



Bénédicte Gimonnet

BORN

1969 Clermont-Ferrand, France
Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

EDUCATION

2006 BA (Hons) Fine Art: Painting, University of the Arts London, Wimbledon College of Arts
2003 BTEC Foundation Diploma, University of the Arts London, Wimbledon College of Arts
2002 Putney School of Art and Design, London (Printmaking, Drawing, Painting)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Inauguration of monumental mural *l'Eden des enfants*, LFIGP, Dubai, UAE
2023 *In Search of Eden*, Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2021 *Confluence* (collaborative exhibition with Dr. Najat Makki), La Galerie, Alliance Française, Dubai, UAE
2019 *Between Macro and Micro*, La Galerie, Alliance Française, Dubai, UAE
2017 *Lineaments*, Sofitel Dubai Downtown, Dubai, UAE
2011 *Organicus Mundus*, Khalidiya Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2009 *Infinitely small, Infinitely large*, Alliance Française, Abu Dhabi, UAE

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Beyond the City II, Feminin Pluriel*, l'Alliance Française Dubai, UAE
Foresight, Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2023 RAK ART Exhibition @ Sunken Garden, Ritz-Carlton DIFC, UAE
Ta'ayosh, Coexistence, University of Sharjah, UAE
Nature, Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival, Al Jazeera Al Hamra, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE
Spirit of Time, Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
2022 *While the Coffee Grounds Settle*, Fathom Gallery Georgetown, Washington, DC, USA
Together We Art, LP4Y, Champs-Élysées, Paris, France
Disconnect & Reconnect, Part Two, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Disconnect & Reconnect, Part One, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
The Art Circle Award 2021, part of Portrait of a Nation II, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Emirates Fine Arts exhibition, Expo2020, Dubai, UAE
2021 *Interconnection*, Emirates Fine Arts Society Annual Exhibition, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE
Together We Art, LP4Y, Champs-Élysées, Paris, France
2019 *Caravane & Guests at the French Residence*, Institut français, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2018 *Caravane*, Bab Al Qasr, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2017 *Territoire(s)*, Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE
Travelling Light, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2014 - 2015 *Accrochages*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2014 *City, Desert and Sea*, Alliance Française, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2013 *National Day*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Watchwomen and Dreamcatchers, Institut Français, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2012 *Project Mega*, Dubai, UAE
2011 *Regards sur les Emirats*, Embassy of France & Ministry of Culture, UAE
2010 - 2011 *Globe*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2009 *London Art Fair*, corbettPROJECTS, London, UK
Art @10 Grosvenor, London, UK
Red Dot New York, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, NY, USA
2008 *Français of the Year 2008 Ceremony*, London, UK
Red Dot Miami, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, Miami, USA



2007 *Slick Paris*, Le 104, corbettPROJECTS, Paris, France
Red Dot London, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London, UK
Synchronicity 07, Central School of Speech and Drama, London, UK
The London Art House, London, UK
Bridge Art Fair, corbettPROJECTS, London, UK
Form London, Olympia, corbettPROJECTS, London, UK
2007 - 2009 *AAF London*, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London, UK
AAF New York, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, New York, USA
2007 - 2008 *LIGHT and colour*, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London, UK
2006 - 2009 *Open Studios Show*, Wimbledon Art Studios, London, UK
2006 *Range 06*, London, UK
2005 - 2006 *Guildford Arts*, Art @ Clyde and Co, Guildford, UK
Deutsche Postbank Exhibition, London, UK

AWARDS

2023 Fine Arts Award, Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival
2021 The Art Circle Award

MEMBERSHIP

2020 - present Emirates Fine Arts Society

COLLECTIONS

Women's Museum Dubai, UAE
The Art Circle Collection, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Goldman Sachs Dubai, UAE
Champagne PG P&F Epernay, France
Clerical Medical London, UK
Khalidiya Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Private Collections in UAE, Saudi Arabia, Europe, USA, Russia, Middle East, Australia and Japan



Short Biography

Bénédicte Gimonnet (b. Clermont-Ferrand, France, 1969) is an artist who has lived in the UAE since 2009. Her sixth solo exhibition *In Search of Eden* will be at Aisha Alabbar Gallery (2023). She has participated in numerous exhibitions in the UAE and globally, including at the Sharjah Art Museum, UAE Ministry of Culture, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, and French Institute. Benedicte is a member of the Emirates Fine Arts Society and the recipient of the inaugural Art Circle Award. Her works are in a number of collections around the world, including Goldman Sachs and Women's Museum in Dubai, Abu Dhabi Executive Office, The Art Circle Collection and Khalidiya Palace in Abu Dhabi, Champagne PG P&F Epernay, France, and Clerical Medical London, UK, in addition to private collections internationally.

Long Biography

Bénédicte Gimonnet (b. Clermont-Ferrand, France, 1969) has lived, worked, and been part of the arts ecosystem in the UAE for over 13 years. Bénédicte's painting practice comprises a deliberate explosion of bold colours and technical innovation, mixing supposedly unmixable painting materials together, and creating immersive, intricate, and visually seductive environments. Through a recent exploration of personal issues with identity loss and recovery, the artist reconciled with her repressed Peruvian roots, creating new paintings that depict lush and exuberant rainforest environments whose extravagant vegetation acts as an allegory for the mind, mapping a journey of self-discovery and reconnecting with its roots. The strong colour palette references Peruvian folklore, while the compositions mimic the Amazonian rainforest that is deliberately not botanically, geographically, nor seasonally correct to reflect the diversity of colourful experiences that shape one's individuality and identity.

Bénédicte held several solo exhibitions in the UAE, including *n Search of Eden* at Aisha Alabbar Gallery, Dubai, UAE (2023), *Confluence* (a collaborative exhibition with Dr. Najat Makki), La Galerie, Alliance Française, Dubai (2021); *Between Macro and Micro*, La Galerie, Alliance Française, Dubai (2019); *Organicus Mundus*, Khalidiya Palace, Abu Dhabi (2011); and *Infinity Small, Infinity Large*, Alliance Française, Abu Dhabi (2009).

Bénédicte has participated in many group exhibitions in the UAE and internationally, including the *38th and 39th Annual Exhibition - Emirates Fine Arts Society*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE (2023-24); *While the Coffee Grounds Settle*, Fathom Gallery in Georgetown, Washington, DC (2022); *Disconnect & Reconnect (Part one and two)*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery and Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE; *Emirates The Art Circle Award 2021*, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2022); *Emirates Fine Arts Society Exhibition*, Expo2020, Dubai, UAE (2022); *Interconnection: 37th Annual Exhibition - Emirates Fine Arts Society*, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, UAE (2021); *Together We Art*, LP4Y, Champs-Élysées, Paris, France (2021); *Caravane & Guests at the French Residence*, Institut français, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2019); *Travelling Light*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2017); *Accrochages*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2014 – 2015); *City, Desert and Sea*, Alliance Française, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2014); *National Day*, Etihad Modern Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2013); *Watchwomen and Dreamcatchers*, Institut Français, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2013); *Regards sur les Emirats*, Embassy of France & Ministry of Culture, UAE (2012); *Globe*, Salwa Zeidan Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2010 – 2011); *London Art Fair*, corbettPROJECTS, London, UK (2009); *Red Dot New York* (with Cynthia Corbett Gallery), New York, USA (2009); *Français of the Year 2008 Ceremony*, London, UK (2008); *Red Dot Miami*, (with Cynthia Corbett Gallery), Miami, USA; *Slick Paris*, Le 104, corbettPROJECTS, Paris, France (2008); *AAF New York*, The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, New York, USA (2007 – 2009); *Light and Colour*, Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London, UK (2007); *Deutsch Postbank Exhibition*, London, UK (2005).

Bénédicte received the inaugural Art Circle Award, Abu Dhabi, UAE in 2021. She is also a member of the Emirates Fine Arts Society. The artist earned a BFA in painting from UAL: Wimbledon College of Arts in 2006.

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