

(Ellen) Lili Vanderstraeten

Performer, creator and curator of events
fascinated by co-creative ways of making art,
disappearing rituals and the multiformity of textiles.

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My work departs from daily routines of (self)care such as walking, sleeping, cooking, reading ... which I experimentally loosen from their monotonous patterns to create curious sensory experiences.

TRAINING

2022	MA Creative Producing	Amsterdam (NL)	Das Arts, Amsterdam University of the Arts
2018-2019	MA Performing Arts	Reykjavik (IS)	Iceland Academy of the Arts
2014-2017	BA Theater Regie	Brussel (BE)	Royal Institute for Theatre, Film and Sound

COLLECTIVES & MEANINGFUL POSITIONS

Since 2022	Stappen vzw	Ghent (BE)	Residential worker in special youth care working with girls between 14 - 18 years old.
Since 2020	Spa for Spirits	Belgium based	Artistic direction of experimental wellness centre together with Leonie Buysse. (www.spaforspirits.com)
Since 2019	Celestial Bodies	European based	Co-curator of traveling performance based platform gathering every year to exchange practices.
Since 2017	EllCompany	Belgium based	Artistic direction of co-creative art projects with support of Florencia Orlandino.
2019 - 2021	Senselab	Montréal based	Co-organizing and participating at ateliers of SenseLab, a collective composed of artists, academics & researchers that study with neurodiversity.

SELECTION OF ART PROJECTS

2024, 2th of May	Spa for Spirits at MSK for Pride & Paintings	Ghent (BE)	Performance at the Museum of Fine Arts in Ghent together with Leonie Buysse
2023, 25 - 29 sep + 2024, Feb - July	Huskrooms at Dokter Guislain with Lucinda Ra	Ghent (BE)	Long term residency and reasearch at the psychiatric hospital Dokter Guislain. Working with textiles, performing rituals and collective actions in collaboration with theater collective Lucinda Ra and people that are one way or another part of the hospital. Research supported by Flanders State of the Arts.
2023, 1 - 14 July + 2 - 13 August	Spa for Spirits at Radical House	Brussels (BE)	Residency with Leonie Buysse, research on collective ways of working, supported by Flanders State of the Arts and with the mentorship Heike Langsdrof.
2023, 20 May	Spa for Spirits at Fomu, Museum of photography	Antwerp (BE)	Eating performance ritual during exhibition and consent workshop 'When the body says yes' by Melanie Bonajo and Skinshipcollective in scenography by Touchetouche.

2022, Jan + 2023, 29 - 30 Apr	Spa for Spirits at De Koer supported by Flanders State of the Arts, City of Ghent & Alleskan	Ghent (BE)	1 month of residency + festive weekend with interventions & workshops: joint baking of focaccias, building a textile labyrinth, a graphic design studio by Noam Youngrak Son and dinner with alien cakes from CELEBR8CULTCAKES.
2023, Feb - Mar	Huskrooms with KAOS vzw & Workspacebrussels	Brussels (BE)	2 months residency with moments of sharing practices and open talks in psychiatric hospital context.
2022, 9 Dec	Spa for Spirits at CAMPO, A Shot at Love	Ghent (BE)	Installation and performance in collaboration with Leonie Buysse, Aidan Abnet and Theo Bonne invited by Lieselot Sidikki and Jarne Van Loon.
2022 7 2022, 1 - 2 Oct	Spa for Spirits & Huskrooms at MURF/ MURW	Tilburg (NL)	Installation and performance 'saving the world is leaving your eyes here' in collaboration with Hapto-and Pesso therapist Henny Baeken, sewingwork by Bie Baeken and video artwork by Anton Cla.
2022, 20 - 23 Sep	Huskrooms at PHPC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	Bruges (BE)	Invited by Julie Rodeyans as artist in science orientated conference about death, grief and care. The project Huskrooms was shared with the participants at different moments and in interactive ways.
2022, 8 - 11 Sep	Spa for Spirits at Brussels Gallery Weekend	Brussels (BE)	Installation and performance 'Selfside Picnic Saloon' by Leonie Buysse and Ellen Lili Vanderstraeten for Generation Brussels. The work won the Prize CWB/ KOMMET.
2022, 27 Aug - 3 Sep	CELESTIAL BODIES with Vera Stasi	Tuscania (IT)	Co-organizer of festival 'Resonances' in Italy in collaboration with group of international artists exchanging practices around performance arts supported by several local organizations
2022, May - Oct	Spa for Spirits at 'BROEI' with support of City of Ghent	Ghent (BE)	Series of activities organized at community centre for youngsters such as sewing organic shaped objects (Blob Factory), cooking and storytelling (The Story-Telling Eel-Orgy) workshop, transformation make-up (House of Lux), collective carpet making, etc.
2022, 11 - 15 Mrt	Spa for Spirits at AGxKANSAL in Kyoto University	Kyoto (JP)	Screening of animation artwork in collab with Anton Cla and Q+A session with Renske Maria Van Dam on the practice of architects Arakawa and Gins.
2022, 28 mrt - 9 Apr	Spa for Spirits at De Grote Post	Ostend (BE)	Residency with Leonie Buysse invited architect Renske Maria Van Dam. Introduction to island machine practice. Supported by Flanders State of the Arts
2022, 12 - 29 Jan	Spa for Spirits with Gouvernement/ NIGHTSHIFT at GIF with support of Viernulvier	Ghent (BE)	Installation and performance 'Whisper me Singing' in empty shop in Shopping Centre Zuid with Leonie Buysse invited into the residency architect Francesco Apostoli and look + performance support by HOUSE OF LUX.
2021, 25 Dec - 2022, 2 Jan	Spa for Spirits at School van Gaasbeek	Brussels (BE)	with Leonie Buysse, on drawing and sewing in space with multi materials during closing down culture (Covid-measures).
2021, 15 - 19 Dec	Spa for Spirits at Viernulvier	Ghent (BE)	with Leonie Buysse and architect Francesco Apostoli for experiments on a new installation and performance
2021, 23 - 29 Aug	Spa for Spirits at GAG	Brussels (BE)	Ongoing installation and play located in self-built cabin on vacant land with Leonie Buysse and children living in the 'Trivoli' neighborhood with support of VGC and GCNekkersdal.
2021, 28 Jun - 17 Jul	CELESTIAL BODIES at CEA Moita, Alkantara and Mã-Criação	Lisabon (PT)	Co-organizer of festival in collaboration with group of international artists exchanging practices around performance art with support from Portuguese cultural institutions and EU.
2021, 18 - 31 Oct	Spa for Spirits at BUDA	Courtrai (BE)	Curator of residency around concept LANDING SITES, concept by Arakawa and Gins with invited guests; actress Leonie Buysse, architect Francesco Apostoli, dramatist Mats Van Droogenbroeck and Hapto-and Pesso therapist Henny Baeken.
2021, 1 Jun - 31 Oct	EllCompany with Konijnenberg supported by VGC & GC Op-Weule	Brussels (BE)	Project 'colour me mountain' in the social housing estate in Sint-Lambrechts-Woluwe that, through interaction with textiles, collaborates with the residents in and around the apartment blocks. Collaboration with Florencia Orlandino.

2021, 13- 15 May + 4 - 6 Aug	Spa for Spirits at Viernulvier with support of Stad Gent	Ghent (BE)	Installation and performance alongside theatrical party 'Nachtzwemmen' with Leonie Buysse and supported by Drag queen collective HOUSE OF LUX, sound artist Oscar Claus, invited by Lieselot Siddiki & Jarne van Loon.
2019, Apr-May	at Skafffell	Seydisfjordur (IS)	Research based residency invited by sound artist Yann Leguay
2020, Jan - Jun + 2019, Oct - Dec	SENSELAB at Concordia University with support of EMA - European Union	Montréal (CA)	Series of ateliers with Senselab (initiated by Erin Manning and Brian Massumi). A collab focused around schizosomatic practices such as collective cooking, reading groups, alternative childcare etc.
2019, 16 Oct -16 Dec	CARDC at UQAM University supported by EMA - European Union	Montréal (CA)	Assistant & resident at 'Centre of Art Research on Cultural Diversities' initiated by Romeo Gongora together with master students of UQAM.
2019, 27 Nov	at ANTIFestival with support of Nortéas	Kuopio (FI)	Assistant & performer in performance 'After Erika Eiffel' initiated by Loren Kronemeyer.
2019, 6-16 Sep	CELESTIAL BODIES in collab with LHI and IDNO	Reykjavik (IS)	Co-organizer of traveling arts festival and creator of performance 'I Will Not Bury My Romantic Soul' around practice of Brazilian artist Lygia Clark.
2018, Dec	at SIM Residency	Reykjavik (IS)	Invited by sound artist Yann Leguay to work on a video
2018, Apr	EllCompany with ENTER BXL supported by VGC, Demosvzw and GC Nekkersdal	Brussels (BE)	Maker & performer of artistic beauty salon 'UNI Beautysalon' in collab with Elise Gyshelen, Florencia Orlandino, child organizations and children living in the neighborhood Bocktstael.
2017, 18-21 Jun	at Nijverheidkaai with RITCS	Brussels (BE)	Maker & performer of performance labyrinth 'DANCING DARLINGS' in collaboration with artist Elise Gyshelen.
2017, Apr	at Arsenaal with Transfo Collect	Mechelen (BE)	Making of a new performance in collab with performer Stefan Gota
2017, 27-30 Mrt	at La Vallée	Brussels (BE)	Installation and performance 'ON NO ID' #2
2017, Feb-Mrt	at Abbatoir with RITCS	Brussels (BE)	Collab with artist collective K.A.K supported by detheatermaker & KVS. Resulted in a new theatre piece together with Congolese artists.
2016, May - Jul	DansCentrumJette	Brussels (BE)	Collab with dancers Jeff Aedenboom & Emese Kovacs with mentoring by Roxanne Huilemand
2015, 12 May	at CAMPO	Ghent (BE)	Video screening of performance 'Everybody Nathalia Maslova' for Maydaymayday festival
2015, 29 Apr	at Palace of Culture with Toestand	Kremenchuk (UA)	Performer 'Everybody Nathalia Maslova' in collab with Alex, supported by EU Commission
2016, Apr	Salloon Kremenchuk	Kremenchuk (UA)	Collaboration with photographer Arber Sefa invited by Toestand supported by EU Commission
2015, 03 Dec	at my own house with RITCS	Brussel (BE)	Maker & performer of one-on-one performance 'HOUSE' in my own house
2015,13 Oct	at Bozar with BANG Festival	Brussel (BE)	Performer of performance 'ON NO ID #1' at 'Salon der Verbeelding' curated by Saskia De Coster