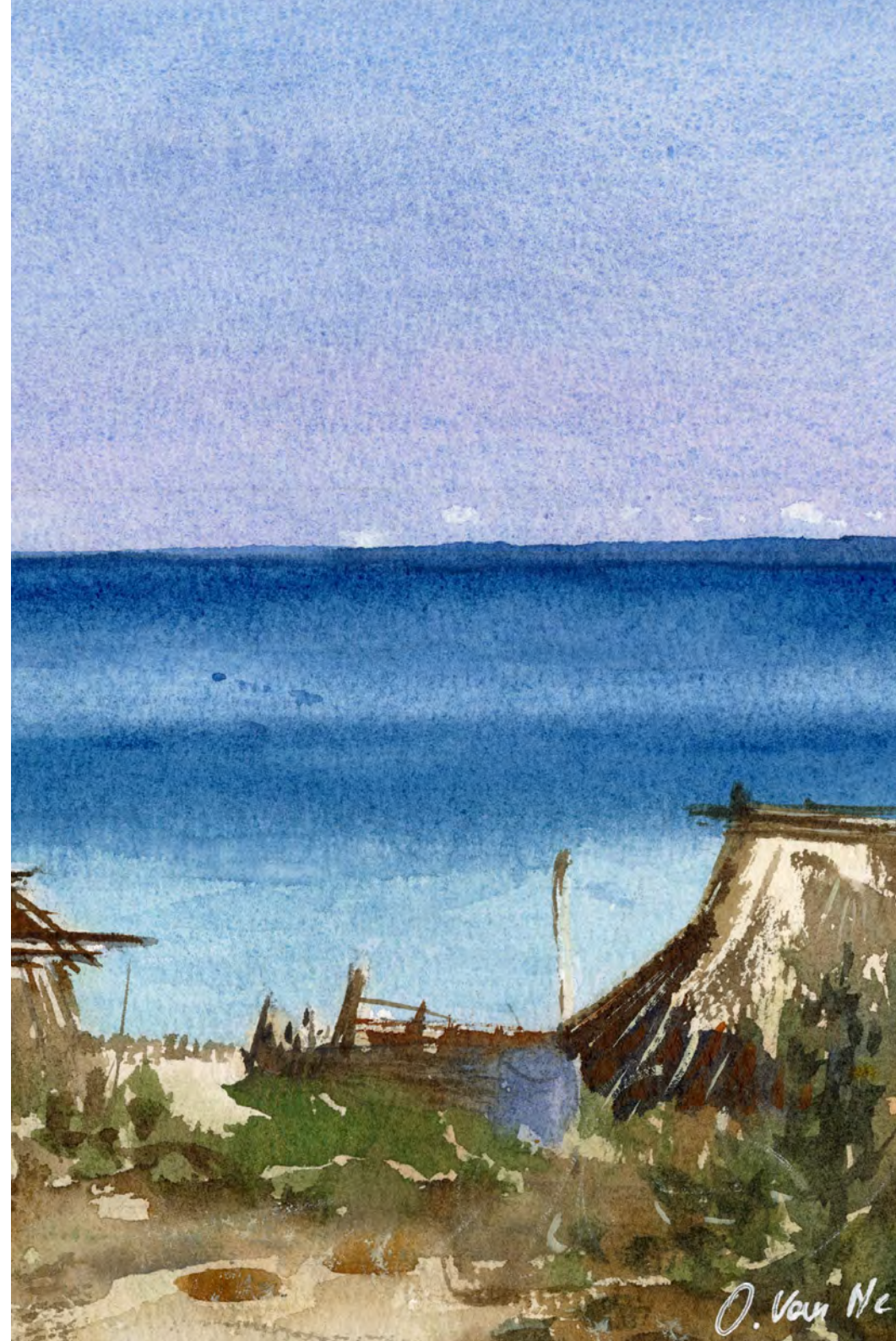
Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm, 2024



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Originals

Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm , 2025



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Changes

Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm, 2025



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Surfer's Path

Watercolor, paper, 14x23 cm, 2024



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Somewhere East

Watercolor, paper, 23x15 cm, 2026



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Hollow Tree

Watercolor, paper, 38x28 cm, 2025



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Secret Spot

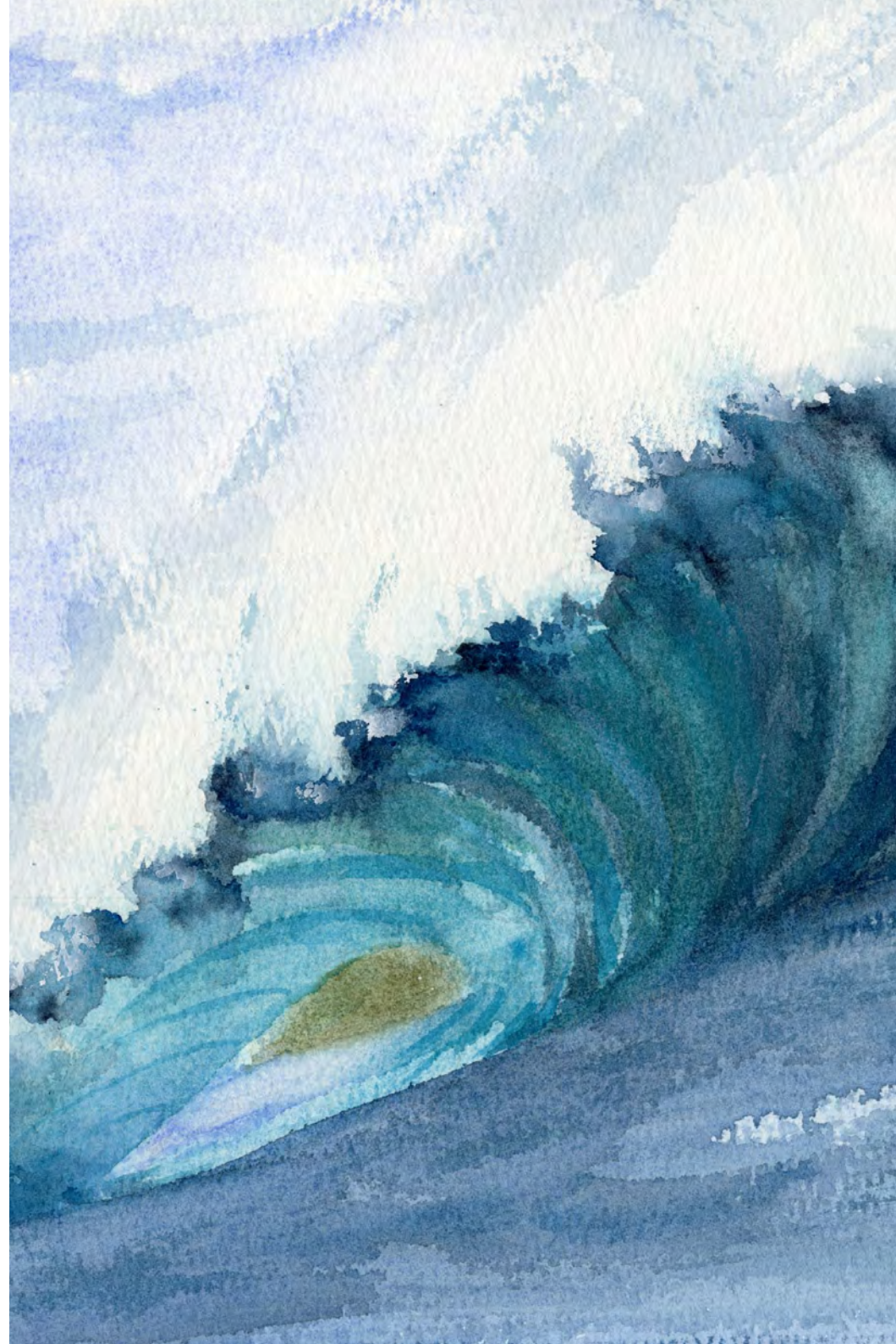
Watercolor, paper, 28x38 cm, 2026



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The Dream

Watercolor, paper, 31x21 cm, 2024



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Canggu Stroll

Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm, 2026



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Impossible Sunset

Watercolor, paper, 38x28 cm, 2025



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Lobos

Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm, 2025



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Hidden Gem

Watercolor, paper, 23x14 cm, 2024



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Delights

Watercolor, paper, 31x21 cm, 2025



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Sun "Rice"

Watercolor, paper, 38x28 cm, 2026



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Solitude

Watercolor, paper, 56x38 cm, 2026



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Cucukan

Watercolor, paper, 56x38 cm, 2026



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Ostend Pier

Watercolor, paper, 31x21 cm, 2025



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Forrest Walk

Watercolor, paper, 31x21 cm, 2024



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Single Tree

Watercolor, paper, 38x28 cm, 2026



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Pura Kemoning

Watercolor, paper, 38x28 cm, 2026



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Hyatt Reef

Watercolor, paper, 28x19 cm, 2026



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Fisherman Friends

Watercolor, paper, 28x38 cm, 2026



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