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## **PRESS RELEASE - THE INVITATION TO TRAVEL - THOMAS ANDREA BARBEY SOBERING GALLERY - JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 22, 2020**

The Sobering Gallery presents the second personal exhibition of the artist Thomas Andrea Barbey from January 23rd to February 22nd 2020.

«My artistic work continues this long journey, in a slow exploration of reality, of the world in its geographical and contemplative aspects.

It is the story of a fictional walk in a land where peaks, chasms, valleys, panoramas, topographical landscapes and other anecdotal motifs alternate. This research, which pursues a romantic ideal, is presented by simple fragments, small pieces arbitrarily cut out of an infinitely larger fabric.

When one asks G. Richter why he often paints landscapes, he answers:

«I want to paint beautiful things.»

This disturbing irony attacks the present by refusing to justify theoretical rhetorics to create.

Drawing landscapes is, to me, simply to travel and explore, without concern for fashion, anecdote or literature! Drawing landscapes is the opportunity to enrich my sense of direction in the midst of confusion and haste of our times. And since a traveller must be able to glide from the blade of grass to the cosmos, I spend my time venturing, walking somewhere, between the world as I see it and the world as I imagine it. My artistic work is finally born from a naturalist, generous reverie, which borrows its practice from travel.»