

Lefranc Bourgeois, partner of the FIAA

It is a great pleasure for Lefranc Bourgeois and the Colart Group to participate for several years in the influence of contemporary art throughout the world alongside Lucien Ruimy, by supporting the Puls'Art movement since 1998 and by being a partner of the FIAA, this magnificent showcase, accessible to all and ideally situated in the heart of the city of Le Mans, in the historic and lively Visitation district.

Art is this universal language that crosses time, connects civilizations and transcends reality by opening the infinite field of emotions.

Thank you dear Lucien for bringing us together around Lydie Arickx and Nurcan Giz, two powerful women whose monumental talent will thrill us "beyond the limits"!

For more than three centuries, Lefranc Bourgeois has been committed to working alongside artists with authenticity, passion and high standards, innovating in the service of their creativity. From Chardin to Millet, via Monet, Cézanne, then Matisse, Dufy, Dubuffet, Braque and Vasarely, recently presented here, Lefranc Bourgeois, with its solid academic background, has been able to embrace modernity, with a view to exploring new possibilities in terms of colour, textures, technologies, environmental and societal issues, and is committed to transmitting, sharing and inspiring the artists of tomorrow, as demonstrated by its partnerships with ENSBA, Beaubourg and the FIAA. The Lefranc Bourgeois collection includes some fifty works (including your magnificent "Etreinte", dear Lydie).

Lefranc Bourgeois is the French nugget of the Colart Group, whose industrial site in Le Mans has been producing collections for British (Winsor and Newton) and American (Liquitex) brands for 55 years. The world's leading producer of fine art products, ColArt Le Mans employs nearly 300 people in Le Mans and generates more than 80% of its turnover from exports. A centre of industrial excellence, but also a highly efficient logistics platform for delivering to the four corners of the world and, since this year, a global research and development laboratory, Colart Le Mans is the image of the pioneering and powerful energy embodied by the artists who bring us together!

Thank you to the city of Le Mans and to the teams of the department and the region for their unfailing support in order to promote the heritage and the projects of Lefranc Bourgeois, Colart, and the Fonds International d'Art Actuel, alongside the artists!





