

Lieve Ophalvens is a Belgian painter with Brazilian origins. This double culture is visible in all aspects of her art. Her dreamlike creations deconstruct and restructure the female anatomy in her own way. What at first glance may seem like a complicated and sometimes somber universe, gradually reveals a colorful world with round and happy shapes. Her paintings hesitate between the abstract and the figurative and give us this impression of traveling in a dream world. The body is captured in close-up and arranged in such a way that it eventually decomposes towards the abstraction. *Resident artist of Monteoliveto Gallery from 10 years, she is fully represented from 2019 in all art events of the gallery.*

She received her training in various workshops under the expert guidance of several academy teachers, including Nico Deboeck, who quickly urged her to develop her own style. A forty years ago she started with painting after following several artschools and quickly gave exhibitions at home and abroad, solo and in group. 25 years ago she founded an artschool in Belgium, near Brussels, where she is still in charge.

The artist experimented with different types of techniques: oil, acrylic, marble and collage, as well as the use of different materials, paper, mirror, chalk, sand, in order to better express her feelings.

Recently, she worked on oil portraits, eyes often close to maximize the feelings of the characters.

Recent Exhibitions:

2020

- 23 - 31/12/2020: gallery Luc de Backer Deurne
- Full one year representation by Monteoliveto Gallery

2019

- Jan. : t'Steencaycken te 2850 Boom
- April: 11 - 14/4 : Art-Fair Paris with Monteoliveto Gallery
- April 2019: A.C. Wolvertem
- May: 2 - 5/5 : Art- Fair Lausanne with Monteoliveto Gallery
- May: 1 - 5/5 : Art - Fair Munich with Unique gallery
- June: 6 /6– 6/7 : Raccontami, Milan, Home Museum Spazio Tadini, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery
- July 1 to 13: Moon Dreaming Exhibition, Paris, Galerie Etienne de Causans, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery
- July: 26 - 28/7 : Art-Fair Cannes with Monteoliveto Gallery
- August: 19 - 26/8 : Pauste Art Gallery Oostend
- September: 26 - 29/9: Art Fair Ghent with Monteoliveto Gallery
- October: 1 - 3/1/2020: Remy Leuven
- October, 13 to 26: Contemporary London, Coningsby Gallery, London (UK), curated by Monteoliveto Gallery
- November 1 - 3/11: Frankfurt with gallery Unique from Turin
- November: 8 - 17/11: group exhibition den Blank in Overijse
- 5 - 8/11 /: Art-Fair Luxembourg with Monteoliveto Gallery

2018

- 4/19 - 4/22: Lausanne (Switzerland) ART-FAIR with Monteoliveto Gallery
- 29/4 / - 1/5 & 6/5: art route Leuven
- 10/5 - 13/5 /: Montreal (Canada): ART-FAIR with Monteoliveto Gallery
- 11/10 - 14/10: Antwerp: ART-FAIR with Monteoliveto Gallery

- 19/10 - 28/10: expo 25 years of art in C.C. Den Blanck in Overijse
- 9/11 - 11/11: Mulhouse (France): ART- FAIR with Monteoliveto Gallery
- 6/12 - 9/12: Luxembourg: ART-FAIR with Monteoliveto Gallery
- 17/12 - 5/1/19: Paris Galerie Etienne de Causans, Tombola exhibition, curated by Monteoliveto Gallery