

# EVERARD READ

## **FAITH XLVI**

(b. 1979 Cape Town, South Africa)

Liberty Du, who is widely recognised as Faith XLVII, is a multi-disciplinary South African artist.

Her journey into art began on the streets of South Africa in 1997, as a young graffiti writer taking on the name Faith47 (the number being a reference to her grandmother's numerological theorem). In 2006, Liberty began on a nomadic journey which has brought her to create works in 39 countries.

Her evolution from street artist to multi-disciplinary artist has created a fluid yet solid bridge into the contemporary art world. This explorative approach has led her to develop a broad range of artwork. This ranges from immersive new media installations and hand-sewn wall tapestries, to sculptural bronze works investigating hierarchies of power, paintings and various explorations into printmaking. The thread of Liberty's practice can be traced from abandoned structures, landmark 20-storey buildings to museums and galleries, all the way through to intimate site-specific installations.

One can observe in Liberty's approach evidence of her own personal quest, which in turn brings to the forefront much larger concerns of universal social and political complexities. Through the use of these various mediums, Liberty finds a unique series of poetic tones that lend their voice to her expression. We see in her work the longing for a deeper connection to nature, and a resurrection of the divine feminine. There is too the active investigation and questioning of the human condition, its deviant histories and our own inherent existential search. This all serves to imbue her narratives with the ebb and flow between pain and contemplation, imploring us to examine our place in the world.

Today, her artwork can be found in the several private and public collections including Universal Studios in Los Angeles, Lighthouse Properties in Philadelphia and the Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation in South Africa. She has shown at the Calais Museum of Fine Art and the Bernard Magrez Foundation in France, Mana Contemporary and the Brooklyn Museum, both in the USA.

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 CLAIR/OBSCUR, Museum of Fine Art, Nancy; Danysz Gallery, Paris, France
- 2021 CHANT, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 Elixir, Castanier Gallery, Miami, USA
- 2015 Aqua Regalia, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York, USA
- 2014 Aqua Regalia, London, UK
- 2012 Fragments of a Burnt History, David Krut Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2009 Epitaph, Mrego, Brussels, Belgium
- 2008 The Restless Debt of Third World Beauty, ATM Gallery, Berlin, Germany

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS**

- 2025 *Upcoming*, EXPO Chicago, with Everard Read, Chicago, USA
- Matter matters, Everard Read, London, UK
- Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2024 Little Life, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 CO\LAB 5, Torrance Museum, California, USA
- 2021 FAITH XLVII X KOLEKA PUTUMA, 'Every 3 Hours One of Us Doesn't Make It', Highway Notice Project, with the Centre for the Less Good Idea, Johannesburg, South Africa

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- Salute to the Women of Johannesburg, part of the Hennessy Mural Trilogy, Johannesburg, South Africa  
The Land War, installation, MUCA Museum, Munich, Germany  
Foundation, Heron Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
The Medicinal Flowers of Lebanon, with Underline Projects, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2020 Home, digital exhibition, Void Projects  
Staring Straight to the Future, digital exhibition, Everard Read, South Africa & UK  
Pink, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa  
Unprecedented Times, Kunsthaus Bregenz, Vienna, Austria  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019 Universal Studios Indoor Artwork Commission, Los Angeles, USA  
Dictator Art Installation, Colombia  
Design Indaba Talk and AURUM Performance, Cape Town, South Africa  
The Freedom Piece, The Pailpat Hotel, Los Angeles, USA  
20 Year Anniversary Exhibition, Cory Helford Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
Together, KP Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
Conquête Urbaine, Calais Museum of Fine Art, Paris, France  
United Labor Organization 100 Year Mural, New York City, USA  
Maya Angelou School Mural Upliftment Project, Los Angeles, USA  
Mural Arts Large Mural Production, Philadelphia, USA  
Mural commission, Charlottesville, USA  
Projection Mapping Mural, BLINK, Cincinnati, USA
- 2018 Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa  
Short Film Festival CortoLovere, Italy  
Please Touch: Body Boundaries, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
Moniker Art Fair, New York, USA  
Grand Opening Mirus Gallery, Denver, USA  
Beyond The Streets, Los Angeles, USA  
Mural Project, Vancouver, Canada  
Mural Project, North Carolina, USA  
Artmosphere, Russia  
One Way Through, Heron Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
Moniker Art Fair, London, UK  
Destination 131, Paris, France  
Summit LA18, Los Angeles, USA  
Conquête Urbaine, Paris, France  
Women in Street Art, Paris, France
- 2017 Urban Nation Museum and public art intervention, Berlin, Germany  
Arts Council Public art intervention, New Orleans, USA  
Homeless, curated by Axel Void, Miami, USA  
The Urban Art Biennale, UNESCO Voelklinger Huette World heritage site, Germany  
Magic Cities, Munich, Germany  
Digard Auction, Tribute to Paris, Paris, France  
Urban Currents, group show, Gallerie Kirk, Denmark  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016 XX: A moment in time, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
Cities of Hope Mural Project, Manchester, UK  
Inter|urban Mural Project, Cleveland USA  
Freedom as Form, Wunderkammern Gallery, Milan, Italy  
PM10, Urban Nation Museum group exhibition, Berlin, Germany  
Agitprop, Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA  
Wynwood Walls, Art Basel, Miami, USA
- 2015 Pow Wow Taiwan, Taipei, Taiwan  
Landfill Meditation, Street Intervention, Johannesburg, South Africa

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- Art Liberté group exhibition, Du Mur de Berlin, Gare de l'Est, Paris, France  
Dragon Tiger Mountain, Mural Project, Nanachang, China  
Ono'u, Mural Project, Tahiti  
Festival Mural, Montreal, Canada  
The Psychic Power of Animals, Street Intervention, New York, USA  
Murals for Oceans Expedition Mural Project, Cozumel, Mexico
- 2014 Berlin Wall 25th Anniversary, Paris, France  
Library Street Collective group exhibition, Basel, Miami, USA  
Redux, Inoperable Gallery, Vienna, Austria  
Artscape Mural Project, Malmo, Sweden  
5 Sector Mural Project, Glasgow, Scotland  
Djerbahood, Djerba, Tunisia  
Forest for the Trees Mural Project, Portland, USA  
Rencontres Australes de Imitsoanala, Antananarivo, Madagascar  
Outdoor Urban Art Festival, Rome, Italy  
The Art of Collaboration Wynwood Walls, Basel, Miami, USA  
Artesano Mural Project, Rio San Juan, Dominican Republic
- 2013 Women on the Walls, Jeffrey Deitch and Wynwood Walls Miami, USA  
Wooster Collective 10 Year Anniversary Show, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York, USA  
XII Into the Dark, Unit44, The Victoria Tunnel, Newcastle, UK  
Brotkunsthalle, Vienna, Austria  
Beyond Eden, Thinkspace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA  
Anniversary, White Walls Gallery, San Francisco, USA  
Memorie Urbane Mural Project, Gaeta, Italy  
Sculptura Viva International Symposium, San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy  
Nuart Mural Project, Stavanger, Norway  
MAUS Mural Project, Malaga, Spain  
Avant-Garde Urbano Mural Project, Tudela de Navarra, Spain  
Los Muros Hablan Mural Project, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Pow Wow Mural Project, Hawaii
- 2012 Antenna Garden Dal & Faith47, Rtist Gallery, Melbourne, Australia  
International Women, Warrington Museum, London, UK  
Mural Project, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Aarhus International Mural Project, Aarhus, Denmark  
Group exhibition, Kulturhuset, Stockholm, Sweden  
Mural Project, Sion, Switzerland  
Mural Project, Melun, France  
Wall Therapy Mural Project, Rochester, New York, USA  
Wynwood Walls, Miami, USA
- 2011 Urban Painting, Milan, Italy  
Group exhibition, Wuppertal Museum, Germany  
Group exhibition, Warrington Museum, London, UK  
Gossip Well Told, Blackall Studio, London, UK  
Les murs itinérance, Paris, France  
Urban Mural Project, Greece  
City Leaks Mural Project, Cologne, Germany  
Inner Walls Mural Project, Milan, Italy  
Batelier Mural Project, Slovakia
- 2010 Moniker Art Fair, London, UK  
Design For Humanity, Thinkspace, Los Angeles, USA  
For Those Who Live In It, Mu Gallery, Eindhoven, Netherlands  
Le Salon Du Cercle De La Culture, Circle Culture Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
Stroke03 Art Fair, Berlin, Germany  
Escape Art Fair, Vienna, Austria  
Biennial, Sao Paulo, Brazil

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- Focus10 Art Fair, Switzerland
- Urbanus International, Mural Project, China
- Muao Mural Project, A Coruna, Spain
- 2009 The Generations, The Showroom Gallery, New York, USA
- Four, 34 Long Fine Art, Cape Town, South Africa
- Artotale International, Mural Project, Luneburg, Germany
- 2008 1st Internationale Graffiti Biennale, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- Anything Could Happen, Carmichael Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2007 Be Girl Be, Mural Project, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis, USA
- Pick of the Harvest, Thinkspace Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2006 Lines of Attitude and Mural Project, South Africa And Kenya
- 2005 Subglob, Orebro, Sweden
- Go Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands