

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### SILVIA RUSSEL

My interest in themes in life-narratives lies at the core of my art projects. During artist residencies in New York and Berlin, I developed my Participant Observer approach. In this approach I combine my background in psychology, philosophy with my training as an artist. I initiate projects in which I connect with communities for a longer period and facilitate meetings on topics that are relevant for the community. In meetings participants reflect on their daily lives and through artworks I invite them to create visual perspectives on their lives. In my own work I reflect on the participants' stories and use my own observations as input for drawings and installations. I present the artworks in the community environment and at art institutions, to provide a stage for individual stories and general themes on identity and change. During residencies in New York, I focused for example on gentrification in ethnic neighborhoods in Brooklyn and China Town. In The Netherlands I worked with communities for example, on loneliness, poverty and immigration and with residents of mental institutions on feeling at home.

I am currently working as an artist/PhD researcher-in-residence at the academic hospital Amsterdam UMC in a 4-year research program on the benefits of art for meaning making in the last stage of life. In this program, I work in a co-creation with persons with advanced cancer, on artworks that are based on personal themes and life stories, during a 6-months trajectory. The aim of this project is to find new perspectives together with the participants, after their diagnosis of incurable cancer. I reflect on art and meaning making in this stage of life, through publications in scientific journals with the aim to promote further use of art in palliative care.

In addition to my work as an artist/researcher, I design and facilitate workshops for the corporate world. As a consultant I bring leaders to the intersection of creativity and learning to foster team building, innovation, and results. My global clients include Kennedy Executive Search, Heineken International, KPMG, and Dutch financial institutions.

My drawings and installations were on view in London at Cell Project Space, in Berlin at Kunst Werke, and in the Netherlands at the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Gemeente Museum, The Hague, and the Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, and in public spaces. As a result of my residencies, I exhibited at different art institutions in New York. I won the Sanquin Art Prize and was nominated the Van BommelvanDam Prize. Art funds in the Netherlands and New York supported my projects. My work has been reviewed in the US in Artforum, L-Magazine, and in all major Dutch Newspapers.

#### Participatory Art Projects

2023	<i>Art-Based Learning in Palliative Care</i> , artist/researcher-in-residence, Amsterdam University Medical Center
2022	<i>MoMIC</i> , artist/researcher, for University of Applied Social Sciences, HAN, Nijmegen
2022	<i>Mooimakers</i> , Projectleader, artworks for neighbourhoods in Amsterdam, Municipality of Amsterdam
2019	<i>In search of stories</i> , artist working with patients in palliative care, Amsterdam University Medical Center
2018	<i>Children At work</i> , with AZC, Bijlmer Bajes, Amsterdam,
2017	<i>Hier Besta Ik</i> , Aanpak Eenzaamheid, City of Amsterdam
2013	<i>Big in North</i> , community project in Amsterdam North, Amsterdam
2013	<i>Family affairs</i> , Extended drawing, private commission, Amsterdam
2012	<i>Sandy Relief Drawing project</i> , with ChildrensMovement, Brooklyn
2012	<i>North Again</i> , project with clients of soupkitchen Amsterdam, Amsterdam
2011	<i>Welcome Home</i> , Mental hospital GGZInGeest, Bennisbroek, The Netherlands
2011	<i>Incident Reports</i> , illustrations, Dr. D.M. Zwart, eds., University Press, Utrecht
2010	<i>In Between Time</i> , with inhabitants Lower East Side, NYC
2010	<i>Oso Sma</i> , with immigrant groups, Amsterdam
2009	<i>Borough(ed) Stories</i> , lecture at Participant Inc., NYC
2009	<i>Women Only</i> , lecture on women artists, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam
2009	<i>New Worlds</i> , project with immigrant children, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
2008	<i>The Blue Period</i> , Urban renewal art project, Vlaardingen, The Netherlands
2008	<i>Portraits of Experience</i> , Seminar GGzE and Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven
2008	<i>Northface</i> , with immigrant women, Amsterdam-North
2007	<i>Edit Festival</i> , New urban development at Strijp-S, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
2007	<i>(Her)-Power</i> , with young mothers at The Blue House, Amsterdam
2007	<i>Table in the Hood</i> , with inhabitants of IJburg, Amsterdam
2007	<i>Neighbourworks</i> , about gentrification in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, New York
2006	<i>Berlin stories</i> , Artist in Resident, Berlijn
2006	<i>Mothers' Finest: IJburg in Drawings</i> , The Blue House, Amsterdam
2006	<i>KAOS</i> , with former mental patients living at IJburg, Amsterdam
2005	<i>This is it</i> , Social and urban changes at IJburg, The Blue House, Amsterdam
2004	<i>Bed-Stuy; now and again</i> , Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn
2003	<i>Bed-Stuy, Class or Color</i> , bedfort-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn

#### Exhibitions, Group

2022	<i>In search of stories, HKU, Utrecht</i>
2021	<i>Look what we found.</i> , BMB gallery Amsterdam
2018	<i>Aanpak Eenzaamheid</i> , Pakhuis de Zwijger, Amsterdam
2018	<i>We make the city</i> , A-UMC, Amsterdam
2018	<i>15 jaar Westerpark</i> , Ledententoonstelling, Stichting Kunsttraject
2018	<i>All there is</i> , Etalage Project, Stichting Kunsttraject Westerpark
2018	<i>Hier Besta Ik</i> , Artless, Amsterdam
2017	<i>Summershow</i> , Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam
2017	<i>ZomerExpo</i> , De Fundatie, Zwolle
2017	<i>30x30</i> , CBK Zuudoost, Amsterdam

2016 *Summershow*, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam  
 2015 *Summershow*, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam  
 2013 *Summer Exhibition*, LMAKprojects, NYC  
 2013 *Public Reflection*, Re: Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
 2012 *Feminist Art Base*, Brooklyn Museum, New York  
 2012 *Biennale Berlin*, Artwiki, 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 *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 *12<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Publications, Press

2024 *In Search of Stories*, Artist perspectives on working with patient in palliative care, HKU eds.  
 2023 *Art-Based Learning in Palliative Care*, Palliative Medicine, vol 37, issue 8, Sage Journals eds.  
 2018 *Kunst met en voor eenzame Amsterdammers*, Kester Freriks, in: NRC, 2th June  
 2018 *Lonely in Mokum*, City of Amsterdam  
 2017 *Hier Besta Ik*, in: MUG, 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*, publication, 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, 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 2006 *Chewing the fat*, Marinus de Ruiter in: Amsterdam Weekly, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Bommel Van Dam eds., Venlo, The Netherlands  
 2004 *Drawings 2001 – 2003*, Silvia Russel eds., Amsterdam

#### Grants, Prizes

2022 RAAKPRO, project grant  
 2020 SIA-Kiem, project grant  
 2017 Project Grant, City of Amsterdam  
 2014 Project Grant, Amsterdam Fund for Fine Arts  
 2013 Project Grant, Housing Association Eigen Haard, Amsterdam  
 2013 Project Grand, City of Amsterdam  
 2013 Residency Mondriaan apartment, New York  
 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 Residency Mondriaan apartment, New York  
 2010 Project Grant, St. Anna Hospital, Geldrop  
 2009 Residency Mondriaan Apartment, New York  
 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, Heijmans Construction, Almere, The Netherlands  
 2004 Nomination Van Bommel Van Dam prize, 12th edition  
 2003 Working Grant, Fund BKVB

#### Teaching, Research

2018 – current Artist/researcher, Department of Medical Oncology, Amsterdam UMC  
 2011 - current Visiting Teacher, Technical University of Berlin, Germany  
 Teacher at T+HUIS/Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

#### Education

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