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**EDUCATION**

2006

2010

**Fine Arts**

KABK, The Hague

**Solo****EXHIBITIONS**

2014

**Underneath the sky: where we rule as lords**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

2013

**Volta 9**

Gallery Ron mandos, Basel

2012

**Above the Clouds**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

2011

**Spiritual Capitalism**

Gallery Kusseneers, Antwerp

2010

**New Star(t)**

Gallery Helder, The Hague

**Group****EXHIBITIONS**

2018

**Brother from another mother**

The Basement (Majke Hüsstege Projects), Knokke (BE)

2017

**Places of Ruin part III: Beyond Thunderdome**

NEST, The Hague

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**Salon D'Hiver**

Zerp Galerie, Rotterdam

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**Linea recta: de directheid van tekenen**

CBK Emmen, Emmen

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**BIG ART**

Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

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**De Familiekamer Kunstprijs**

De Familiekamer, Leiden

2016

**Investigations into the Uncanny**

Willem II Fabriek, Den Bosch

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**Klik!**

EYE filmmuseum, Amsterdam

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**(In)constancy of Space, struggle for identity**

Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam

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**The Survivors**

City Hall, The Hague

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**Het ABC van de Collectie**

Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam

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**Art Brussels**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Brussels

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**Now and Next**

Expositieruimte 38cc, Delft

2015

**Amsterdam Art Fair**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

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**Kunst uit Huis: Collectie Wilploo**

Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam

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**Icon(s)**

Maison Particulière, Brussels

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**De stad/urbane beelden**

Kunstruimte Kuub, Utrecht

2014

**I Am not doing anything until I feel the need**

De Nederlandse Bank (DNB), Amsterdam

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**Elegance of Ruins (in collaboration with Demeure)**

Paris Fashion Week, Paris

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**Inconstancy of Space**

Mestrovic Pavilion, Zagreb, Croatia

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**Amsterdam Drawing**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

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**Seven Years Best of Graduates****by Galerie Ron Mandos**

Kunstenaarsociteit de Kring, Amsterdam

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**States Of Mind**

Maison Particulière, Brussels

2013

**Wonen in Utopia**

LUMC Leiden, Leiden

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**Oranje**

Schlifka Molina Gallery, Buenos Aires

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**The enormous speed of change**

Call of the Mall, Utrecht

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**Stad in beeld, beeld van een stad**

City Museum Zwolle, Zwolle

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**Zoetermeer Utopia**

City Museum Zoetermeer, Zoetermeer

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**Drawing Now**

Kusseneers Gallery, Paris

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**Present Presence**

Jan van Eyck Academy, Maastricht

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**Unfair Amsterdam**

Unfair, Amsterdam

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**Prospects & Concepts**

Mondriaanfonds, Rotterdam

2012

**Epospress Award**

Drawing Centre Diepenheim, Diepenheim

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**Amsterdam Drawing**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

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**Telling Stories.....**

Akkuh, Hengelo

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**Art Brussels**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Brussels

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**Kunst4Kids**

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam

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**Armory Show**

Gallery Ron Mandos, New York City

2011

**SER**

Sociaal Economische Raad, The Hague

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**The Draughtsman's Contract**

Cypres Gallery, Leuven

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**Introspection**

Galerie Helder, The Hague

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**I Wished I loved the Human Race**

Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam

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**Art Amsterdam**

Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam

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**RAL 7021 eine magnifique reportage!**

Barbara Seiler gallery, Zurich

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**City Scapes**

Stichting SIGN, Groningen

- **All About Drawing**  
**100 Nederlandse kunstenaars**  
Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam
- **Alles, was Sie über Chemie wissen müssen**  
Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin

- 2010 **Affordable Art Fair**  
Art Olive, Amsterdam
- **Best of graduates 2010**  
Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam
- **Graduation Expo 2010**  
KABK, The Hague
- **Greenlight Exhibition**  
De Besturing, The Hague

- 2009 **'Works in series'**  
KABK, The Hague

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2018 **De Grote Nederlandse Kunstkalender**
- 2017 **Rooilijn**
- 2014 **Grote Haagse Kunstkalender**  
**Atelier 90 kunstenaarsportretten**  
by Hans de Bruijn
- **I Am not doing anything until I feel the need**  
by Joanneke Meester
- **Imagine Architecture** (gestalten books)
- 2013 **Walk the Line**, Magma books, London  
**Stad in beeld, beeld van een stad**
- 2012 **11th Drawingcahier**, Drawing Centre Diepenheim  
**Simulacrum**  
**Origine**  
**Fukt Magazine**, Berlin  
**Art.es**, Spain  
**Financieel Dagblad**  
**NRC Handelsblad**  
**Het Parool**
- 2011 **Elephant Magazine**, London  
**Kunstbeeld**  
**Den Haag Centraal**  
**Friesch Dagblad**  
**All About Drawing**,  
book about the exposition
- 2010 **Den Haag Centraal**

### **LECTURES AND INTERVIEWS**

- 2016 **Make Art Not €?**  
Kunstliefde: De Belofte 11, Utrecht
- 2014 **Hofstad Lyceum The Hague**  
Lecture about being an artist
- 2013 **Avro Kunstuur**  
Portrait for exhibition "Prospect & Concepts"
- 2012 **De Avonden, VPRO**  
Interview, radio 6 by Catherine van Campen
- 2011 **Lecture Studium Generale**  
Vrije Academie (Gemak), The Hague
- **Symposium 'All About Drawing'**  
Interview by Arno Kramer, with Aline Thomassen  
Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam
- **Interview: What is Contemporary Art?**  
Interview radio 2, with Rutger Pontzen
- **Meet & Greet 'All About Drawing'**  
Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam
- **Pecha Kucha**  
Filmhuis, The Hague

### **TUTORSHIP**

- 2014 **Royal Academy of Fine Arts (KABK), The Hague**  
Teacher drawing

### **PRICES**

- 2017 **De Familiekamer Kunstprijs**  
De Familiekamer, Leiden  
— Nominated
- 2012 **Epospress Drawing Award for Young Talent**  
Drawing Centre, Diepenheim  
— Winner
- 2011 **Lecturis Award**  
Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam  
— Nominated
- 2010 **Young Blood Award**  
Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam  
— Winner
- **Department Price,**  
**Department : Fine Arts**  
KABK, The Hague  
— Nominated
- 2009 **Competition**  
**'Art in the pressroom'**  
Cityhall, The Hague  
— Winner

### **SUBSIDIES**

- 2011 **Startstipendium**  
Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam  
— Granted
- 2010 **Startstipendium**  
Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam  
— Granted