

Biography Iris Honderdos



As an artist, Iris Honderdos has her roots in several different backgrounds. After having worked in psychiatry, she started a study with the AVEK in Leeuwarden to become drama teacher, but she moved to the Academy of Fine Arts in Utrecht in 1986. Apart from three-dimensional work, she became fascinated by photography. As a freelancer she worked for several magazines. Apart from that, she searched for the 'third dimension': she wanted to escape the world of just points on paper, by combining it with other materials. She ended up creating large spatial installations.

In 1992 she was invited to take part in an international symposium in the former Czechoslovakia, just after the fall of communism. It was there she discovered the core of what would become so specific in her projects she carries out all over the world; Meeting people in new, unknown or difficult situations and translating those experiences into a work of art on the spot. She usually asks for a contribution like a word, picture or drawing. These 'tokens' play an important role in the final installation and make the process more personal, not only for the artist, but also to those directly involved.

"...I go to places, without preparing myself. I walk around, observe and talk to the people, trying to discover what's living inside, what touches me. I look for a way to respond in a visual work that is connected with the people and the place I'm in. I have experienced that art can be a strong tool in mutual understanding and communication, especially when it concerns people in difficult situations..."

Iris Honderdos Art on location

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Training

Academy for Expression and Communication (AVEK), Leeuwarden
Academy of Art (HKU), Utrecht

Exhibitions

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| 2012 | Holland Doc radio "Zinvol geweld mag" | radio documentary |
| 2011 | 1 Minuut, VPRO radio | radio documentary |
| 2011 | Selection of recent video's. Opening Building 1, De Kersenboomgaard, Utrecht and promotional video's for Kid'sArtpark | YouTube account ArtonLocation |
| 2011 | Art project, Yerevan, Armenia | installation |
| 2011 | Videoclip "Popstar" by The Mindless | videoclip |
| 2010 | "The making of" Pim and Pom, a Duch animation series | video |
| 2010 | Promotional video CU The exhibition | video |
| 2010 | Promotional video CU in Sophies AL | video |
| 2010 | TOT (Training of trainers) Hanoi, Ha Giang, Vietnam | training |
| 2009 | <i>Ik heb d'r niks mee</i> Holland Doc radio | radio documentary |
| 2008 | Art project Ekenas, Finland | installation |
| 2008 | Art project Ha Long, Vietnam | installation |
| 2008 | <i>Water</i> Experimental Film | film |
| 2007 | Art project Cao Bang, Vietnam | installation |
| 2006 | Videoclip rapsong by The Cactusblossems, VN | videoclip |
| 2006 | Art project Hanoi, Vietnam | installation |
| 2006 | Art project Thai Nguyen, Vietnam | installation |
| 2005 | <i>Klaproos/Poppy</i> (Nominated for the OneMinuteAward) | film |
| 2005 | Mayrau miners museum, Kladno, Czech | installation |
| 2005 | Art Studio, Kiev, Ukraine | installation |
| 2004 | Mayrau miners museum, Kladno, Czech | installation |
| 2004 | Public Library, Rotterdam, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2004 | City hall, Wijk bij Duurstede, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2004 | City hall, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2003 | City hall, Breda, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2003 | <i>Tros</i> , National TV, art project | sculpture |
| 2003 | City hall Utrecht. The Netherlands | installation |
| 2002 | Gallery 2000, St. Petersburg, Russia | installation |
| 2002 | <i>Chesta</i> , Tabor, Czech | installation |
| 2001 | Primary school, Novi Sad, Serbia | installation |
| 2001 | City hall, Subotica, Serbia | installation |
| 2001 | <i>Nyenrode</i> , The Netherlands | installation |

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| 2001 | <i>Tivoli</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2001 | City hall, Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 2000 | <i>Mala Loka</i> , Slovenia | installation |
| 2000 | <i>Mainland Sequoia</i> office, Nieuwegein, NL | installation |
| 1999 | <i>Int. Roadside Sculpture Symp.</i> , Korea | installation |
| 1998 | <i>Nine Dragon Heads Int. symposium</i> , Korea | installation |
| 1998 | Sarajevo, Bosnia | installation |
| 1997 | <i>SPD</i> office, Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1997 | <i>Faculty of Philosophy</i> , Belgrade, Serbia | installation |
| 1996 | <i>De Galerij</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1996 | <i>Novus</i> , Budapest, Hungary | installation |
| 1996 | <i>Watergalery</i> , Budapest, Hungary | drawings |
| 1996 | <i>Otok/Sponza</i> , Dubrovnik, Croatia | installation |
| 1995 | <i>Sophie's Palace</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1995 | <i>Vollgummi</i> , Int. Symposium, Austria | installation |
| 1995 | <i>Sophie's Palace</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1994 | <i>Industrial Memorial</i> , Valencia, Spain | installation |
| 1994 | Varsseveld, Leerdam, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1994 | <i>ABC-Complex</i> , Hoorn, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1993 | <i>Stroomhuis</i> , Neerijnen, The Netherlands | group exhibition |
| 1993 | Gallery <i>Jedno Rozec</i> , Praag, Czech | duo |
| 1993 | <i>PAN-Festival</i> , Zaltbommel, The Netherlands | installation |
| 1993 | Gallery <i>Severka</i> , Praag, Czech | installation |
| 1992 | <i>Hermit</i> , International art symposium, Plasy, Czech | installation |
| 1991 | <i>Museum of Fine Arts</i> , Belgium | solo |
| 1991 | Gallery <i>Contact J</i> , Antwerpen, Belgium | solo |
| 1990 | Gallery <i>K61</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands | duo |
| 1989 | <i>Brakke Grond</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands | solo |

Articles, interviews

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| YLE National TV Finland/Sweden | documentary | 2008 |
| Several newspapers Finland | articles/photo's | 2008 |
| Local and National TV Vietnam | presentation/interview | 2006/07/08 |
| Several newspapers Vietnam | article/photo's | 2006/07/08 |
| <i>Meer TV</i> Utrecht, NL | interview, film | 2005 |
| Local and national TV Ukraine | opening | 2005 |
| National TV NL " <i>The white coat</i> " | documentary | 2004 |
| Local and national newspapers, NL | installation <i>Refugees</i> | 2003/04 |
| TV Utrecht, NL | interview | 2003 |
| Radio Utrecht, NI | interview | 2003 |
| TV Utrecht, NL | documentary | 2003 |
| Radio Novi Sad | interview | 2001 |
| Radio Vojvodina, Serbia | interview | 2001 |
| Several newspapers, Serbia | article/photo opening | 2001 |
| <i>Utrechts Nieuwsblad</i> , NL | article/photo | 2001 |
| <i>Straatnieuws</i> (Streetnews), NL | article Wim v. Noort | 2001 |
| Newspapers en Artmagazine, Korea | article en photo's | 1999 |
| New wallpaper C.L. A'dam/Sarajevo | article J. Keesom | 1999 |
| <i>Internationale Samenwerking</i> , NL | article F. v.d. Veen | 1998 |
| <i>MBC</i> , national TV Korea | documentary | 1998 |
| Several newspapers Korea | articles, photo's, interv. | 1998 |
| Bosnian newspaper <i>Vecernje Novine</i> | article/photo opening | 1998 |
| KRO radio <i>Dingen die Gebeuren</i> , NL | interview K. Blonden | 1997 |

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| Several newspapers Serbia | interviews | 1997 |
| BK TV news Serbia | speech for students | 1997 |
| Radio <i>INDEX</i> Belgrade, Serbia | several interviews | 1997 |
| Radio <i>B92</i> Belgrade, Serbia | several interviews | 1997 |
| <i>Utrechts Nieuwsblad</i> , NL | article M. Slagboom | 1996 |
| <i>Radio Dubrovnik</i> , Croatia | interview | 1996 |
| Spanish TV | art item | 1994 |
| Local and national newspapers, NL | installation Leerdam | 1994 |
| Film ' <i>BRAM</i> ' Dutch Film days | Joost Verhey | 1993 |
| Czech TV | art item | 1993 |
| Czech magazine ' <i>Fotografia</i> ' | article, E. Mateju | 1993 |
| Czech TV | art item | 1992 |
| Magazine ' <i>FOTO</i> ', NL | article Wim Broekman | 1991 |

Admissions and acquiries

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| Installation for MCNV Ha Long, Vietnam | 2008 |
| Installation for MCNV Cau Bang, Vietnam | 2007 |
| Installation for MCNV Thai Nguyen and Hanoi, Vietnam | 2006 |
| Installation for Foundation for Refugees, NL | 2003 |
| Installation for Survival Art Foundation, NL | 2001 |
| Installation for <i>SOL</i> , Nijenrode, NL | 2001 |
| Installation for the <i>Mainland Sequoia</i> building, Nieuwegein, NL | 2000 |
| Installation for the <i>SPD</i> building, Utrecht, NL | 1997 |
| Photographic works, acquired by the municipality, Utrecht, NL | 1991 |
| International and national private collections | |

Financial Support

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|---------------------------------------------|------|
| Netherlands Embassy, Helsinki, Finland | 2008 |
| Netherlands Embassy, Kiev, Ukraine | 2005 |
| Yushenko Foundation 3000, Ukraine | 2005 |
| SISU, Utrecht, NL | 2002 |
| Royal Netherlands Embassy, Seoul, Korea | 1998 |
| Royal Netherlands Embassy Belgrade, Serbia | 1997 |
| Royal Netherlands Embassy Budapest, Hungary | 1996 |