

EVERARD READ

LADY SKOLLIE

(b. 1987 Cape Town, South Africa)

Lady Skollie (Laura Windvogel) is a South African artist whose work confronts a range of issues in contemporary society. She is a provocative storyteller, using vibrant symbolism – such as fruit, flowers and bodily forms – to challenge social taboos and interrogate power structures surrounding gender and race. Working primarily in drawing – using ink, watercolour and crayon – she creates bold, large-scale figurative compositions that combine humour and erotic imagery with social critique.

Drawing on personal experience and cultural memory, her practice frequently engages with the histories and identities of Khoi-San and Cape Coloured communities, addressing the gaps and distortions produced by colonialism and apartheid. The moniker 'Skollie' is a widely-used derogatory term to describe a shady character, historically used in South Africa when a person of colour was in a place deemed unsuitable by the white populace. Lady Skollie embraces this 'shadiness', combining it with an interplay of masculine and feminine energies, creating a space where the disparate parts of her personality are reconciled.

Windvogel studied at the Peter Clarke Art Centre and later completed a BA in History of Art and Dutch Literature at the University of Cape Town. Her work has been widely exhibited in South Africa and internationally and has received major recognition, including the Standard Bank Young Artist Award for Visual Art (2022) and the FNB Art Prize (2020). In 2019 she was commissioned by the South African government to design a new coin to commemorate twenty five years of constitutional democracy in South Africa.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Sour Grapes, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
- 2025 Madi Madi Madi, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
- 2024 Groot Gat, Standard Bank Young Artist Award exhibition, Norval Foundation, Cape Town, SA
- 2023 Groot Gat, Standard Bank Young Artist Award travelling exhibition, SA
- 2021 A Prediction, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
- 2020 Bound, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2019 Good & Evil, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
Weakest Link, Eastside Projects, Birmingham, UK
Solo booth at Art Joburg, with Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
- 2017 Lust Politics, Tyburn Gallery, London, UK
Fire with Fire, solo booth at FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, SA
Mating Dance, solo booth at AKAA Art Fair, Paris, France
Hottentot \$kollie, Tomorrows/Today, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, SA
- 2015 One-Night, WorldArt Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2015 Vroeg Ryp, Vroeg Vrot, RAMP Project, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
- 2014 Skattie Celebrates Series, Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town, SA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 ArtParis, with Everard Read, Paris, France
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2025 FNB Art Joburg, with Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Summer Collection, Everard Read Franschhoek, SA

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- 2024 Inner Sanctum, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
Winter Collection, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
EXPO CHICAGO, with Everard Read, Chicago, USA
- 2023 What I Feel When I Think About The Cosmos, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Bitches Brew, Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2022 Seduction, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
FNB Art Joburg, with Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, with Everard Read, Paris, France
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read Cape Town, SA
Things I'd Like to Remember, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Ancestors and Dreams, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
- 2021 Spring Show, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
Transitory Terrain, Everard Read, London, UK
In Conversation, Everard Read CIRCA, Cape Town
Art Joburg, with Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair Online, with Everard Read Cape Town, SA
- 2020 Against Interpretation, Everard Read, London, UK
Staring Straight to the Future, online exhibition, Everard Read, SA & UK
Masterpiece online, with Everard Read, London, UK
- 2019 CONTEXT Art Miami, with Everard Read, Miami, USA
Art Joburg, with Everard Read Johannesburg, SA
- 2018 Old Masters / New Realities: Gerard Sekoto x Lady Skollie, TMRW Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
This Is the Gallery and the Gallery Is Many Things X at Eastside Projects, Birmingham, UK
Close: Proximity, Intimacy, Tension, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
Right at the Equator, Depart Foundation, Malibu, CA, USA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Tyburn Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2016 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, with Tyburn Gallery, London, UK
SEX, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, SA

AWARDS

- 2022 Standard Bank Young Artist Award (Visual Arts)
- 2020 10th Annual FNB Art Prize
- 2019 GQ Woman of the Year Award
Mbokodo Award for Art and Design