

LIONEL SMIT

(b.1982 Pretoria, South Africa)

Lionel Smit started developing and exhibiting straight after art school at Pro Arte Alphen Park. He now lives and works in Cape Town. He is best known for his contemporary portraiture executed through monumental canvasses and sculptures.

Smit is currently exhibiting on 5 continents, and at art fairs in Amsterdam, Germany, India, Miami, Monaco, London and Hong Kong. Over the past 10 years he has established a substantial international following with collectors ranging from the Standard Chartered Bank to Laurence Graff Art Collection at Graff Delaire wine estate.

In 2013 Smit's painting has been exhibited at the London National Portrait Gallery, where it received the Viewer's Choice Award, as well as selected as the 'face' of the BP Portrait Award that year for all campaigns. He was recently honoured with a Ministerial Award from the Department of Culture for Visual Art and a highlight of his career has been the publication of one of his paintings on the cover of Christie's Auction Catalogue.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** *DESTRUCTURE*, Everard Read, London, United Kingdom
- 2018** *OBSCURA*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, USA
- 2017** *STATE*, Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
EMERGE, M Contemporary, Sydney, Australia
FACES, Everard Read, London, UK
PREMISE, CIRCA, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016** *New Work*, Rook & Raven Special Project Space at Armory Art Fair, New York City, USA
Didrichsen Art Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Morphous, installation in Union Square, New York, USA
- 2015** FNB Joburg Art Fair, Everard Read Gallery Booth, Johannesburg, South Africa
Art Miami Fair Featured Artist, Cynthia Reeves Gallery
Close/ Perspective, Everard Read Johannesburg, South Africa
Origins, Rook & Raven, London, UK
M Contemporary, Sydney, Australia
Obscura, Everard Read Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014** *Morphous*, CIRCA, Johannesburg, South Africa
Cumulus, Rook & Raven, London, UK
- 2013** *Art Miami Fair*, featured artist, Cynthia Reeves, Miami, USA
IS Sculpture, IsArt, Tokara, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Strarta Art Fair, Saatchi Gallery, Rook & Raven, London, UK
Fragmented, Rook & Raven, London, UK
100 Accumulation, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Wonder Works Exhibition, The Cat Street Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2012** *Compendium*, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa
Strata, Rook and Raven, London, UK
- 2011** *Surface*, Artspace, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2009** *Relate*, Grande Provence, Franschoek, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** *Winter*, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
Art Central Fair, M Contemporary, Hong Kong
- 2018** *Winter*, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
Sydney Contemporary, with M Contemporary, Sydney, Australia
- 2017** *Exposed*, Helen Day Art Center, Vermont, USA
- 2016** *Opening Gallery Exhibition*, CIRCA Gallery London, UK
Cape Town Art Fair, Everard Read Gallery Booth, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015** *Bronze, Steel & Stone*, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
FNB Jo-burg Art Fair, Everard Read Gallery Booth, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014** *Summer Season*, Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013** BP Portrait Award Exhibition, Viewer's Choice Award, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Metal Work Public sculpture, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2012** *Accumulation of Disorder*, installation, University of Stellenbosch Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Winter Exhibition, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Robert Bowman Gallery, India Art Fair, India
Joburg Art Fair, Everard Read Gallery Booth, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2011** *34FineArt*, ArtMonaco '11, Monaco
MOMAC, Group Exhibition, Roberta Moore Fine Art, England
- 2010** *Out of the Office, Group Exhibition*, Kunstmuseum Bochum, Germany
Cynthia Reeves Projects, Art Miami, USA
We are not Witches, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
Submerge, solo exhibition, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2009** *F.A.C.E.T.*, Charity Auction, Christie's, London, UK

AWARDS

- 2013** Visitor's Choice Award, PB Portrait Award, National Portrait Gallery, London, UK
Ministerial Award from Department of Culture for Visual Art, Western Cape Government, South Africa
- 2009** Merit Award, Vuleka, Sanlam Art Competition, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008** Achievement Award, Pro Arte School of Arts, Pretoria, South Africa
- 2000** First prize in the MTN Art Colours Awards of Gauteng, South Africa
- 1999/2000** Best painting student Pro Arte School of Arts, Pretoria, South Africa

SELECTED CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Delaire Graff Wine Estate, South Africa
Ellerman Contemporary, South Africa
European Investment Bank, South Africa
Grainvest Futures, South Africa
Johannesburg City Council, South Africa
Johann Jacobs Museum, South Africa
Laurence Graff Collection, South Africa
Parkdev, South Africa
Rand Merchant Bank, South Africa
Saronsberg Wine Estate, South Africa
South African Embassy, Nigeria
Standard Chartered Bank, South Africa