

CURRICULUM VITAE SILVIA RUSSEL

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Place of birth: Nijmegen
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Artist Bio

Before working full time as an artist, I received my master in Psychology and Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam in 1994 and worked as a researcher in Theoretical Psychology, at the Free University of Amsterdam. At the same time I studied fine arts at the Rietveld Academy of Art in Amsterdam. When my drawings were awarded a working grant by the Fonds BKVB, I decided to devote my time to the arts projects completely, in 2003.

I went to work and live New York, where I developed my Participant Observer approach. My interest in life narratives in a changing environment lies at the core of my participatory art projects. For my projects I connect with a community for a longer period and organize meetings. In these meetings I invite participants to take a new perspective on their lives. I collect the participants' stories and my own observations. This all becomes the source for my drawings and installations. I present these in the local environment and also show them in an art context at a later point.

In New York I initiated art projects on social change in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, China Town, NYC, and the social after effects of hurricane Sandy in Far Rockaways. In New York I have had numerous solo- en group shows; at White Box, Suite 106, Galley MC, Artists Space, and LMAKprojects amongst others. In Europe I realized art projects in Berlin and London. In the Netherlands I worked with communities in areas of social change, such as inhabitants of the New Town IJburg, clients of Food Bank in Amsterdam North, residents of mental hospitals, and communities in Amsterdam Zuid-Oost.

I showed my drawings and installation at Cell Project Space in London, Kunst Werke in Berlin, and in the Netherlands at the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Gemeente Museum, The Hague, and the Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, and in many public spaces.

My work is part of the MoMa Library collection, NY, the Brooklyn Museum Feminist Art Base, Artists Space and Pierogi 2000, and private and corporate collections in the US.

I am a guest-teacher at the Technical University of Berlin, department of Architecture. I was nominated the Dutch Van Bommel van Dam Prize in 2004 and I won the Sanquin Art Prize in 2010. For my projects I received grants from the major Art Funds in the Netherlands and New York. My work has been reviewed in the US in Art Forum, L-Magazine, and in all major Dutch Newspapers. Since 2008, I also lead and consult to projects on leadership and innovation for international companies such as Heineken International, Kennedy Executive Search, and KPMG. In my approach I aim to empower others through the experience of new possible perspectives.

Exhibitions (Group)

- 2018 *Hier Besta Ik*, Artless, Amsterdam
- 2018 *Lonely in Mokum*, Pakhuis de Zwijger, Amsterdam
- 2018 *Kunsttraject*, Amsterdam
- 2017 *Summershow*, Nieuw Dakota
- 2017 *ZomerExpo*, De Fundatie, Zwolle
- 2017 *30x30*, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterdam
- 2016 *Summershow*, Nieuw Dakota
- 2015 *Summershow*, Nieuw Dakota
- 2013 *Summer Exhibition*, LMAKprojects, NYC
- 2013 *Public Reflection*, Re: Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2012 *Feminist Art Base*, Brooklyn Museum, New York
- 2012 *Biennale Berlin*, Artiwiki, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 *SummerExpo 2012*, GemeenteMuseum The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2012 *The Far Future is Nature*, TETEM, Enschede, The Netherlands
- 2011 *SummerExpo 2011*, GemeenteMuseum The Hague
- 2010 *Daily Exhaustion (with David Nuur, Anouk Kruithof)*, Babette's Bar, Berlin
- 2010 *Jubileum tentoonstelling*, Sanguin, Amsterdam
- 2010 *100 X 100!*, De salon, Rotterdam
- 2009 *Women in drawings*, online at Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 2009 *Towing The Line*, White Box, NYC
- 2009 *5 years of LMAKprojects*, LMAKprojects, NYC
- 2008 *The Blue Period*, Vlaardingen, The Netherlands
- 2008 *Mothers' Finest*, in: *Fields of Interaction*, Arch. Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2008 *IDG#4*, Editions The Hague & Amsterdam
- 2008 *North(She)*, City Hall Amsterdam, Amsterdam
- 2007 *Mothers' Finest*, part of *A Better World Another Power*, NAI, Rotterdam
- 2007 *Duesseldorf Contemporary*, LMAKprojects, Duesseldorf, Germany
- 2007 *Partners in Crime*, Gallery MC, NYC
- 2006 *Flat Files*, Pierogi 2000 Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2006 *Art Fair Preview Berlin*, LMAKprojects
- 2006 *Mothers' Finest*, The Blue House, Amsterdam
- 2006 *Maco*, LMAKprojects, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2005 *Ladyshave*, Cell Project Space, London, England
- 2005 *Holiday Art*, LMAKprojects, Brooklyn, New York
- 2005 *FIAC*, LMAKprojects, Paris, France
- 2005 *Maco*, LMAKprojects, Mexico City
- 2005 *Ladyshave home edition*, MAMAShowroom, Rotterdam
- 2005 *Art Rotterdam*, LMAKprojects, Rotterdam
- 2005 *Art Rotterdam*, Upstream Gallery, Rotterdam
- 2005 *At Night*, LMAKprojects, Brooklyn
- 2004 *Only drawings*, Upstream Gallery, Amsterdam
- 2004 *Opposites*, Suite 106 Gallery, New York City
- 2004 *12th Van Bommel Van Dam Prize*, Museum VBVD, Venlo, The Netherlands
- 2003 *SMLXL*, MAMAShowroom, Rotterdam

Exhibitions (Solo)/Private commissions

- 2017 *See the world*, private commission, Amsterdam,
- 2015 *Family Life*, private commission, Amersfoort, The Netherlands
- 2013 *Drawing in the Garden*, private commission, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2012 *Extended Drawing*, private commission, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2011 *Welcome Home*, Mental Hospital, Bennebroek, The Netherlands
- 2011 *Keep Movin' (Upstairs)*, St. Anna Hospital, Geldrop, The Netherlands

2010 *In Between Time*, LMAKprojects, NYC
 2010 *Do You See Me?*, CBK, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 2010 *Keep Movin'!*, St. Anna hospital, Geldrop, The Netherlands
 2009 *Borough(ed) stories*, LMAKprojects, NYC
 2009 *North (She Goes)*, Museum the North, Amsterdam
 2008 *Overview*, Art Society De Kring, Amsterdam
 2008 *No Go*, Sanquin, Amsterdam
 2007 *City Body*, your-space, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
 2007 *(Her)-Power*, The Blue House, Amsterdam
 2007 *Inner World*, Hermitage Helmond, Helmond, The Netherlands
 2007 *Get the Connection*, LMAKprojects Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York
 2005 *Lucky Girl*, LMAKprojects, NYC

Participatory Art Projects

2018 *Newcomers welcome*, with immigrants at Boost, Amsterdam
 2018 *Children At work*, with AZC, Bijlmer Bajes, Amsterdam,
 2017 *Hier Besta Ik, Aanpak Eenzaamheid*, City of Amsterdam
 2013 *Big in North*, community project, Vogelbuurt Amsterdam North
 2013 *Family affairs*, Extended drawing, private commission, Amsterdam
 2012 *Sandy Relief Drawing project*, with ChildrensMovement, Brooklyn
 2012 *North Again*, with clients of soupkitchen Amsterdam, Amsterdam
 2011 *Welcome Home*, Mental hospital GGZInGeest, Bennenbroek, The Netherlands
 2011 *Incident Reports*, illustrations, Dr. D.M. Zwart, eds., University Press, Utrecht
 2010 *In Between Time*, with inhabitants Lower East Side, NYC
 2010 *Oso Sma*, with immigrant groups, Amsterdam Zuidoost
 2009 *New Worlds*, project with immigrant children, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
 2008 *The Blue Period*, Urban renewal art project, Vlaardingen, The Netherlands
 2008 *Portraits of Experience*, Seminar GGzE and Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
 2008 *Northface*, with immigrant women, Amsterdam-North
 2007 *Edit Festival*, New urban development at Strijp-S, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
 2007 *(Her)-Power*, with young mothers at The Blue House, Amsterdam
 2007 *Table in the Hood*, with inhabitants of IJburg, Amsterdam
 2007 *Neighbourworks*, about gentrification in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, New York
 2006 *Berlin stories*, Artist in Resident, Berlijn
 2006 *Mothers' Finest: IJburg in Drawings*, The Blue House, Amsterdam
 2006 *KAOS*, with former mental patients living at IJburg, Amsterdam
 2005 *This is it*, Social and urban changes at IJburg, The Blue House, Amsterdam
 2004 *Bed-Stuy; now and again*, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn
 2003 *Bed-Stuy, Class or Color*, bedfort-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn

Press/Print

2018 *Kunst met en voor eenzame Amsterdammers*, Kester Freriks, in: NRC, 2th June
 2018 *Lonely in Mokum*, magazine, City of Amsterdam, eds.
 2017 *Hier Besta Ik*, In Z-Magine, November
 2017 *Catalogue Summershow*, De Fundatie Zwolle
 2013 *Made in North*, On urban art projects Amsterdam, City of Amsterdam eds.
 2013 *New in Life*, about urban art project in Amsterdam North, In : Z-paper
 2012 *SummerExpo 2012*, catalogue, GemeenteMuseum The Hague, eds.
 2011 *Locating the Producers: Durational Approaches to Public Art*, Paul O'Neill and Claire Doherty, eds., Bristol, UK
 2011 *ZomerExpo 2012*, catalogue, Gemeentemuseum The Hague, eds.
 2011 *Creatieve huiskamers vol met kunst*, Haarlems Dagblad, 7 april

2011 *The Art of Hospitality*, Indrukken, februari edition,
 2011 *Blue Print*, Jeanne van Heeswijk & Yane Calovski, Amsterdam eds.
 2011 *Kunstroute*, St. Anna Hospital, Kerstin Niemann eds.
 2010 *East side story*, Michael Wilson, Art Forum Diary, NYC
 2010 *Paintings of women*, Benjamin Sutton, L-Magazine, NYC
 2010 *Just Drawings*, Silvia Russel/LMAKprojects, eds. NYC
 2009 *Borough(ed) Stories*, Silvia Russel/LMAKprojects eds., Amsterdam/NYC
 2009 *Local Stories*, Leo Steinhauser in: Van Abbejournal, nr.4
 2009 *Stories From The Hood*, blog at NY400 website, Ministry of BIZA
 2008 *Portraits of Experience*, Van Abbemuseum/GGzE, eds.
 2008 *On IJburg*, LVC eds., Amsterdam
 2008 *Hermitage Helmond*, catalogue, Esther Didden ed., The Hague
 2007 *Hermitage Helmond*, Sandra Jongenelen in: Kunstbeeld nr. 05
 2007 *La Vie Vinex*, Toine Heijmans, L.J. Veen, Amsterdam
 2007 *Partners in Crime*, publication Sara Reisman ed., NYC
 2007 *Buurttafels*, publication City of Amsterdam
 2006 *Current*, Psy Magazine, December Edition
 2006 *Young Mothers*, Toine Heijmans in: de Volkskrant, 5th April
 2006 *Chewing the fat*, Marinus de Ruiter in: Amsterdam Weekly, 20th April
 2005 *Art Rotterdam*, Marina de Vries in: de Volkskrant, 24th February
 2005 *Young talent at Art Rotterdam*, Rob Perres in: *Kunstbeeld* Art Magazine
 2005 *Sick*, Sandra Smalenburg in: NRC Handelsblad, 3th January
 2005 *Chelsea*, Max Westerman in: RTL4 News, 4th February
 2004 *Fight*, Sandra Smalenburg in: de Volkskrant, 30 nov
 2004 *Van Bommel Van Dam prize, nr. 12*, Museum Van BommelVanDam eds., Venlo Netherlands
 2004 *Drawings 2001 - 2003*, Silvia Russel eds., Amsterdam

Grants/Prizes

2017 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam
 2014 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund for Fine Arts
 2013 Project Grant, Housing Association Eigen Haard, Amsterdam
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 2012 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund for Fine Arts, Amsterdam
 2012 Project Grant, Housing Association Eigen Haard, Amsterdam
 2011 Project Grant, St Anna Hospital, Geldrop
 2010 Sanquin Artprize 2010, Amsterdam
 2010 Working Grant, CBK Zuidoost, Amsterda
 2010 Working Grant, CEC, Amsterdam
 2010 Project Grant, St. Anna Hospital, Geldrop
 2009 Publication Grant, Consulate General of The Netherlands, NYC
 2009 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam
 2008 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund for Fine Arts
 2007 Project Grant, Hermitage Helmond
 2007 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam
 2006 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam
 2005 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund For Fine Arts
 2005 Exhibition Grant, Mondriaan Fund
 2005 Exhibition Grant, Consulate General of The Netherlands, NYC
 2004 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund for Fine Arts
 2004 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam
 2004 Grant, Construction Firm, Heijmans, Almere, The Netherlands
 2004 Nomination Van Bommel Van Dam prize, 12th edition
 2003 Working Grant, Fund BKVB

Teaching/ Lectures

2011 - current Visiting Teacher, Technical University of Berlin, Germany
2010 Visiting Teacher, Masterclass Academy of Fine Arts, Den Bosch, The Netherlands
2009 Teacher at T+HUIS/Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
2009 *Borough(ed) Stories*, lecture at Participant Inc., NYC
2009 *Women Only*, lecture on women artists, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

Education

1997 - 2001 Ruudt Wackers Academnie Amsterdam
1996 - 1997 Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam
1988 - 1994 MA Philosophy, University of Amsterdam
1987 - 1994 MA Psychology, University of Amsterdam