

MILEEN (MARIE-HELENE) MALBRAIN

Living and working in BELGIUM

Born on december 11, 1958 in Leuven.

In 1981 she graduated as a bio engineer in Leuven. In the following period she was involved in biochemical research. During that time her great fascination arose for research strategy what she brought later into her art as well. In 1989 she got her teacher's degree and taught sciences until 2019. Meanwhile she followed a five-year sewing course, this is where her fascination for fabrics and textile techniques arose. After that she followed many short-term and long-term courses at art academies: drawing, Metal and plaster sculpture, art with glass, E-studio, bronze sculpture, cross-circulair studio, ceramics, painting, textile art

ARTISTIC CV

ARTISTIC EDUCATION

- Textile art, SLAC: 2018-2021
- Cross-curricular workshop, SLAC: 2010-2016
- Course "Bronze casting" Herent 2010
- E-studio, Ghent & Leuven 2009-2010
- Course "Plaster molds" Dworp, 2007
- Course "Glass processing" Leuven 2005
- Course "Steenkappen" Middelheim Museum Antwerp, 2004
- Course "Installations" Middelheim Museum Antwerp, 2004
- Course "Painting" with Liesbeth Verschueren, France 2003
- Course "Metal sculptures" with Stijn Van Aerschot, Leuven 2003
- Course "Woodworking" Free Technical Institute Leuven 2002
- Ceramics, Academy of Visual Arts Overijse 2002-2005
- Sculpting with metal, Academy of Visual Arts Anderlecht 2001-2002
- Drawing, Academy of Visual Arts Overijse 1997-2001
- Sewing training at SVV, Leuven 1985-1990

EXHIBITIONS

- Upcoming: Kunst met Fiere Margriet in Lovenjoel, 11 en 12 november 2023
- Expo vuur met VZW Cultuurvuur in het kasteel d'Ursel, 23 september 2023
- Kunst in het dorp, Bellingen 9 en 10, 15, 16 en 17 september 2023
- Kunstroute Leuven, 30 april, 1 en 7 mei 2023
- Groepstentoonstelling, Galerij Pand 108, Aalst september 2022
- Focus op Vilvoorde, Asiat site Vilvoorde, 13-19 september 2022
- Puur Kunst expo Brugge, 30 juli-3 augustus 2022
- Zomer expositie in galerij Nobody and Friends, Antwerpen, 21 juli - 28 augustus 2022
- Expo 'Prijs van de makers' Maldegem, 25 juni - 25 juli 2022

- A world collage day ,exhition of collages on post-its.
- Krook, Gent 13-16 mei 2022
- Expo Biënale Natura Inspiratus, Plantentuin Meise, 1/05-30/09/2022
- Groepstentoonstelling in galerij Nobody and Friends, Antwerpen, februari 2022
- Guest artist at White Art Walk, Rixensart, Genval, Rosières oktober 2021
- Kunst in het Dorp,Bellingen sept.2021
- Digital presence at Art Box Switzerland august25-29.2021
- Scythia, Mini Textile Art;Ivano-Frankivs'k, Ukraine, mei-juni 2021
- Kunst Route Leuven 'Kunst in de vitrine', 'Cyaankali' May 2021
- 5 jaar Hangar 14,10,11,14,17 en 18 april 2021
- Expo "Rythms" in Le neuf gallery Brussels, March 14- April 30, 2021 <https://www.leneuf.gallery/exhibitions/mileen-malbrain>
- Exhibition BEELD collective "Paradise?", Exhibition Tweebronnen, Leuven, 9-30 January 2021 <https://www.mleuven.be/nl/paradise>
- Online exhibition Textielplus competition 2020
- <https://www.textielplus.nl/inzendingen-textiel-plus-contest-2020/inz-8/>
- Exhibition Natura Inspiratus, Royal Botanic Garden of Meise, June-September 2020
- POSTPONED: Art route Leuven 2020
- Online exhibition Textielplus, "Textile in the times of corona" <https://www.textielplus.nl/textielkunst-in-tijden-van-corona-online-exosition/corona-expo-13/>
- Exhibition of the 3M collective, Coquilhatstraat 10-12 Antwerp, 23,24 and 31 August 2019
- Laureate exhibition Cross-curricular studio, SLAC Leuven 16, 24, 25 and 26 June 2016
- Open atelier Leuven: November 2015
- Kunst Route Leuven 2013: April 28, May 5 and 12, 2013
- Belfius Art 2012: June-July 2012
- CC de Borre January 10 - February 3, 2012
- Kunstroute Leuven 2011, April 30 and May 1, 2011
- Group exhibition, Old veterinary school, Ghent 12,13,16,19 and 20 June 2010
- Five years of the BEK, BEK house, Lovenjoel, January 12 - February 17, 2008
- From Bierbeek to Zoetermeer, BEK house, Lovenjoel 9,16,23 and September 30, 2007
- Belgium-Netherlands, BaZtille Ateliers in Zoetermeer 9,16,23 and 30 September 2007

- In the shadow of the light, BEK house, Lovenjoel 12, 19 and 26 November 2006
- Art in Overijse, Cultural center Den Blank, July 2004

PROJECTS

- "Black swans": art in the window in Maastricht supported by SAM, November 1, 2011- February 30, 2011
- "Virus" art installation with students from Sancta Maria Leuven, Sint Michielskerk, Leuven April 2011

COMPETITIONS

- Third price for hybrids in the competition 'PRIJS VAN DE MAKERS' Maldegem with the theme 'Remake', 24 juni 2022
- Honorable mentions for PATTERNS, art competition 2021 Light&Space Time Online Art Gallery
- Honorable mentions for Featured Artist Open Call, Artrepreneur april 2021
- Fedos Limburg Natura Inspiratus Prize, September 2020
- Canvas preselection 2010 MHKA

PUBLICATIONS

- <https://artbox-publish.myshopify.com/search?q=mileen+malbrain>
- The-Best-Artists-21, Modern and Contemporary Art , curated by Salvatore Russo and Francesco Saverio Russo, page 162
- <https://pers.leuven.be/expo-leuven-presenteert-tentoonstelling-paradise-in-tweebronnen> • The-Guggenheim-Issue-of-World-of-Art-Magazine page 175
- <https://www.worldofartmagazine.com/WOA10-eMag/WOA10-eMag.html>

WEBSITES AND INSTAGRAM

<http://artbymileen.weebly.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/artmileen>

<https://beeld.be/nl/kunstenaars/mileen-malbrain>

<https://www.kunstaanzet.be/kunstenaar/mileen-malbrain>

<https://artrepreneur.com/p/aiLmRhrwPNLzrfKKo>