



YVONNE MICHIELS

The Netherlands

In her art, Yvonne Michiels tells personal stories about beauty, emotions and mortality. She uses topical examples from modern society. This results in aesthetic, innovative portraits that are not only fascinating, but often also moving. Her works are characterised by the unusual techniques that she uses. As a result, they are surprising, continually revealing new dimensions and bearing a highly personal signature.

Deceptive perfection

Yvonne Michiels portrays highly fashion-conscious women who view the world with a confident eye. These women comply with the dominant ideal of beauty achievable through make-up, fashion and plastic surgery. They therefore look perfect. But appearances can be deceiving. The perfect facades conceal feelings of insecurity, despair and vulnerability. As slavish fashion victims, these women suffer from the compulsion to strive for the – partially self-imposed – ideal image.

Beauty versus mortality

The observer is directly affected by the strong emotional charge of the pictures. Vulnerability is a major theme for Yvonne, and is a recurring motif in all her work. In her latest work, she examines this theme from the viewpoint of the threats she increasingly sees people around her struggling with. Yvonne subtly 'projects' the threats onto her models, emphasising the contrast between beauty and health, on one side, and decline and mortality on the other.

Looking longer, you will discover a tremendous stratification behind the pretty picture.



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- 2019 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Art Karlsruhe, Germany
AAF New York Spring, New York, USA
- 2017 AAF New York, USA
Contemporary Istanbul, Turkey
Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2016 AAF Hong Kong, China
AAF New York, New York, USA
Art Market San Francisco, California, USA
Art New York, New York, USA
Art Hamptons, New York, USA
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Baltimore Art Antique & Jewelry Show, Maryland, USA
Bazaar Art Jakarta, Indonesia
New York Art, Jewelry & Antiques Show, New York, USA
Palm Beach Jewelry, Antiques & Design, Florida, USA
Villa del Arte Galleries, Barcelona, Spain
Villa del Arte Galleries, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2015 Duo exhibition at Galleries Creutzberg | Van Dun, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands
Classic-Event, Kortrijk, Belgium
AAF London Battersea, UK
"Art in the Yard", Helmond, The Netherlands
Woonbeurs RAI Amsterdam, The Netherlands
London Art Fair, London, UK
Spring at Liquilove, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Art Breda, The Netherlands
Art Karlsruhe, Germany
AAF Brussels, Belgium
Open Atelier Uilenburcht, Helmond, The Netherlands
REALISM 15: Fair for Contemporary Figuration, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2014 Ticket to Art, Artastic, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Woonbeurs RAI Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Galerie Van den Doel & Van Dun, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands
Ticket to Art, Artastic, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
REALISM 14: Fair for Contemporary Figuration, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Galerie Bianca Landgraaf, Laren, The Netherlands
- 2013 Ticket to Art, Artastic, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
REALISM 13: Fair for Contemporary Figuration, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Ptah Kunstadvies, Tegelen, The Netherlands
"Korte ontmoeting met Yvonne Michiels", Galerie Bianca Landgraaf, Laren, The Netherlands
"Leve de Koning", Art Company, Eindhoven/Utrecht, The Netherlands
Art 2013, Utrecht, The Netherlands
AAF Stockholm, Sweden
- 2011-2012 ART4KIDS, Galerie Bianca Landgraaf, Laren, The Netherlands
REALISM 12: Fair for Contemporary Figuration, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
"Scherven of bouwstenen", Karmelklooster Drachten, The Netherlands
Art Company, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
AFsH, Art and Antiques Fair, Rosmalen, 's Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
Bogaard Art Galerie, Helmond, The Netherlands
Partnership with Artastic, Marleen van Iersel, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
AAF Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Open days at Ptah Kunstadvies, Tegelen, The Netherlands
Solo exhibition at Galerie 28, Schagen, The Netherlands