

# EVERARD READ

## **ELIZE VOSSGÄTTER**

(b. 1981 Johannesburg, South Africa)

“By observing the language of the natural world, we start to understand the patterns of existence.”

Elize Vossgätter’s work is concerned with our unnatural relationship to the natural environment.

Her primary medium is natural beeswax, which she soaks in toxic chemicals, impregnates with synthetic pigment and then works onto the canvas using heat. The constant tension between the organic and inorganic is palpable. Gouging into the multilayered and multicoloured wax sediment – an exercise in carving – the outcome is a surface structure reminiscent of a relief: a testament to sensual organic forms which evoke the physical laws of the natural world, from which she draws her visual vocabulary.

Recent bodies of work include ‘Natural Order’ and ‘Artificial Selection’. They focus on our failing cultural, political and environmental structures and the flux of finding a new balance in this post-natural world. She completed her Masters in Fine Art at Michaelis (University of Cape Town) in 2023.

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 Gutter Pop II, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 gutter pop, MFA show, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2022 Liminal Space, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2021 Artificial Selection, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2020 Natural Order, part of the Cubicle Series, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 limp, Smith Studio, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 In the end we’re all to blame, Commune1, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 Once there was, and once there was not, AVA, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 Sterntaler, AVA, Cape Town, South Africa

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 What I Feel When I Think About The Cosmos, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa  
Oddkin, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, South Africa  
Under-water-love, Eigen + Art pop-up, Under Projects, Cape Town, South Africa  
The Invisible Thread, AVA, Cape Town, South Africa  
The Other’s Warmth, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2022 Spring, group show, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa  
Dak’art, biennale of contemporary African art, Dakar, Senegal  
Things I’d like to remember, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2021 Summer 2021, Everard Read, London, UK  
Oasis: 25th anniversary, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2020 Us, digital exhibition, Everard Read, South Africa  
STILL, digital exhibition, Everard Read, South Africa & UK  
win/win, exhibition of the official acquisitions of the State of Saxony, Leipzig, Germany  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, South Africa
- 2019 Verorten/ Entorten, Projektwohnung, Krudebude, Leipzig, Germany  
Winter, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa

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- Zeitgleich/Zeitseichen, PingPong Kunstraum, Leipzig, Germany  
Voila, Halle 14, Leipzig, Germany
- 2018 Home for the holidays, Summer Show, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 Buttersäure Senf, Pilotenkueche, Leipzig, Germany  
BiPolar gallery, Leipzig, Germany  
Another Antipodes Urban Axis Exhibition, Freemantle, Australia
- 2016 Surface / Subtext, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa  
Open Studios, Art Omi, New York, USA  
AKAA, with Smith Studio, Paris, France  
Cape Town Art Fair, with Smith Studio, 'The Conservationist's Dream'
- 2015 Summer show, Everard Read gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
Two, Smith Studio, Cape Town, South Africa  
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, with Qubeka Bead Studio, London, UK  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Commune, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014 Golden Haze, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa  
Rust en Vrede, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 Summer show , Casa Labia, Cape Town, South Africa  
One in a Million, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa  
Archives and Collection, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 I'd rather be Swimming, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa  
Impressions and Responses, Galerie Miz, Istanbul, Turkey  
Our Fathers, AVA, Cape Town, South Africa  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with AVA, Cape Town, South Africa  
Joburg Fringe, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 Amani Festival of Visual Arts, Khayelitsha, South Africa  
Vuleka Art competition and exhibition, Belville, South Africa  
Conceptual Matters & Matters Conceptual, Erdmann Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa

## RESIDENCIES

- June-Sept 2017 Pilotenkueche, Leipzig  
June-July 2016 Art Omi, New York State  
June-July 2012 Galeriremiz, Istanbul