

LEI SAINT JAMES

CV + STATEMENT

Born 1987 in Luxembourg

Lives and works in Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

- 2016 Workshop GFCA/ Trixter in Paris, France
- 2008-2010 The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in New York, USA
- 2007 RADA weekend acting classes in London, United Kingdom
- 2007 Drama Centre London summer intensive, United Kingdom
- 2006-2007 University of the Arts London (LCF) in London, United Kingdom

EXHIBITIONS

// SOLO SHOWS

- 2016 The Modern Lovers at Schränerei, Differdange, Luxembourg
- 2016 The Modern Lovers - a question of space, a matter of time' at Kulturhaus Niederaanven, Luxembourg
- 2011 'Untitled', Downtown Café, Luxembourg
- 2009 Belmont Lounge in New York, New York, USA
- 2007 Exhibition of my work at l'Annexe, Luxembourg

// GROUP SHOWS

- 2021 YLA - YOUNG LUXEMBOURGISH ARTISTS, Valerius Gallery, Luxembourg
- 2019 'Come on baby light my fire' at Valerius Gallery, Luxembourg
- 2018 'Coincidences' at Kulturhaus Niederaanven, Luxembourg
- 2013 'Das Tagebuch der Effi von Briest' at Galerie Su de Coucou, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Canvas to Clothing, 303 Grand Gallery in Brooklyn, New York, USA

STATEMENT

Originally from Luxembourg, Leila grew up traveling the world, learning about foreign lands and instilling what she's seen in her life and art. Next to painting Leila is an accomplished actor in film, tv and theatre.

Leila's work is inspired by her travels, may they be real or imaginary. Her practice likes to oscillate between the concrete and the abstract, the undefined. She likes to explore her thoughts, her observations and her mind in a very childlike fashion, expressing her world view very playfully yet also with a hint of sarcasm. Leila's work is characterized by a lot of colour and is almost always infused with a dash of humour. The artist would like for her work to exist as a counterbalance to the sometimes grim realities of life and make the viewer feel good when looking at her paintings. Ideally, they incite amusement and provoke a little smirk on the viewer's face.