

Foreword

# Welcome to the Limburg Biënnale 2024

It is with immense pride that Marres and Odapark present the third edition of the *Limburg Biënnale* exhibition. Showcasing a cross-section of visual art in Limburg and the surrounding area with 500 works by over 350 artists, the biennale is a celebration of the arts in our region.

### Amateurs and professionals

The Limburg Biënnale's mission is to connect professional and amateur artists. In addition to the relatively small group of artists who have studied at academies and whose work is on display in galleries and museums, there are many other artists who are led by their great curiosity and enthusiasm as makers. Some of them take art classes at night schools, attend amateur art courses, or have lessons with private teachers, but there are also autodidacts who hone their skills at home with the help of online tutorials. All these makers and the work they produce constitute the fertile ground in which the professional arts are rooted, cultivating a widespread interest in art. With its ample range of artistic practices, the Limburg Biënnale hopes to offer its visitors an opportunity to experience the many connections between the professional and amateur arts.

### Limburg

The Limburg Biënnale is also a key stimulator of culture in the region. Limburg is facing a decline in facilities for people who make art, a lack of private funding for projects, and cuts to government cultural budgets. As a result, art lovers are increasingly obliged to travel outside Limburg to see works by local artists. The Limburg Biënnale can counteract this. It creates new connections between contemporary culture and the people of Limburg and raises awareness among local authorities and the public that art, and investing in it, both play an essential role in maintaining a livable, flourishing region. Marres has found a partner in this endeavor in Odapark, Venray. The exhibition is divided between both locations.

### The jury

Following the tremendous success of the previous two editions. Marres and Odapark issued an open call in February of this year for the third Limburg Biënnale, 1.400 creators responded, collectively submitting more than 3,000 works. The jury, composed of eighteen established and emerging professional artists, subsequently made a selection from these submissions. Each member of the iury was allocated a space where they combined their chosen works with one or several of their own artworks, texts, a mural, or a zine. The jury and curators for this Limburg Biënnale are Karina Beumer, Eugenie Boon, Katrein Breukers, Anne Büscher, Bonno van Doorn, Pablo Hannon, Jan Hoek, Paul Kooiker, Maartie Korstanie, Marijn van Kreij, Anouk Kruithof, Birthe Leemeijer, Fleur Pierets, Jan Rothuizen, Sanne Vaassen, Wessel Verrijt, Marenne Welten, and Han van Wetering.

### Make a contribution

Your visit to the exhibition will help Marres and Odapark establish the Limburg Biënnale as a permanent icon in the cultural landscape of Limburg, thereby supporting artists in continuing their work. In a time of economic decline, political distrust, and cultural impoverishment, the Limburg Biënnale, with all the talent, originality, energy, and drive of the participating artists, underscores the value of supporting the cultural sector.

Joep Vossebeld Artistic Director of Odapark Valentijn Byvanck Director of Marres

#### Project space

### Han van Wetering







#### G.R. 2024

After spending many hours spread over several days behind a screen, looking at vague pictures of works of art, the question I needed to ask became clearer and clearer. Who am I and what criteria should I use to select the work of others for this Limburg Biënnale? The connecting thread I thought I would find in my selection became thinner and thinner and finally broke. In the end, I decided to go for a walk... in a non-existent Flemish town. Once there, my plan was to pay a visit to the local parish church of the Holy Ghost. To get there, I first had to walk down Long Street. My musings were interrupted when I glimpsed two striking houses out the corner of my eye. The first stood out because of its red-and-white checkered

curtains: the other due to a charming. stuffed fox in the window of a lavish drawing room. Just like that, I realized this might help me to decide which works to select. What should I do? Should it be the house with the fox and the even number. or the house with the curtains and the odd number? Even this choice filled me with hesitation. It was not easy, but a toss of the coin offered a solution. Once in the house of the fox, my role became that of a seeker of luck or misfortune. I had a stroke of beginner's luck when, in the most decorated room of the house, I found the unique works of art that each tell their own story. That's what cemented my decision to include them all in the selection of the Limburg Biënnale.



Han van Wetering (Maastricht, 1948) is a visual artist who is known, among other things, for his famed sculptures that are permanently located in the center of Maastricht. Wetering's work 't Zaat hermenieke (1993), his

colorful ensemble of carnival celebrants, is for instance home to the Vrijthof, and other works have previously been shown at various galleries within and outside of Limburg. To conceive of his sculptures, van Wetering works

with various materials such as bronze and ceramics, but as a seasoned artist and renowned 'rebel' he is also skilled at many other art forms.

### Maartje Korstanje







I relied on my intuition to select works from the many entries; I was captivated by carefully crafted works that harnessed intriguing materials or methods. Often, I could feel the artist's fascination with processes of growth, decay, and transience, or a connection to the natural world. My chosen works collectively tell stories about life cycles and the role we as humans assume in relation to other life. They depict aspects such as listening and watching other life forms and the importance of non-human voices. Together, the works create an atmosphere reminiscent of a landscape in a fictional world: It seems as if at any moment the works could step out of their solidified form and start moving. They could continue their processes, return to dust or, on the contrary, continue to grow and bloom.



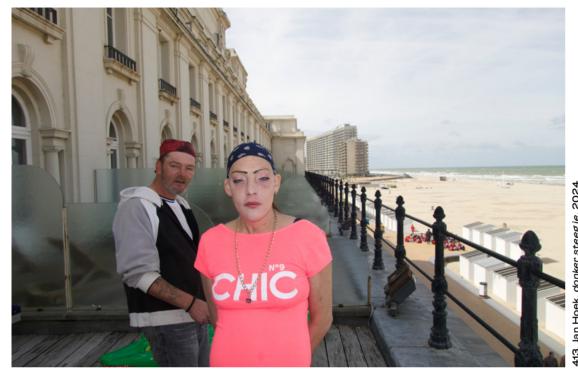
The artistic practice of Maartje Korstanje (Goes, 1982) is driven by a strong awareness of the finiteness of life and her engagement with this awareness. Korstanje' s work focuses on the tension between growth and decay, both in the natural world and in the artificial, but mainly in the borderland where the two worlds meet. Intuition and

imagination are significant motivators in this creative body of work. Although Korstanje works with a variety of materials, cardboard is a fixed base which she constantly seeks to reexplore. Korstanje studied at the Academy for Art and Design St. Joost (Breda) and the Sandberg Institute (Amsterdam). She was one of the winners of the Prix de

Rome in 2007 and was nominated for the Volkskrant Visual Arts Prize in 2014. She also participated in several residency programs and her work has been presented at Kunstmuseum Den Haag, ISCP New York and Gyeonggi Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art in Korea, among others.

### Project space & park

### Jan Hoek



like the taxi drivers of Nairobi,

Pattaya (Thailand), and made

about sex tourism capital

a series about the Maasai

I love dark alleys. Mainly because they're the quintessential place where things happen - or could happen - that should remain unseen: kisses between secret lovers, clandestine transactions, sneakily lighting up a cigarette, or hiding from the police during a protest. The space I was given the opportunity to fill in Odapark is shaped a bit like one of those alleys, so I decided to select all the works you could imagine you'd find there. I also added a little path paved with photos that I took of people who wouldn't look out of place in this universe.

Jan Hoek (1984) is always

attracted to the beauty of

outsiders worldwide, and is ever keen to collaborate with people

who are normally overlooked. In

Hoek's universe, 'normal' people

are strangers and the 'outsiders'



rule. As such, Hoek has photographed a realm of superstars, has created psychedelic zines Photo (Lagos).

(Kenya & Tanzania) to defeat their stereotypical depictions. He has presented works at Foam (Amsterdam), Unseen Festival (Amsterdam), Photoville (New York), Fomu (Antwerp) and Lagos



362. Agil Abdullayev, Voices from sexualized olaces, 2024





Art lab & park

### Karina Beumer

I think the selection of works is somewhere between an existential crisis involving a playful, and sometimes trite perspective, and a combination of wanting to become something else and involuntarily disappearing. I wanted to bring the works together on a stage like excerpts from a diary, where the little beans are both decoration and company for the works. Visitors can sit on the stage to see the works or to look at each other.



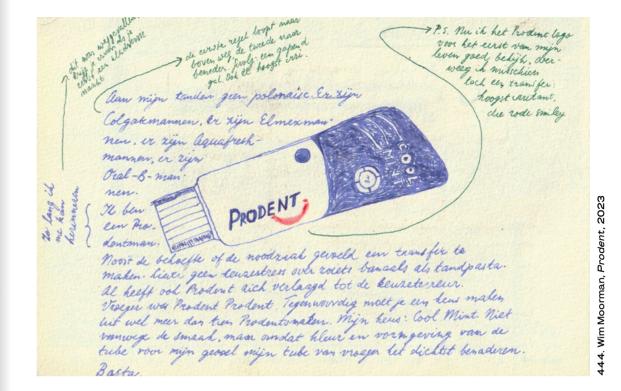
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86. Esra Westerburgen, To Be or No o Be a Shell, 2024

Beumer searches for an absurd Karina Beumer (Peize, 1988) maintains an interactive artistic and surreal relationship between practice that is sustained by the inner world (thoughts, misengaging in dialogues with - or communication) and the physical being captivated by - something world (language, networks). In a or someone else. This results dreamlike universe, she connects in videos, installations, and banal issues with personal publications that emerge from fantasies by using strategies from drawings of observations, and existing structures such as pop unannounced performances. songs, blockbusters and live action role-playing games. Her film (...), about her father's brain injury, can be seen on 2doc.nl. In 2024, her video AV 156-23 premiered at Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens. This work is part of the museum's permanent collection and of the new prison in Haren (BE). For her upcoming film, Beumer is currently searching for her own replacement.

## Birthe Leemeijer

This room features a floor, a chair, a rug, a screen, a loaf of bread, iam iars, a closet, and other objects. There is also an image of a bed and a coffin. Objects for use, animated by artists. The screen shows a landscape in which all these objects have disappeared: there are no trees, no houses, no chairs; there is no table and no bed. A woman sits at a great height amidst an infinite, barren landscape, absorbed in what remains - her imagination. This is the only place where she can recall the objects, places, and memories. Her head and her body have a memory, which takes her back to where she came from. Her fingers move instinctively along the imaginary keys of the imaginary organ playing an imaginary piece.

Upon seeing this work, I was reminded of a poem by Tom van Deel:

### Things

Who are they when they no longer belong to anvone.

the abandoned things, the table, the violin. They wait to see who wants to belong to them.

but who wants to belong to what has died. Remember the things that survive, it is not they who are abandoned. it is we who abandon ourselves, again and again.

T. van Deel, Achter de waterval. Querido Poems 1986



Nikolay Karabinovych, *Ici rhere*), 2023

In addition to studying at the Rietveld Academy and the Sandberg Institute, Birthe Leemeijer (Amsterdam, 1972) also completed training in horticulture. In 1996, she won the Prix de Rome base prize for art in public space. For her, working in open spaces is the ideal condition to question the meaning

of art and its place in the world. To achieve this, she collaborates with various parties and stakeholders who contribute to shaping and giving substance to the project. The presence or absence of other life forms and the value we assign to them play an increasingly important role. Her work can be

permanently seen in places such as Dokkum (The Ice Fountain, 2019), Almere (Een Reservaat voor Eenzaamheid, 2012), in Utrecht (De verdwijnende trap, 2018) and Sint-Oedenrode (Leestekens in het landschap, 2020).







Teahouse & park

### Pablo Hannon





Pajarillo I, 2022 478. Inge van der

Pablo Hannon (Santiago, 1973) explores many of expressions in his artistic practice. Rooted, or rather, restless in activism, be it due to his roots in Mapuche (Chile), or his awareness to other injustices elsewhere, he founded

The School; a fluid, autonomous space and methodology that facilitates accessible, interdisciplinary collaborations with local and international participants. Hannon's own artistic experiments rely on illustration and design, and

play with the improvisational and performative interaction of the audience. He also shares his knowledge, skills and playfulness at various art schools, including Hogeschool Zuyd.



### YOU'RE AN ORDINARY WEDNESDAY

How do I answer your question? What noise causes what I see and feel? The intimacy of everything that goes wrong. Images that float. No one puts my mind at ease A synopsis of a day like any other. How do I answer your question? The bread is moldy. Fragments. Nothing is what it seems. The mud is different this year. And suddenly a battalion cycles by. Potato. Lemon, balloon, guts exposed.



Nothing is what it seems.





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