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Born 1972, Amsterdam, the Netherlands and lives in Amsterdam

EDUCATION

1997

Master's Education (Fine Arts), Ateliers Arnhem, the Netherlands

1996

Photography, Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Utrecht, the Netherlands

1992

Fashion Design, Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Arnhem, the Netherlands

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

When Works Meet Again, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden

Memento. Photography, interrupted, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

This Body Made of Stardust, Collezione Maramotti, 20th Fotografia Europea festival, Reggio Emilia, Italy

2024

When Works Meet, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, Fotografiska, Shanghai, China

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, 12th Kyotographie festival, Japan

2023

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France

Fabulous Monsters, Museum MORE, Ruurlo Castle, the Netherlands

Fabulous Monsters, Dat Bolwerck, Zutphen, the Netherlands

2022

Stanze, Foto Forum Bolzano, Italy

Venus and Mercury, Museum of Contemporary Art Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

2020

Venus and Mercury, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2019

Hot Mirror, Stevenson, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Hot Mirror, Musée Des Beaux-Arts, Le Locle, Switzerland

2018

Hot Mirror, The Hepworth Wakefield, West Yorkshire, UK

2017

Roxane II, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

She, Galleria Carla Sozzani, Milan, Italy

Lexicon, Foto Kunst Stadtforum, Innsbruck, Austria

Umbra, Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden

Umbra, House of Photography, Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany

Of Mud and Lotus, Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa

Umbra, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, USA

2016

Lexicon, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, Norway

2015

Etan & Me, Pikin Slee, Hilversum Museum, the Netherlands

Umbra, Atelier Néerlandais, Paris, France

Analemma: Fashion Photography 1992-2012, The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK

Pikin Slee, ICA, London; Kunsthau CentrePasquArt, Switzerland

2014

In and Out of Fashion, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland; Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Germany; André Leon Talley Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia, USA

Lexicon and Pikin Slee, GP Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Analemma: Fashion Photography 1992-2012, The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK

Umbra, Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Pikin Slee and Etan & Me, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

Lexicon, City Gallery Wellington, New Zealand

2013

In and Out of Fashion, Rencontres d'Arles, France; Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland

Three Magi, Kunstverein Arnsberg, Germany

2012

In and Out of Fashion, Huis Marseille Museum for Photography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Parasomnia, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2011

Sketches & Flamboya, Fotohof, Salzburg, Austria

2010

Moshi, Michael Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

Sketches & Flamboya, Kominek Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Flamboya, Musée Chateau d'Eau, Toulouse, France; Danziger Projects, New York, USA; FORMA, Milan, Italy

2009

Flamboya, Galerie van den Berge, Goes, the Netherlands

2008

Flamboya, FOAM photography museum, Amsterdam; De Gang, Haarlem, the Netherlands

2007

As the crow flies, Museum Jan Cunen, Oss, the Netherlands

2006

Die son sien alles, Motive Gallery, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2005

Realm, Emmeline de Mooij, Motive Gallery, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2001

I see you gorgeous blossom special, Fotofestival Naarden, the Netherlands

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024

PHOSPHOR: Art & Fashion 1990-2023, Fotografiska Shanghai, Kyoto, Japan

2023

The Artist List, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

Phosphor – Art & Fashion, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France

New Horizons, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2022

A Touch of light, Museum Kranenburgh, Bergen, the Netherlands

Where do I begin, Stevenson Cape Town, South Africa

Orlando, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland

2021

Works on Paper, Stevenson Cape Town, South Africa

Stevenson & Chill, Stevenson Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Studios2021, Stevenson, South Africa

2020

The Henie Onstad Triennial for Photography and New Media, Onstad Kunstsenter, Norway

Orlando, McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, USA

De tranen van Eros: Moesman, surrealisme en de seksen, Centraal Museum, the Netherlands

2019

Wanderlust, Parco Museum Tokyo, Japan

Moshekwa Langa, Viviane Sassen and Portia Zvavahera, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA

Body Performance, Helmut Newton Stiftung, Museum für Fotografie, Berlin, Germany

Objects of Desire: Surrealism and Design 1924 – Today, Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany

50JPG, Centre de la Photographie Genève, Switzerland

Versailles – Visible/Invisible, Palace of Versailles, France

Der blinde Fleck. Gestalterinnen am Bauhaus und heute, Designhaus Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt, Germany

Freedom – The Fifty Key Dutch Artworks Since 1968, Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle, the Netherlands

2018

Bauhaus und die Fotografie - Zum Neuen Sehen in der Gegenwartskunst, NRW Forum, Düsseldorf, Germany

Evoking Reality, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
Role-playing: Rewriting mythologies, Daegu Photo Biennale, South Korea
Nude: The Fragile Body, Museum Kranenburgh, Bergen, Netherlands,
Confusing Public and Private, 3rd Beijing Photo Biennial, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China
Frame Freely, Daegu Photo Biennale, Daegu, Korea,
Both, and, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
O Triângulo Atlântico, 11th Mercosul Biennial, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Fluo Noir, Biennial of the Possible Image, La Boverie, Liège, Belgium
More for Less, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
The Creative Mind: Eight Artists Photograph Themselves, Galerie Caroline O'Brien, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2017

Blue Black, Pulitzer Arts Foundation, St. Louis, USA
Blurred Lines: A Matter of Attitude, Belfast Photo Festival, Ulster Museum, Belfast
The New Parthenon, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
Sea Views, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
A Painting Today, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2016

In These Shadows, Casemore Kirkeby Gallery, San Francisco
Exchange, Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf
Dutch Identity – Nederlandse portretfotografie NU, Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle, the Netherlands
Cause the grass don't grow and the sky ain't blue, Praz-Dalavallade, Paris
Freundschaftsspiel Istanbul-Freiburg, Museum für Neue Kunst Freiburg, Germany

2015

RAY 2015, Museum Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany
When I Give I Give Myself, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
IMAGINE REALITY, Museum Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt am Main and other venues in Germany
Deutsche Börse Prize, MMK Museum, Frankfurt am Main, Germany; The Photographer's Gallery, London, UK

2014

Chroma, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
Modern Times. Photography in the 20th Century, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Lagos Photo Festival, Nigeria
Something Beautiful, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, USA
Where There's Smoke, Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Surprising Affinities, Antonio Saura Foundation, Cuenca, Spain
Photofestival 2014 Knokke-Heist, Belgium
Kunst & Textil: Stoff als Idee und Material in der Moderne von Klimt bis heute, Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany

2013

The Encyclopedic Palace, 55th Venice Biennale, Italy
A Sculptural Premise, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
Art and Textile: Fabric as Material and Concept in Modern Art from Klimt to the Present, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
The Photographic Eye, FRAC Auvergne, France
The Rediscovery of the world, Huis Marseille Museum for Photography, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Chambres des Canaux: The Tolerant Home, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Oranje, Schlifka-Molina Gallery, Buenos Aires, Argentina
43 Salón (inter) Nacional de Artistas, Museo de Atioquia, Medellin, Colombia

2012

Young People, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland

Africa: Photographs and video from the Martin Margulies Collection, Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Edison State College, Florida, USA

Through an Open Window - Contemporary Art from the Rabo Art Collection, Institut Neerlandais, Paris, France

There There, Cork, Ireland

Daegu Photo Biennale, South Korea

Photomonth Festival, Krakow, Poland

Six Yards: Guaranteed Dutch Design, Museum for Modern Art, Arnhem, the Netherlands

2011

What we talk about when we talk about love, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

New Photography, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

Parasomnia, Motive Gallery, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

No Fashion, Please! Photography between Gender and Lifestyle, Vienna Kunsthalle, Austria

Figure and Ground: Dynamic Landscape, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Contact Photography Festival, Toronto, Canada

2010

Africa, The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, Miami, USA

Shadow Dance, Kunsthall KAdE, Amersfoort, the Netherlands

Lagos Photo, Lagos, Nigeria

Flamboya, Brighton Photo Biennial, Brighton, England

2008

Cover Project, Art Aids, with Martine Stig, AMC, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2007

Festival International de Mode et de Photographie, Villa Noailles, Hyeres, France

Dutch Fantasy - Nouvelles images de mode Néerlandaises, Institut Neerlandais, Paris, France

2006

Spooky, Het Gebouw, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Die Liebe zum Licht, Städtische Galerie Delmenhorst; Robert Simon Stiftung, Celle, Germany

2005

CBK Dordrecht, the Netherlands

2003

Rotterdamse Design Prijs, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

2002

Flowers, Wetering Galerie, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Frozen Fountain, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2001

Me and Them, Playstation, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Goeie foto's, Aschenbach & Hofland galleries, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2000

Portretten uit de twintigste eeuw, Galerie 2,5 x 4,5, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Kinship, Amsterdam Centrum voor Fotografie, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Sec, Nederlands Foto Instituut, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

1999

Deep Flat, Begane Grond, Utrecht, the Netherlands
Tegenlicht, Paraplufabriek, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

AWARDS

2016

German Photo Book Prize (gold) for *Umbra*

2015

David Octavius Hill Medal, Germany

Arts Award of the city of Leinfelden-Echterdingen

Honorary Fellowship award 2015, The Royal Photographic Society

2013

German Photo Book Prize (gold) for *In and Out of Fashion*

Kees Scherer Prize, Fotofestival Naarden, the Netherlands

2011

Infinity Award, International Center of Photography, New York, USA

2009

Best Book Award, Rencontres d'Arles, France for *Flamboyant*

Kees Scherer Prize, Fotofestival Naarden, the Netherlands for *Flamboyant*

Nomination for BMW Prize, Paris Photo, France

2007

Nomination for Thieme Art Award, Art Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Nomination for KLM Paul Huf Award, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Prix de Rome, the Netherlands