

# **Lucia Onzain**Artistic practice

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Graduated in Sculpture from the Faculty of Fine Arts in Barcelona. Lucía Onzain has obtained, among others, the Sculpture Scholarship of the Spanish Academy in Rome and the Fulbright Scholarship for further artistic studies in the USA (New York University). Master's degree in Art Education from the EHU-UPV. Gure Artea Sculpture Award, among others.

Her work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally in arts spaces such as the Antonio Barnola Gallery (Barcelona), Sala Rekalde Area 2 (Bilbao), Cold City Gallery in Toronto (Canada), Gallery Ursula Krizinger (Austria), Santa Monica Art Center in Barcelona, Fundació La Caixa in Palma de Mallorca, Sala Montcada in Barcelona, Casa de América in Madrid, and the National Museum of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires (Argentina), among others. She has participated in various editions of the ARCO art fair in Madrid, as well as in the Basel Art Fair (Switzerland).

Art for Lucia Onzain is not only a way of life but also a way of knowing, thinking and working. She considers artistic research to be a fundamental tool for developing different life and professional projects.

Regarding her recent artistic practice, she is researching and working on the genre of the *Vanitas* (link) or allegorical still life, a transversal genre with a large representation in the Baroque period.

### **Exhibitions**

### 2023/2020

#### Zeru bat, hamaika bide.

Artistic practices in the Basque Country between 1977 and 2002.

Artium Museoa. Gasteiz.





#### 2008

**Animadrid.** IX Animated Image Festival. International Short Film Competition. Official section.



Iluntzean argitzen. 2008.

#### 2002

### Norabide guztiak

Rekalde Hall. Bilbao (Catalogue)



Norabide guztiak. Untitled 2000-2002. 2

#### **Exhibitions**

2001

#### **Art and Electricity**

Produced by Arteleku. Rodriguez Foundation. (Catalogue: cd-rom edition)



Art and Electricity. 2001

#### 2000

#### Contrasts (Chance and Doubt).

National Museum of Fine Arts. Buenos Aires. Argentina (Catalogue)



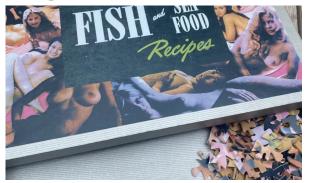
Hello Frida, are we friends? 1999. Plaster. 100x100x40 cm.

#### Women's constructions

Video exhibition. Amadís Hall. Madrid. (Catalogue).

#### Indomestico

Imatra. Bilbo. (Catalogue)



Board games. 2000. Cardboard, prints. Variable measures

#### **Exhibitions**

#### 2000

#### Zehar Arteleku

Collaboration dedicated to Grete Stern in the publication Zehar, directed by Miren Eraso. N.44 Winter







#### 1999

#### **Navarra Audiovisual Creation Festival**

Competition section. Pamplona (Catalogue)

#### **Short Film and Documentary Festival**

Mediaz – Kuraia Programme. Bilbao.

#### ARCO 99.

Antonio Barnola Gallery Stand. Madrid (Catalogue)

#### **Exhibitions**

1999

#### 4th Independent Video Exhibition

Video on demand section. La 12 visual. O.V.N.I. Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona. Casa de Caritat. Barcelona (Catalogue).

#### In Blood and Fire

Video projections. Espai d'Art Contemporani de Castelló. (Catalogue).

# W139 and Broadcasting on the cultural channel of the city of Amsterdam.

Amsterdam. The Netherlands

#### Transexual express.

Bilbaoarte. Bilbao. Jovellanos Palace. Gijon (Catalogue).

#### Hi Frida, are we friends?

Imatra. Bilbao.

#### Hi Frida, are we friends?

Antonio de Barnola Gallery (Individual exhibition) Barcelona



But matxalen, are we like that? 1999 1999 Plaster. Variable measurements

#### **Exhibitions**

1998 Navarra Video Festival

Competition section. Pamplona (Catalogue)

1997 This Media

NYU. Cantor Theatre. New York. USA

1996 Extensions

Montcada Hall. Fundació 'La Caixa'. Barcelona (Catalogue)



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Extensions (1996) Montcada Gallery

#### El puñalito y un puñao

Rekalde Gallery. Bilbao (Catalogue).



Oh! furious flames of desire

#### **ARCO 96**

Antonio de Barnola Gallery Stand Madrid (Catalogue)

#### 3rd Independent Video Exhibition

Video on demand section. La 12th visual. O.V.N.I. Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona. Barcelona. (Catalogue).

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#### **Exhibitions**

1995

#### Col.lecció Testimoni

Fundació 'la Caixa'. Palma de Mallorca. (Catalogue).

#### **Acepciones**

Trayecto Gallery. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Catalogue)

#### L'escola invisible.

Els Tallers de la Quam. 1988-1994. Vic. Sabadell. Barcelona. Lleida. Mataró. Donostia-San Sebastián. Madrid. (Catalogue).

#### Secuencias de Interior

CAZ Gallery. Zaragoza

#### **ARCO 95**

The Pavilion. Madrid (Catalogue)

#### **ARCO 95**

Antonio de Barnola Gallery Stand. Madrid. (Catalogue)

#### **GURE ARTEA**

Rekalde Hall. Bilbao. Amarica Hall. Vitoria-Gasteiz. Koldo Mitxelena. Donostia-San Sebastián. (Catalogue)

#### **Exhibitions**

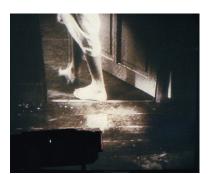
1995

#### Conversations'

In collaboration with Leonor Uriarte. Rekalde Area 2 . Bilbao. (Catalogue)



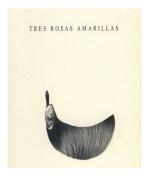




Conversations. Rekalde Area 2. 1995

#### Three yellow roses

(Solo exhibition) Antonio de Barnola Gallery. Barcelona (Catalogue)



Hiru larrosa beilegi. Catalogue of the exhibition 'Three yellow roses'. Barcelona.



**Three yellow roses** 1995. Wax, metal, glass 35 x 230 x 57 cm.



Your veins 1995. Wax, metal. Variable dimensions.

1994

**Graphic Work** 

Antonio de Barnola Gallery. Barcelona.

Anys 90. Zero distance

Santa Mónica Art Centre. Barcelona.

(Catalogue)

#### **Exhibitions**

#### 1993



#### Confrontations (Europe-America)

Casa de América. Linares Palace. Madrid. (Catalogue)





Love me 2. For M. Mar. 1993 Installation (glass, metal, methacrylate, toys, paper) 200x822x100cm. Confrontations. Madrid.

#### Three Trias

D. Canogar, J.M. Marti, L. Onzain Antonio de Barnola Gallery. Barcelona (Catalogue)



**Untitled, 1991.** 1991. Cardboard, wood, glass, copper. 130x113x130 cm

#### **After Virtue**

Contemporary Art Gallery. Vancouver. Canada. Cold City Gallery. Toronto. Canada. McDonald Stewart Art Centre. Guelph. Ontario. Canada. (Catalogue)



Hansel and Gretel (II) 1991. Wood, glass, collage. 194x10x60 cm.

#### 1992

#### **Human resources**

Joan Prats Gallery. Artgrafic. Barcelona (Catalogue).

# Colomer, Lopez Cuenca, Guzman, Espaliu, Paneque, Onzain

Ursula Krizinger Gallery. Innsbruck - Austria (Catalogue).

#### Basel Art Fair.

Stand of the Buades Gallery. Basel. Switzerland.

#### Making - The Image

Buades Gallery. Madrid. (Catalogue)

#### **Exhibitions**

1991

#### Quinzena d' art.

Montesquiu. Barcelona (Catalogue)

#### **Workshop by Angel Bados**

ARTELEKU. Donostia-San Sebastián. (Catalogue)

#### **Epilogo**

Last generation of Basque artists. Tolosa (Catalogue)

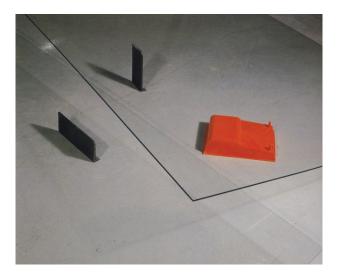
#### 1990

#### VIII Triennial of Small Sculpture

Mücsarnok Budapest - Hungary. (Catalogue)

#### Sommer Atelier. Junge Kunst in Europe

Hannover. Germany. (Catalogue)



Untitled. 1990

Iron, glass, plastic. 320x266x29 cm.

#### ARCO 90.

Carmen de Julián Gallery stand. Madrid. (Catalogue)

#### **Exhibitions**

1990

#### Roma 1989

Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando. Madrid. (Catalogue)



**Untitled,** 1989. Iron, glass, lead. 75 x 500 x 35 cm Dentro la conca de mio mutismo metti una parola

#### "Paloma Pelaez eta Lucia Onzain".

Carmen de Julián Gallery. Málaga (Catalogue)

#### Bizkaiko Artea

Biscay Provincial Council. Bilbao (Catalogue.)



Nothing could be seen or touched, 1990 Lead iron and wax.  $100 \times 200 \times 100$  cm

#### Iñigo Ordozgoiti and Lucia Onzain

Casa de Cultura. Basauri. (Catalogue)

#### Ten painters, eleven sculptors

Casa de Cultura. Basauri. (Catalogue) **Exhibitions** 

1989

### The Barcelona Biennial. Young European artists.

Casa de la Caridad. (CCCB). Barcelona. (Catalogue)

#### Rome 1989

Spanish Academy of Fine Arts in Rome. Italy. (Catalogue)



*Di nuovo egli fonde il piombo nella caldaia di lagrime*.1988. Lead, glass 73x213x15 cm.

### Art Collections "Col.lecció Testimoni". Fundació "La Caixa"



Three yellow roses 0. 1995 Methacrylate, metal and glass 60x60x70 cm Cataloguing No. AC603

#### Colección Deustche Bank Collection of Graphic Works



**Your Veins 1**. 1995 Charcoal on paper, 70x200 cm Cataloguing No: K19951747





Your Veins 2. 1995 Charcoal on paper, 70x200 cm Cataloguing No: K19951747

#### **National Library** Collection of Graphic Works Madrid

#### **Art Collections**

# **Collection of Contemporary Art Artium Museoa**

(Vitoria-Gasteiz)

Your eyes, 1994 Methacrylate, wax, metal 33x310x120 cm



**Diptych [Untitled],** 1999 Mixed technique. Collage on paper.



# Shαred Collection. Artium Museoa, Bilbao Fine Arts Museum, CICC Tabakalera.



Untitled, 1993 [Triptych]
Ex-Yugoslavia Series
Mixed Technique
Collage and charcoal on paper
26 x 35 cm. each
Inventory 20/27

Untitled, 1993
Ex-Yugoslavia Series
Mixed Technique
Collage on paper, metal, oil
26 x 35 cm.
Inventory 20/25

Untitled, 1995 [Diptych] Ex-Yugoslavia Series Mixed Technique Collage on paper, metal. 26 x 35 cm bakotxa Inventory 20/26

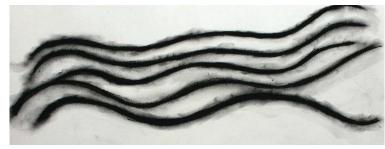
Untitled, 1999 [Diptych]
Hello Frida Are we friends? Series.
Collage on paper
Mixed media
26 x 35 cm. each.
Inventory 20/24

### Public Work 2003-2009

#### Park in Can Gambús. Sabadell. Barcelona

Collaboration: ONL architecture

In the Can Gambús park, a series of sculptures developed as immense drawings of approximately 40x40m. are placed in different meadows of the park. The playful use of the art piece is implicit as they are designed to be used freely as a balance circuit.















#### Public Work 2006

## Project tender for Artistic Interventions on sites on the banks of the Ebro River. Finalist.

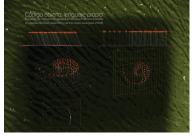
Expoagua 2008. Zaragoza

Lankidetza: Local 4

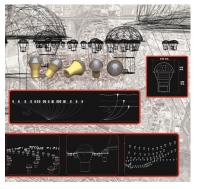
The obligatory nature of the water theme in the tender led to the search for the personal and collective memory that the inhabitants of Zaragoza had of the urban space subjected to an accelerated and artificial change such as that of a universal exhibition. We started from a process of recovery of memory by its inhabitants in order to establish a repertoire of symbolic images of the relationship of these people with the city. The project was based on the representation of this personal and collective memory in the form of symbolic drawings by means of illuminated navigation buoys in the Ebro River.











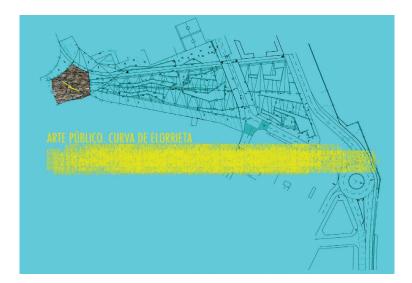
#### **Public Work**

#### 2004

#### Proyecto de escultura pública para Avenida Lehendakari Agirre.

Collaboration: IMB Architectes

This public sculpture project aimed to work in the urban environment by reusing the language of the city but subverting its meanings. The idea was to use the elements of urban and traffic signage by means of LED signs giving them other meanings. We wanted to transform them into spokespersons for those who live in the city. To this end, we relied on the collaboration by means of short texts: bertsoak, haikus, short stories in sms format, tweets, etc., from people from both the literary and artistic fields as well as from different citizens' associations.



#### 2004

#### Bidarte Park. Public sculpture. Bilbao.

Collaboration: Sema 99 (Arantza Iriarte), A4 Architects

The strategies of minimal art from the 1960s, in which the use of light establishes modifications in the architectural space and its retinal perception depending on the incidence of natural or artificial light, are used to create this installation on the wall that closes off the north side of Bidarte Park in Bilbao. It is a subtle installation that seeks to intervene without intervening in the urban space.



### Audiovisual 2008

#### **Iluntzean argitzen. Iluminando la oscuridad.** Animated film produced by Arteleku within the moving

Directors: Lucia Onzain/Coke Riobóo

Organisation: Arteleku

image laboratory.

Stop motion tailerra/Tratu txarren mendekotasunagazko terapia-taldea

At the beginning, a previous work was carried out with the therapists of a women's group where the therapy was aimed at overcoming dependence on abuse (Osakidetza-Basque Health Service). Limiting contact exclusively to the therapists preserved the anonymity of the group, an essential condition for being able to work indirectly with the people who made up the group.

The ideas, sensations and difficulties expressed in their sessions - conveyed by their therapists - were later materialised in a stop motion animation workshop developed in Arteleku. The concept of romantic love as blindness, the process of enunciation as the beginning of consciousness and change, isolation as an obstacle, sharing as the beginning of the healing. The issues transferred were transformed into animations created with light in long exposures by the workshop participants, configuring a short choral film in its process of going back and forth, as Iluntzean argitzen, finally in film format, returns to the therapy group as working material.



Iluntzean argitzen. 2008

#### 2007-2008

#### Moving Image Laboratory at Arteleku.

Coordinator, together with Isabel Herguera, of the development and coordination of the Moving Image Laboratory project and its implementation at Arteleku.

#### **Audiovisual**

2004

# Audiovisual installation for the Bilbao Ria 2000 stand at the Venice Architecture Biennale.

Collaboration: Oscar Mr. Ciencia, IMB architects.

Visitors to the Biennale of Architecture were presented with the urban changes made in Greater Bilbao through a videocreation approach.





La Biennale di Venezia

#### 2004

# Editing of the audiovisual film Instantes Sonoros by Susana Rico for the exhibition Beste Bat.

Rekalde Hall. Bilbao.

For many years, Susana Rico photographed the music groups of what was known as Basque Radical Rock.

#### **Audiovisual**

2003-2004

# Donostia International Exhibition. MIDE. Coordinator of the Electronic Image area.

Platform for reflection and visibility around initiatives bordering art and expressions of urban culture. Arteleku. Donostia-San Sebastián.







#### **Audiovisual**

2000

#### Art and electricity. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

A reflection on violence in seven clips.

Coordinated: Rodriguez Fundazioa. Produced: Arteleku.

Special mention in the cd\_internet category at the Navarra audiovisual creation festival.









#### 1999

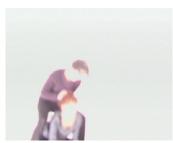
#### Hello Frida, are we friends?

Section of the 1999 Navarra audiovisual creation festival competition.

Two women hit each other in an endless dance. Performers: Marga Arroyo, Marina Ruiz (Traspasos)







#### index

#### **Audiovisual**

#### 1998

#### What happened?

#### 1998

#### Whore

Section of the 1998 Navarra audiovisual creation festival competition.

Two women, one English-speaking and the other Spanishspeaking, insult each other.

#### 1998

#### I married a dwarf

998 Navarra Audiovisual Creation Festival Competition Section

I married a dwarf just for laughing... Learnings from childhood..

#### 1996

#### What do you desire? Oh angry flames of desire.

'I'm afraid of that, to stop wishing, but wishing to live wishing to die just to stay. To have no passion for things and for people and for life, just to stay...'





#### 1995

#### Do you feel politically represented?

Different women admit that they do not feel politically represented. Broadcast by Euskal Telebista.

### **Education**

2024

# Bilbao Fine Arts Museum. The splendours of the Gothic period. The art of the late Middle Ages.

Francisco Calvo Serraller lecture series.

2023

Un estudio propio. **Abolishing gender.** 

Clara Serra Miquel Misse

'In a current context characterised by the rise of reactionary projects and the identitarian retreats of the left, the encounter of feminism with the trans question forces us to think about identity in several senses.'

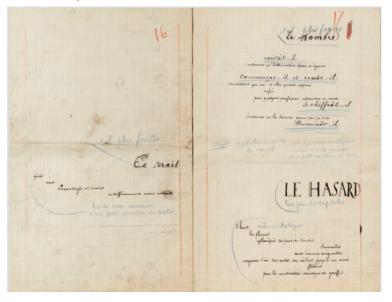
2016-2020

Bulegoa. The exhibition rehearsal.

2015-2018

#### Bulegoa: The Book to Come

In the reading group we explored the concept of the book as something alive based on five books by Marcel Broodthaers conceived by the artist as autonomous works of art.



#### Seventeenth session of The book to come.

Lucia Onzain. 72/49 (2018)

Throughout 2017, Mikel Eskauriaza, Karlos Martínez B., Gema Intxausti and myself were invited to make a production that would dialogue with what was discussed in the group reading sessions of 'The book to come'.

In the group we explored the concept of the book as something alive based on five books by Marcel Broodthaers conceived by the artist as autonomous works of art.

72 years separate Stéphane Mallarmé's Un coup de dés jamais n'abolira le hasard (1897) and Marcel Broodthaers' Un coup de dés jamais n'abolira le hasard (1969).

The writer Broodthaers, 'abandons' writing in order to work as an artist on the book of another writer, Mallarmé who extensively investigated the concept of the 'book' and the forms of reading in his search for the Total Work (or Book).

Don Giovanni as an example of what is not enunciated but is there; El Burlador de Sevilla (around 1612, attributed to Tirso de Molina), where the typographer slipped the 's' for the 'd' in a kind of 'post-truth' or alternative fact already in the 17th century.

#### Education

2015

#### Asmoz/Kultiba: Impacts of Culture.

The challenge of measuring the social function, goals and contribution of culture to society.

2013-2015

Bulegoa. Reading group of The Contract in its two

**phases:** 2013/2014 at the headquarters of Bulegoa and 2014 /2015 in the exhibition The Contract at Azkuna Zentroa.

2011

Master's Degree in Art Education Teacher Training in Secondary Education.

2003

European Landscape Biennial. Barcelona.

1999

#### BilbaoARTE. Film Script

Eliseo Antunaga, Zinema Gidoian espezialista

Directed by Eliseo Antunaga, Specialist in Film Scriptwriting at the San Antonio de Los Baños Film and Documentary School. Havana. Cuba.

1997

#### Arteleku. For your eyes only.

The feminist factor in relation to the visual arts.



For your eyes only. 1997 Catalogue

#### Education

1996

#### New York University. Master in Computer and Video Art

New York. USA.



#### 1996. Peep Land

Still from the video 'Peep land' made at New York University, which describes the decline of the traditional neighbourhood around Times Square in New York, where the theatres and peep shows have disappeared due to urban, tourist and gentifrication pressure.

1993-95

UPV-EHU.

Doctorate course. Department of Sculpture. Sculpture. Crossroads of supports and languages.

1994

Arteleku

III Seminar on the Analysis of International Trends. New frontiers. New Territories.

Directed by Francisco Jarauta.

1993

Arteleku

II International Trends Analysis Seminar. Building Inhabiting Composing.

Directed by Francisco Jarauta.

1993

Arteleku

Kritikaria artista gisa

"Argialdi profanoak. Kritikaren zeregina"

Criticism workshop directed by Juan Manuel Bonet and Jose Luis Brea.

#### Education

1991

#### Quinzena d' art de Montesquiu

Sculpture workshop directed by Jordi Colomer.

Montesquiu - Barcelona.





Montesquiu. Bartzelona. Installation (1991). Glass, metal, textile, plastic. 117x225x300cm.

1991

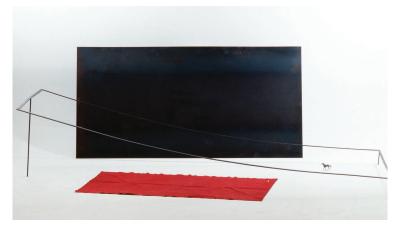
Arteleku

Sculpture course directed by Angel Bados.

1988

University of Barcelona.

Sant Jordi Faculty of Fine Arts (Sculpture).



Rocco (1988) ) Iron, lead, textile. 350x150x200cm. approx.

### Bekak Laguntzak Sariak

2012

#### **Eremuak**

Programme for the production of context in contemporary

Basque Government (Department of Culture and Language Policy).

Making the invisible visible, the visible invisible.

Barrika Marshes

Connecting cultural and artistic practice with the territory, this action project in the marshes and their surroundings is based on generating learning and knowledge transmission processes that link the personal with the collective, the local with the global, the everyday with the political

2000

#### **Audiovisual Scholarship**

Provincial Council of Bizkaia.



Whore. 1998.

#### 1999

### **Financial support for the promotion of Contemporary** Spanish Art.

Exhibition abroad. National Museum of Fine Arts. Argentina. (Catalogue).

Ministry of Education and Culture.



#### Bekak Laguntzak Sariak

#### 1996

# Grant for further artistic studies in the USA. Fulbright Scholarship. New York University.

Commission for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Exchange between the United States of America and Spain.

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board / Ministry of Education and Culture.

#### 1994

#### Sculpture Scholarship.

Provincial Council of Bizkaia.

#### 1994

#### 1st Prize Gure Artea Sculpture.

Basque Government.





Installation in Montesquiu. Gure Artea Prize 1994.

#### 1990

#### Finantial support for 'Artistic Creation'.

#### Bekak Laguntzak Sariak

1990

# Finantial support for Workshop and Exhibition Abroad.

Basque Government.

1990

#### 3rd Prize for Sculpture. Bizkaiko Artea Competition.

Provincial Council of Biscay.



Nothing could be seen or touched. 1990 Lead iron and wax 100x200x100 cm.

1989

### Sculpture Scholarship. Spanish Academy in Rome

Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Rome 1989. Spanish Academy