

Mara Vellin

Selected Paintings 2023–2026

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My paintings begin with places I know well: apartment interiors, stairwells, windows, borrowed studios, and the edges of Mediterranean streets. I work from photographs and memory, but I do not try to reconstruct a scene exactly. I reduce the image until architecture, light, and a few objects carry the weight of the painting.

Oil paint lets me revise slowly. I build surfaces through thin layers, sanding and repainting areas until the space feels both familiar and slightly unstable. Chairs, curtains, doorways, and plants recur because they act as measures of scale and absence.

Recent work has focused on the hour just before or after direct sunlight enters a room. I am interested in how a small change in light can turn an ordinary interior into a psychological space.

Mara Vellin is a fictional French painter based in Marseille. Her work focuses on domestic interiors, architecture, memory, and changing natural light. She works primarily in oil on linen and wood panel.

Vellin has presented work in fictional group exhibitions in Marseille, Lyon, Brussels, and Lisbon, and completed a fictional studio residency in Arles in 2024. Her recent paintings develop a restrained visual language built from architectural fragments, muted color, and repeated domestic motifs.

MARA VELLIN

Lives and works in Marseille, France

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2026 *Rooms After Noon*, Galerie des Quais, Marseille, France
- 2024 *Near the Window*, Atelier Noroît, Lyon, France

Selected group exhibitions

- 2025 *Interior Weather*, Espace Horizon, Brussels, Belgium
- 2024 *Slow Light*, Casa Linha, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023 *New Painting in the South*, Centre Verrière, Marseille, France

Residencies

- 2024 Atelier Serein Residency, Atelier Serein, Arles, France

Education

- 2017–2019 MFA Painting, École du Passage, Lyon, France
- 2014–2017 BA Fine Art, Institut des Arts du Sud, Montpellier, France

Grants & awards

- 2025 Prix Atelier Sud, shortlisted, Prix Atelier Sud, Marseille, France



Rooms After Noon

Oil on linen
120 x 160 cm
2026



Blue Chair
Oil on linen
120 x 90 cm
2026



Afternoon Room

Oil on linen
100 x 140 cm
2026



Curtain Study I
Oil on wood panel
80 x 60 cm
2025

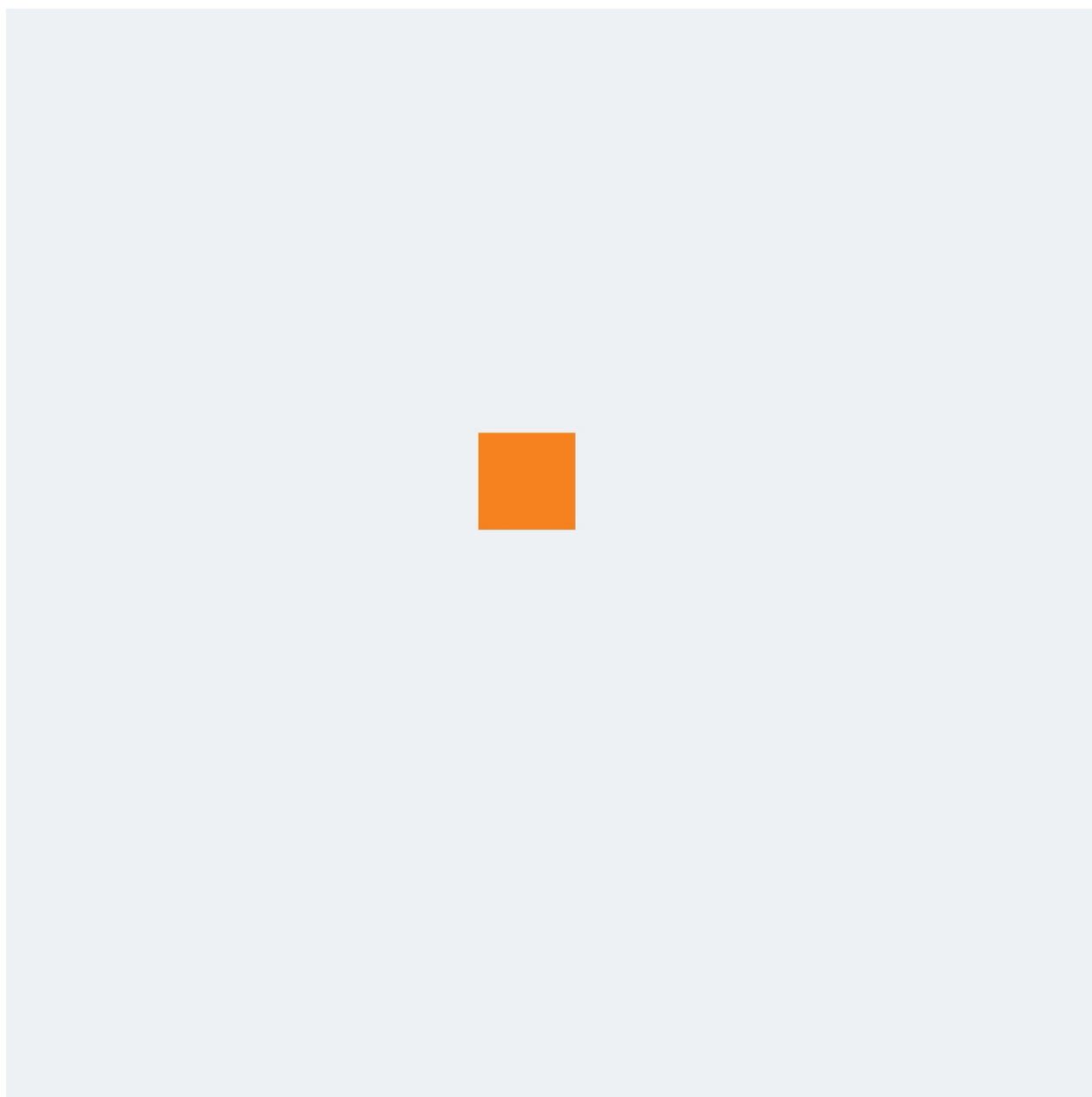


The Table at Four

Oil on linen

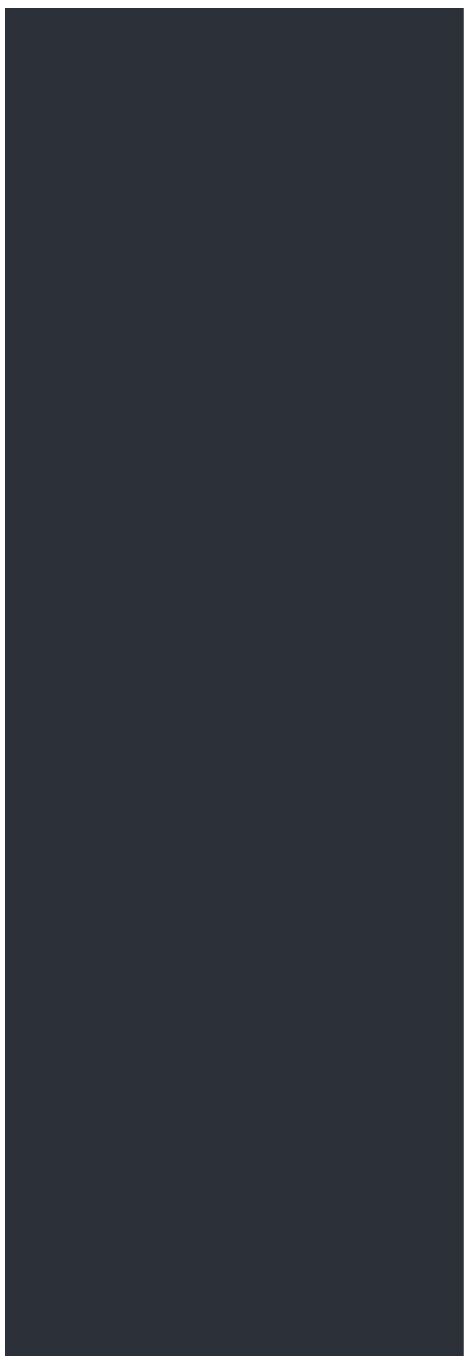
90 x 90 cm

2025



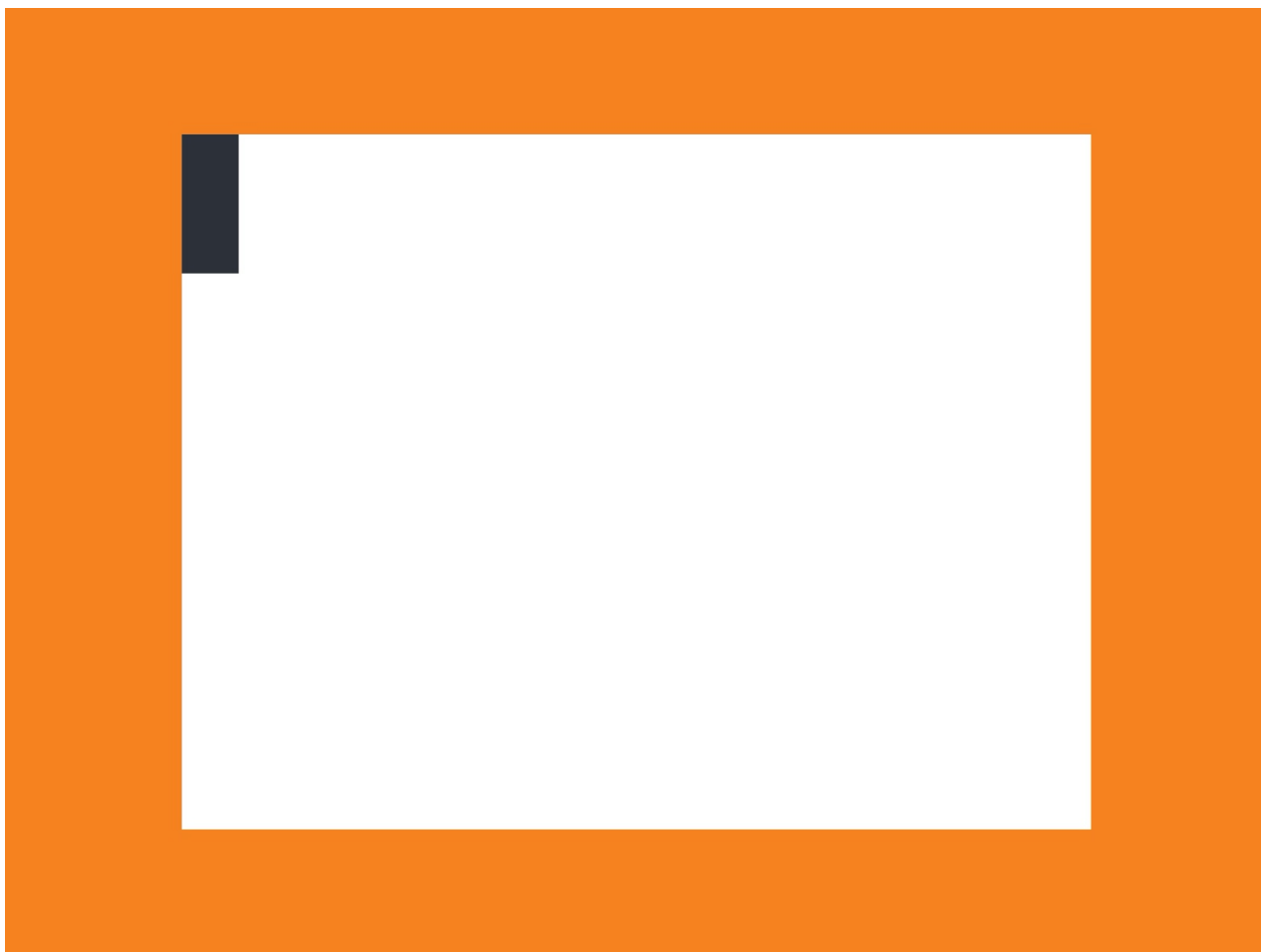
Passage

Oil on linen
130 x 90 cm
2025



South Facing
Oil on linen
90 x 130 cm
2025





Near the Window

Oil on linen
110 x 80 cm
2024



Before Ten
Oil on linen
80 x 110 cm
2024



Corner

Oil on wood panel

70 x 70 cm

2024



Three Objects

Oil on wood panel

60 x 80 cm

2023



Last Light

Oil on linen

90 x 120 cm

2023

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