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Elane Thunder. A name like this instantly resonates. Instantly provides a strong image. Well, that was the point. A sea of collages and neon colours spread across her living room, the German artist invited me to learn a little more about her art and vision.



“Ever since I was little, I’ve been in touch with music, art and creativity as a whole.” With parents in the world of architecture, drawing and music, Elane grew up with a deep and passionate need for creating. She learned three different instruments, would come back from school with brand new drawings daily and took several combined art classes.

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As she grew up, she learned that **“life and business easily get in the way.”** Such intruders. The uncertainty of a professional path and the need for financial independence do build obstacles for artistic careers. Nevertheless, Elane initially wanted to become a make up artist. With the lack of public schools in Germany for this discipline, she found her way to the lively, colourful and festive Barcelona. She studied there for half a year in a make up school as a guest student. As trains of thoughts and decisions evolve, Elane further studied management.



Seeking creativity in all aspects of her life, she found event management. And has been working in that field for the past few years. **“As an event manager, you get creative in finding solutions.”** Although it cannot qualify as purely artistic, this profession requires a significant level of creativity. Brainstorming ideas, facing issues, solving problems on the go, reacting to mishaps, etc.

Thus, she managed to stay in touch with her artsy personality by contributing to art, culture and entertainment projects. Organizing festivals and concert enabled her to meet passionate people within the creative sphere.

Keeping ongoing art projects on the side remained vital. She explores a large variety of techniques but focuses mainly on collages. **“When I get bored, I just do it. I start cutting paper.”** Everything she creates happens as a coincidence, there is no plan or structure. **“Sometimes I have a few ideas in mind, then in the end it looks completely different.”** Intuition guides her craft.



The ability to deliver unique pieces requires great inspiration. Elane draws hers from a bit of everything: music, art, design, fashion, magazines, postcards, etc. Any form of art becomes relevant. Then, it is all about finding the little thing that will take her one step further. ***“I am really into neon colours at the moment.”***



When I enquired about the difference she perceives between Vancouver and Europe in terms of art, she makes the case for the Canadian city’s art scene. ***“Vancouver is like a bubble. It is easier to start something here as opposed to the big European structures.”*** She highlighted the city’s young age as a reason for its open mind, appreciation and enthusiasm for all kinds of projects. Organizations like [RAW Artists](#) (where we met) are great contributors to the art scene.

Nevertheless, Germany remains her home. Which is why she is waving Canada goodbye and returning to her friends and family

early April. In addition, she misses the uniqueness of European architecture. ***“We miss the flair of old cities.”***



Elane’s dream job? ***“Well, I didn’t know what I wanted to do as I was growing up and I am still figuring it out as I go!”*** She dreams of the freedom of freelancing or working on her own. ***“Maybe managing a creative space with a stage, a bar, a gallery...”*** Now I don’t know about you, but that’s a place I would definitely visit.

“The things not planned are the best things in life. Be open-minded in your personal life and always have something you love to do! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING.”

Fun fact: Elane Thunder isn’t her real name! Her real first name is *Michaela*, her nickname is *Ela* and her pseudonym therefore became *Elane*. As for her artist last name, she was

seeking something bold and powerful. Mission accomplished, Elane Thunder.



If there is one thing you must take away from her story, it is definitely her ongoing theme and message: ***“Never forget your dream.”***

Make sure you check out Ela’s work and follow her: [Website](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#)



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