

Maja Klaassens

Born 1989 in Christchurch, New Zealand
Lives and works in The Hague, Netherlands

Education / Residencies

2026 Emerge Project Space, Pescara, Italy [forthcoming]
2021 MA Contemporary Art History, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2014 BA Fine Arts, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands
2010 BA Fine Arts, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2026 Emerge Project Space, Pescara, Italy [forthcoming]
2025 Art Antwerp, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, Antwerp, Belgium
A line of stones, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
2024 Niek Kemps & Maja Klaassens, Ixhxb, Eindhoven, Netherlands
2023 The view is total sea, Joys Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Core Program, Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, Toronto, Canada
Cache, duo exhibition with Christofer Degrér, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
2022 Orca, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
2015 #1, Billytown The Kitchen, The Hague, Netherlands
2009 Colony, Neibelheim Space, Christchurch, New Zealand

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 The way we live together now, Joey Ramone, Rotterdam, Netherlands
A gust of wind gives voice to the trees, Namuso Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands
Art Rotterdam, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, Rotterdam, Netherlands
2025 Reality Check, Museum MORE, Gorssel, Netherlands
Great God! This is an awful place, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
The way we live together now, Limassol Art Walks, Eins Residency, Limassol, Cyprus
Art The Hague, Art Walk The Hague x Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
Art Island, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, IJmuiden, Netherlands
2024 Mountain Friends, Fred & Ferry, Antwerp, Belgium
2023 Grand Day Out, Kate, Amsterdam, Netherlands
秋, SLoóPW, Beijing, China
It's Not the Heat, It's the Dust, GROVE, London, United Kingdom
2022 Art The Hague, Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands
Melk / Water, HaL x Frank Taal Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands
The Connection, CLC Gallery Venture (CN) x C5CNM (CN) x Sandwich Gallery (RO) x Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
RSVP, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
2021 Drawing Appreciation Day, Hgtomi Rosa, The Hague, Netherlands
Juxtapose Art Fair, Aarhus, Denmark
After Daan van Golden, Parts Project, The Hague, Netherlands
2019 Hinkypunk, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
Hello Echo, 1646, The Hague, Netherlands (guest artist)
De Reconstructie, ABC Klubhuis, Antwerp, Belgium

- 2018 Studio Schottenheimer, Poppositions, Brussels, Belgium
 24 Kleurplaten, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
 Mrs. Robinson, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
 Dolores Meyer Collection, SID YOUNG, Glasgow, United Kingdom
 Housewarming, Atelier Oh Nee, Leiden, Netherlands
 All Under One Blanket, At7, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2016 Altijd en Overal, Vonkel, The Hague, Netherlands
 Can't Do Nothing, Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2015 Trial and Triumph, curated by Dürst Britt & Mayhew, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2014 Goed Gegidst, Cultuurcentrum Strombeek, Brussels, Belgium
 Graphos, Kunsthal Boschveld, Den Bosch, Netherlands
 Graduation Exhibition, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands
 35 Titles for a Group Show, Vrom, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2013 In Your Living Room 17, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2010 Takeaways, High Street Project, Christchurch, New Zealand

Professional affiliations

- 2023 Four Films, co-curator with Christofer Degrér, with works by Verena Blok (NL/PL), Lisa Tan (US/SE), Eugene Sundelius von Rosen (SE), and Victoria Verseau (SE), Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands
 Guest lecturer, Interactive Media Design, Royal Academy of Art the Hague, Netherlands
 Guest lecturer, Fine Art Department, Academie Minerva, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2022 Guest lecturer, Media, Art, Design and Architecture, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2021 Guest lecturer, Fine Art Department, Royal Academy of Art the Hague, Netherlands
- 2020 - 2021 Coordinator, Alternative Art Guide
- 2019 - 2022 Editorial Board, Kunstlicht, academic journal for art, visual culture and architecture
- 2017 - Participant, Billytown, artist-run initiative and gallery, The Hague, Netherlands

Selected Books & Group Exhibition Catalogues

- 2025 Earplugs. Text by Martijn Simons. Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands (exh. cat)
- 2023 Cache. Text by dr. Angela Bartholomew. Billytown, The Hague, Netherlands (exh. cat)
- 2022 Orca. Text by Danica Pinteric. Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague, Netherlands (exh. cat)

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- 2025 Acal, Federico. 'Great God! This is an awful place at Dürst Britt & Mayhew, The Hague', artviewer.org (29 July 2025) [ill.] [online]
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 Acal, Federico. 'Cache and Four Films at Billytown', artviewer.org (16 January 2024) [ill.] [online]
- 2023 'Cache and Four Films. Billytown, The Hague', contemporaryartlibrary.org [ill.] [online]
 Acal, Federico. '秋 at SloöpW', artviewer.org (9 December 2023) [ill.] [online]
 Post, Niels. 'Hoogtij #75', trendbeheer.com (4 December 2023) [ill.] [online]
 Horner, Mailey. 'Total, see?', thisispublicparking.com (16 November 2023) [ill.] [online]
 Callander, Angel. "'The view is total sea" — Maja Klaassens', cmagazine.com (20 September 2023) [ill.] [online]
- 2022 Acal, Federico. 'Sensory Threshold LAB 2022 : HOLY GRID! at Billytown and Sala de Espera', artviewer.org (16 September 2022) [ill.] [online]
 Dees, Sasha. 'Back To Normal en Entangled Species in Billytown, Quartair en Trixie', trendbeheer.com (8 August 2022) [ill.] [online]
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- 2021 'After Daan van Golden. Parts Project, The Hague', contemporaryartlibrary.org [ill.] [online]
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- 2020 Acal, Federico. 'HINKYPUNK at Billytown', artviewer.org (30 January 2020) [ill.] [online]
 Pieters, Albertus. 'Anders Dickson, Maja Klaassens, Clémence de La Tour du Pin, Kim David Bots – Hinkypunk; Billytown, The Hague', villanextdoor2.wordpress.com (23 January 2020) [ill.] [online]
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- 2018 Steenoven, Kasper van. '1 papegaai, 27 kunstenaars, 24 kleurplaten: Billytown Den Haag', mistermotley.nl (7 December 2018) [ill.] [online]
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- 2016 Pieters, Albertus. 'Overal en altijd (Everywhere and always); Vonkel gallery, The Hague', villanextdoor.wordpress.com (31 July 2016) [ill.] [online]
- 2015 Koomen, Kees. 'Trial and Triumph', chmkoome.wordpress.com (18 November 2015) [ill.] [online]
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- 2014 Pieters, Albertus. 'Graduation Festival, Royal Academy of Art (KABK), The Hague', villanextdoor.wordpress.com (17 July 2014) [ill.] [online]
- Koomen, Kees. 'Eindexamen KABK 2014', chmkoome.wordpress.com (15 July 2014) [ill.] [online]

Selected Writings

- 2022 Freedom from Time: Forgetting Epna, 1975-1978, Kunstlicht vol. 43 no. 4
The Organisation of Tears, publication by Robbert Pauwels
- 2021 Rabbit in Stratum, publication by Mirthe Klück, FLACC Residency Belgium

Selected Awards and Grants

- 2023 Sponsorship: Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Toronto, Canada
- 2020 PRO Research Grant, Stroom Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2014 Thesis Prize, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Netherlands

Selected Public collections

Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands
Akzo Nobel Art Foundation, Amsterdam, Netherlands
De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands
Grafschafter Volksbank, Nordhorn, Germany