

Press release

Samuel LEVY | **Artificial Nature : Landscapes**

Exhibition 11.11 - 18.12.2021

Open | Thursday, Friday, Saturday | 11am - 6pm & by appointment

Michèle Schoonjans Gallery is delighted to present Samuel Levy's solo exhibition; "**Artificial Nature: Landscapes**"; gathering an overview of recent works on canvas and mock-ups illustrating feasible projects (tailor-made and in situ).

For his comeback on the Brussels scene, the artist invites the spectator to discover his work based on the investigation of a light marked/filled by vibrant and radiant energies.

For the past twenty years, Samuel Levy has been developing his artwork around drawing, experimenting first with a ballpoint pen, then with a pencil, and now with acrylic.

To achieve his own style, Samuel Levy has explored different themes. The concept of "Artificial Nature" is the result of various nature's investigations in all its forms. A thematic that he creates either on the canvas (or paper) with the painter's palette, or in the form of sculptures and installations which he then creates from recycled materials such as wood, glass, cardboard and/or plastic.

With an unpredictable and spontaneous gesture, Samuel Levy projects a first layer of colour onto the canvas, the essential basis for the emergence of his subject. He pursues the creative process by laying down different impressions which will bring out the reliefs. These shapes are extended, transform themselves into three dimensions and eventually spread over the entire surface. He finally treats the background to bring out various forms. By proceeding in such a way, the marks are shifted and give the illusion of a floating appearance.

Through the construction and overlapping of multiple layers of paint, vast abstract landscapes emerge to reveal an unusual and mysterious universe. Our attention is captivated by this oneiric and vegetal world.

Each work makes us think of a fragment, a tiny part of a larger organism. Through this visual game, the artist refers us to what we are, i.e., a multitude of different cells, linked to each other, to recompose a larger body.

A real vitamin cure in the middle of winter, a graphic journey with a healing power ... to be discovered until 18 December 2021 at the Rivoli at **Michèle Schoonjans Gallery**.

In the 2000s, he participated in various performances in the city with "Art On Cows", at the White Hotel and Gesu Church with "Plastic". Following his move to the east of France, he regularly exhibits in Luxembourg in galleries (Galerie Miltgen and Mob-Art-Studio) and at the "Luxembourg Art Week" fair. He continues to work on various urban and private projects in Luxembourg and eastern France (frescoes in the Cloche d'Or district, on the ceiling of the Sky Bar, dressing shop windows, ...). In 2018, he realized frescoes in the offices of the Infrabel headquarters (B).

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Samuel LEVY

Born in Mons in 1978, Samuel Levy, Belgian artist, lives and works in Thionville (F).

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2021 "Renaissance" - Mob-Art Studio – Luxembourg (L)
- 2020 "I have a dream one day" - Schëfflenger Konschthaus – Schifflange (L)
- 2019 "Watching the sky" - Mob Art Studio – Luxembourg (L)
- 2018 « Human Nature » - Galerie Arts2be - Wavre (B)
- 2017 "Ghost in my mind" - Musée Paso - Drusenheim (F), "All is Dust" Galerie Schortgen – Luxembourg(L)
- 2016 "Right here & Right now" - Galerie 379 - Nancy (F), Galerie Schortgen - Luxembourg (L)
- 2015 "Off de ST-ART" - Strasbourg (F), Golf Immo - Strasbourg (F)
- 2014 "Am 14" - Musée d'Histoire de la ville de Luxembourg (L)
- 2013 "Generative drawing" - Galerie Artemptation - Bruxelles (B)
- 2011 Galerie Miltgen - Luxembourg (L), Galerie Artemptation - Bruxelles (B)
- 2003 Galerie Decournay - Mons (B)
- 1999 Galerie Espac'Art – Mons (B)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selection)

- 2021 Rasson Art Gallery - Knokke-Heist (B), "Art2Cure" - Galerie de l'Indépendance/BIL - Luxembourg (L)
- 2020 "United by light" - Galerie Mob Art Studio - Luxembourg (L)
- 2019 "Highlights" - Galerie Delphine Courtay - Strasbourg (F), Galerie Sophie Leiser – Paris (F)
- 2017 "Black & White" - Galerie Artima - Paris (F), Galerie 379 - Nancy (F)
- 2016 "Graffiti Live" - BananneFabrik – Luxembourg (L)
- 2015 "Art on boards" - The Art Connection Gallery - Luxembourg (L), Club House 17 – Luxembourg (L), Espace 294 - Bruxelles (B)
- 2014 The Art Connection Gallery - Luxembourg (L), "Pavillon Joséphine" - Strasbourg (F)
- 2013 Colonnes JC Decaux - Luxembourg ville (L), Villa Casella - Strasbourg (F), "400 ml" - Gent (B)
- 2012 "Une vie de singe" - La maison de papier - Mons (B), Collection Kneip Luxembourg (L), "Colorfield Gallery investit Knokke le Zoute" (B), "Young Blood " - Galerie Miltgen - Luxembourg (L),
- 2011 « Toy Stories » - Galerie Artemptation - Bruxelles (B)
- 2010 Galerie Arttraffic - (Irlande)
- 2009 Studio DVO - Bruxelles (B), Momali'art 2009 - Liege (B)
- 2008 Galerie 7m3 - Médiathèque - Mons (B), Galerie.be - Bruxelles (B)
- 2007 "Aperö Expö Burö" - Charleroi (B), "Le Huitième Péché" Galerie.be - Bruxelles (B)

ART FAIRS (selection)

- 2021 - 2016 Luxembourg Art Week - Galerie Mob Art Studio (L), Galerie Delphine Courtay (F), ...
- 2006 Art Event - Anvers (B)
- 2005 9ème biennale d'Arts Plastiques - La Louvière (B)

INTERVENTIONS / STREET ART (selection)

- 2020 Restaurant Le Schéiss - Habillage vitre - Luxembourg ville (L),
- 2019 Cloche d'Or - Fresque - Luxembourg (L), Intervention projet Surface - Metz (F)
- 2018 Restaurant Sky Bar - Fresque plafond - Bertrange (L), siège Infrabel - Fresques bureaux - Bxl (B)
- 2008 "Urban Canvas" - Mirano - Bruxelles (B), "Plastic II" (Bambola Prod) - White Hôtel - Bruxelles (B),
- 2003 "Art on Cows" - Bruxelles (B)

COLLABORATIONS (selection)

- 2013 Ministère de la Culture - Réalisation de 2 œuvres - Luxembourg (L)
- 2012 "Editus" - Réalisation des couvertures des annuaires téléphoniques du Luxembourg (L),
- 2011 MUDAM Boutique - Wallpainting - Luxembourg (L)