

# Lewinale Havette



## Artist Bio

Lewinale Havette (b. Monrovia, Liberia) is a painter focusing on the intricacies of feminine identity and explores the complexities of African spirituality, religion, sensuality, and gender power dynamics. Through her work, she unravels the oppressive structures of the past that once entangled her and transcend beyond the limitations of societal expectations, realizing the infinite freedom of liberation.

Stories of Lewinale's maternal grandmother in her childhood Liberian village were her first encounters with life's overflowing Magic. Havette then recognized Magic during her metamorphosis from a young girl to a woman, challenging a system of rigid orthodox ideas. In her studio, she explores and converts memories, fantastical visions, and ethereal dreams into tangible artwork that embodies the supernatural.

Lewinale Havette's artwork has been featured in exhibitions in museums and galleries in the United States and Europe, including Christie's London, 1-54 Contemporary African Fair in NY, Delphian Gallery in London, UK; Cierra Britton Gallery, New York; Black Cultural Archives, London, UK; Launch F18 in New York, NY; Alan Avery Art Company in Atlanta, GA; the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe, Louisiana; and The ROOM Contemporary Art Space in Venice, Italy. In addition, she was represented by the Pérez Art Museum Miami at Art Basel Miami.

## Exhibition History

- 2023      *Home as Corpus*, Strada Gallery, New York, NY.  
            *Maison Palo*, Palo Gallery, New York, NY.  
            *A Blue Semiotic*, Palo Gallery, New York, NY.  
            *Note to Self*, Christie's London, London, UK.  
            *Nobody's Appendage: Unapologetically Free*, Rele Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.  
            *States of Blackness*, Black Cultural Archives, London, UK.
- 2022      *"I Saw Things I Thought I Imagined"*, Cierra Britton Gallery, New York, NY.  
            *Virgo*, Wolfgang Gallery, Atlanta, GA.  
            *Of The Fantastic ATL*, A&E Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.  
            *NY Art Week Art On Paper*, Julia Seabrook Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2021      *"Can You See Now"*, Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA.  
            *Stonebreakers*, Launch F18, Virtual, New York, NY.  
            Delphian Gallery Exhibition, Delphian Gallery, London, UK.  
            *"Strange Paradigm"*, Young Space Views, Virtual, UK.
- 2019      *Alan Avery Selects*, Atlanta Photography Group, Atlanta, GA.  
            *The High Rise Show*, Museum of Contemporary Art Georgia (MOCA GA), Atlanta, GA.

- 2018 *The Immortals Collection*, 5CHURCH, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 *The Body Language*, The ROOM Contemporary Art Space, Venice, IT.  
UNICEF Next Generation, Atlanta, GA.

### **Art Fairs**

- 2022 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Cierra Britton Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2018 Art Basel Miami, TILA Studios, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL.

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