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Education and Residencies

- 2015 – 2016 Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2012 HMK {HotelMariaKapel} Hoorn, Netherlands
2009 – 2010 BFA Autonomous Arts (audio visual), Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2008 European Exchange Academy, Beelitz, Germany
2006 – 2009 1st Class BA [Hons] Fine Art, Leeds Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
2005 – 2006 Fine Art Foundation Diploma, Leeds College of Art, United Kingdom

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2016 Secondary Emotions (ii), Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
Secondary Emotions (i), LocusSolus, de Appel Arts Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2014 The 'Suit', an archive for six years of unannounced performances, The Tetley, Leeds, United Kingdom
Code Duello [w/ Harry Meadley], Loods 6, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2013 The 'Suit', an archive for six years of unannounced performances, Penny University, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2011 Self-Titled, Annet Gelink Gallery, The Bakery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Catalogue Available, blip blip blip, Leeds, United Kingdom
Hold That Thought with Justin Gosker, Elders, The Hague, Netherlands
2008 „Sammelbände“, East Street Arts (Patrick Studios), Leeds, United Kingdom
The University of Sheffield Table Tennis Team 2007 – 2008, S1 Artspace, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Patron Party: A Retrospective, 54 Woodsley Road, Leeds, United Kingdom
2007 Painting for A Parking Attendant, Leeds University, United Kingdom

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 [forthcoming] On the Doorstep of the Inhabitable, Platform Trauma, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2016 RijksakademieOPEN, Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The Best Dutch Book Designs 2015, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The Kippenberger Challenge (7.45 Books) tour, LocusSolus, de Appel arts centre, Amsterdam, Pierre Kamp Lab, Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, all Netherlands
2015 World Book Design 2014 – 15, P&P Gallery in Printing Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Lajevardi collection, Tehran, Iran
RijksakademieOPEN, Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The Best Dutch Book Designs 2014, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Business as Usual, Turf Projects, London, and STCFTHOTS, Leeds and Pyramid Art Center, Warrington, United Kingdom
The Kippenberger Challenge (7.45 Books), The Tetley, Leeds, United Kingdom
2014 Prospects & Concepts, Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands, curated by Mirjam Westen
2013 Wu Tang – Killa Beez, blip blip blip, Leeds, United Kingdom, curated by Josh Whitaker
Summer Fete, Ceri Hand Gallery, London, United Kingdom
yesno.fr launch, Amstel 41, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Leeds! Leeds! Leeds!, blip blip blip, Leeds, United Kingdom, curated by Hayley Dixon
<http://blipblipblip.co.uk/current.html>, blip blip blip, Leeds, United Kingdom
An Arrangement in White, XO, Leeds, United Kingdom
Prospects & Concepts, Lanteren Venster, Rotterdam, Netherlands, curated by Wim Waelpuut
Mostyn Open 18, Oriel Mostyn Gallery, Llandudno, United Kingdom
2012 Archipelago, VLAM, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Group Exhibitions continued

- 2012 EEA TEN, Flutgraben e.V., Berlin, Germany
Eyes on the Prize, Workplace Gallery, Nottingham, United Kingdom
Eyes on the Prize, Hotel Maria Kapel, Hoorn, Netherlands
Young British Art II, DIENSTGEBÄUDE, Zurich, Switzerland, curated by Ryan Gander and Christina von Rotenhan
Temporary Stedelijk (6), temporarystedelijk.com, [online]
- 2011 Young British Art, Limoncello, London, United Kingdom, curated by Ryan Gander
- 2010 We Trust Strangers, Umbrella One Offs, Holbeck, United Kingdom, curated by Simeon Barclay
Plaza Principle, Leeds Shopping Plaza, Leeds, United Kingdom, curated by Derek Horton and Chris Bloor
The Opening and The Rock [as Vicky and Ron], W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Short Fuse, Resonance FM, online, curated by Marion Harrison
If You Can Hold Your Breath, Ceri Hand gallery, Liverpool, United Kingdom
Hoogtijd, JCA DE KOK, The Hague, Netherlands
From Dusk Till Dawn [as Vicky and Ron], van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands, curated by If I Can't Dance I Don't Want To Be Part Of Your Revolution
A Latento: works by Alex Farrar, Harry Meadley, Iona Smith, Henry Moore Institute Archive, Leeds, United Kingdom
- 2009 Ex, Leeds College of Art, Leeds, United Kingdom
A Latento 2: Sammelbände book launch, Hell Yes @ Project Space Leeds, United Kingdom
Superscript, East Street Arts, Leeds, United Kingdom
- 2008 Elections, ArtMarket, Leeds, United Kingdom
The Battle of Art, Dialogue of Culture, EEA, Berlin, Germany
12 Shields, Oderbergerstrasse 51, Berlin, Germany
Interim, Leeds College of Art, United Kingdom
- 2007 Zoo Forty Two, 42 New Briggate Gallery, Leeds, United Kingdom

Commissions

- 2017 [nominated] The Red Cross 150 Year Commemorative Coin, Royal Dutch Mint, Netherlands
- 2015 [awarded but not realised] The 2015 Tetley's Collection Artists' Commission, Leeds, United Kingdom
- 2010 [awarded and realised] The Westergasfabriek Circle, Westergasfabriek cultuur park, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Publications and group exhibition catalogues

- 2017 Hotel Maria Kapel Book of Ours, Hotel Maria Kapel, Hoorn, Netherlands (exh. cat.)
- 2016 RijksakademieOPEN 2016. Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, Netherlands (exh. cat.)
the 'suits' archived. Text by Laura van Grinsven. 7.45 Books (Extended), Amsterdam, Netherlands, isbn: 9789491783111
Dog Ears (2014–2016). Text by Marietta Dirker. 7.45 Books (Extended), Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2015 RijksakademieOPEN 2015. Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, Netherlands (exh. cat.)
John Cleese on Creativity. 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands, isbn 9789491783081
De Best Verzorgde Boeken 2014/The Best Dutch Book Designs 2014, Stichting De Best Verzorgde Boeken, Amsterdam, Netherlands, isbn: 9789059652897 (cat.)
- 2014 Prospects & Concepts – Mondriaan Fund presents Young Talent. Texts by Birgit Donker and Mirjam Westen. Mondriaan Fund, Amsterdam, Netherlands (exh. cat.)
(tbc). Text by Harry Meadley. 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
The 'Suit'. Texts by Alaena Turner, Jasper Coppes and contributions by Gerrit-Jan Vos and Justin Gosker. 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands, isbn 9789491783067

Publications and group exhibition catalogues continued

- 2014 Dog Ears. 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Code Duello (catalogue). 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2013 Code Duello. Text by Rudi Fuchs. 7.45 Books, Amsterdam, Netherlands,
isbn: 9789491783005
- 2007 – 2010 A Latento 1, 2, 3, 4. Leeds, United Kingdom, issn:17555787

Curation

- 2016 [group show] Influenza, blip blip blip, Leeds, United Kingdom
- 2013 – cont. [publishing, library and exhibition initiative] The Kippenberger Challenge (7.45 Books), www.sevenpointfourfivebooks and various host venues
- 2009 [group show] Demob Happy, Teto Projects, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2007 – 2015 [publishing, exhibition and online initiative] A Latento, originally a curatorial group with Harry Meadley and Iona Smith, it became an online repository for Artists' books in 2010. In 2015 the curation of the repository was taken over by Joseph Buckley and Liv Preston.

Press and selected texts

- 2016 Grinsven, Laura van, "Release me from this thing", the 'suits' archived, 7.45 Book (Extended), Amsterdam, Netherlands, isbn: 9789491783111
Grinsven, Laura van, 'Alex Farrar', RijksOPEN exhibition catalogue, (November 2016) [ill.]
Rijn, Ilse van, 'De kunstcatalogus, een successtory', Metropolis M, (August/September 2016) [ill.]
Kleijn, Koen, "Instituut met wereldfaam/Institute of world renown", De Groene Amsterdammer (25 November 2016)
'Religie op de Rijksakademie/Religion of the National Academy', Mister Motley, (25 November 2016) [ill.]
'Painted bodies and lost time/Getekende lichamen en verloren tijd', Museumtijdschrift, (24 november 2016) [ill.]
OCD, 'Handy A.F.', wheretheycreate.com, (15 November 2016) [ill.]
'Alex Farrar "Secondary Emotions (ii)" at Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague', moussemagazine.it, (22 June 2016) [ill.]
'Alex Farrar "Secondary Emotions (ii)" at Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague', artviewer.org, (4 July 2016) [ill.]
- 2015 Ekker, Jan Pieter, 'Intrigerende kunst buiten all kaders', Het Parool, (26 November 2015) [ill.]
Ommeren, Miriam van 'RijksakademieOPEN 2015', tubelight.nl, (30 November 2015) [ill.] [online]
Vreden, Gina van, 'Amsterdam Art Weekend', ssba-salon.nl, (10 December 2015) [ill.] [online]
Ekker, Jan Pieter, 'Onderscheidende vlek of spekkoekepatroon', Het Parool, (5 September 2015)
- 2014 Ekker, Jan Pieter, 'Geweldig duel van schrandere en humorvolle kunstwerken', Het Parool, (5 September 2015) [ill.]
- 2012 cookieandluz.com (2 July 2012) [ill.] [online]
Mascini, Vibeke, 'Eyes on the Prize', mistermotley.nl (24 June 2012) [ill.] [online]
Grandry, Pieterjan, 'Alex Farrar', crapisgood.com (3 April 2012) [ill.] [online]
Hendriks, Bas, 'Alex Farrar', mistermotley.nl (13 February 2012) [ill.] [online]
- 2011 Barnas, Maria, 'De paniek moet groot zijn. Maar als kunstwerk vormen ze 'n geweldig geheel', Vrij Nederlands, (24 September 2011)
Suchin, Peter, 'Young British Art', Art Monthly, (June 2011) [ill.]
Douai, Rosalie, 'Young British Art', Map, (summer 2011) [ill.]
'Young British Art', Guardian Guide (30 April 2011)
Morton, Tom, 'Young British Art' Frieze, issue 141, (September 2011) [ill.]

Press and selected texts continued

2010 'If you hold your breath', Guardian Guide (30 June 2010)[ill.]

Art Fairs

2017 Arco Lisboa [with Dürst Britt & Mayhew], Lisbon, Portugal
2010 Art Amsterdam, [as Vicky and Ron] Amsterdam, Netherlands
Kunst Vlaai, with the European Exchange Academy, Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Awards and Grants

2017 – 2019 Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Stipend Program for Established Artists
2016 Stokroos Foundation, Utrecht, Netherlands, project grant
Hinderrustfonds Foundation, Weesp, Netherlands, project grant
Elise Mathilde Foundation, Maarsbergen, Netherlands, Elise Mathilde Fellowship
Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Stipend Program for Emerging Artists
The Best Dutch Book Designs 2015, de Stichting De Best Verzorgde Boeken, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2015 Prins Bernhard Culture Fund/ Peter Paul Peterich Fund, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Cultuurfondsbeurs
The 2015 Tetley's Collection Artists' Commission, Leeds, United Kingdom
The Best Dutch Book Designs 2014, de Stichting De Best Verzorgde Boeken, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Stipend Program for Emerging Artists
2013 AFK (Amsterdam Fund for the Arts), Amsterdam, Netherlands, project grant
Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Werkbijdrage Jong Talent
Mostyn Open 18, Mostyn, Llandudno, United Kingdom (nominated)
2011 Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Stipend Program for Emerging Artists
2008 Edna Lumb Trust, Leeds, United Kingdom, Edna Lumb Travel Prize
European Exchange Academy, Beelitz, Germany, European Exchange Academy Prize

Presentations/ Lectures/ Teaching/ other employment in the arts

2017 Guest Lecturer, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands
2016 Visiting Lecturer, Manchester School of Art, Manchester, United Kingdom
Visiting Lecturer, Leeds College of Art, Leeds, United Kingdom
Visiting Lecturer, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, United Kingdom
Guest Lecturer, VAV department Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2013 – 2017 Production Assistant to artist Antonis Pittas
2014 Production Assistant to artist Agnieszka Polksa
2013 Visiting Lecturer, VAV department, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2012 Visiting Lecturer, Fine Art department, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2011 Visiting Lecturer, Leeds College of Art, Leeds, United Kingdom
2010 A Latento: 2007–present, w/ H. Meadley and I. Smith, Night School #2, Studio Ryan Gander, London, United Kingdom
2010 – 2013 Art Handler, Annet Gelink Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Gallery Representation

2016 Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands