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PERSONALIA

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The multiplicity of Van Breda's work entails a study of the spatial narratives within the process of image making. Current research topics involve nature and landscape in the Anthropocene, the society of the spectacle and the spatial qualities of images. His work-methods involve both site-conditional projects as well as research within the studio environment. Like an ethnographer he questions our environment, with a concern for the social and political conditions of places. Through historical research, site-specific works and material studies, physical places are transformed into 'environments', where new spatial narratives can deploy like a 'speculative fabulation'. By way of different media the artist seeks to manipulate spaces and invites us to reimagine our surrounding, with the clear intention to blur the sharpness of existing meanings and interpretations, in doing so free our mind to reach and invent new dimensions within the same physical appearance. The use of fabulation as a way of fabrication brings him to the point of embodying 'other' and in doing so question the cultural significance of representation and its role in defining our belonging to the world.

The work of Van Breda brings together craft, the use of everyday objects and recuperation of waste material, which he gathers from the streets or through collaborations with various industries such as Limited Edition, Deltracon, Tasibel natural fibre flooring, Notebaert. More recently he developed a project in collaboration with the international fashion brand G-Star RAW. His research driven attitude has led to collaborations with the research center KADOC-KU Leuven, Textile Museum Tilburg and participation in the research of Dr. S. Vloebergs (KU-Leuven). Previous research projects are Every Move They Make (2018-2019) in collaboration with Dr. Lut Pil, with the support of Luca School of Arts Ghent.

His expertiece of the textile medium led him to be a jury member of the MAESTRIA European Prize for applied arts 2024.

EDUCATION

2011 - 2014 Academic Bachelor Graphic Design

Luca School of Arts Brussels

2014- 2016 Master Textile Design

Luca School of Arts Ghent

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 - ... Guest Professor Luca School of Arts Ghent

Chairman Masters Textile Design

2019-2020 guest speaker KU-Leuven, Art History

introduction to the analysis of the image

Prof. Dr. Barbara Baert

2019 curator CAS-CO Leuven, Off The Grid, expo Into Limbo

artists; Fabrice Souvereyns (BE), Glenn Ryszko

(NL), Ash Bowland (BE), Charlotte Stuby (CH), Jan Deurinck (BE),

Cédric Urbanski (BE)

27 okt. 2019 Symposium Intimate Proximities, Textiel Museum Tilburg NL

in collaboration with Carolyn F. Strauss - Slow

Research Lab Amsterdam. Speakers; Bram Van Breda, Carolyn F. Strauss, Alena Alexandrova, Clémence de La Tour du Pin. With the support of Gastatelier LEOXIII Tilburg.

RESEARCH

Every Move They Make 2018 - 2019

with the support of the Research unit Image - Luca School of Arts, Ghent in collaboration with Dr. Lut Pil, Merel Cremers, An-Valerie Vandromme

participator;

Voicing Pain. Pain and Suffering in the Thirteenth-Century Mystical Culture of Liège 2015-2021 Dr. Sander Vloebergs, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies KU-Leuven

PUBLICATIONS

- Bram Van Breda (2023) Before It Slips Away, Hilde Vandaele Gallery & Stockmans Art Books
- Dr. Lut Pil (2019), RECONNAISSANCE, KADOC KU-Leuven ISBN 9789078192435
- Dr. Lut Pil, Bram Van Breda, Merel Cremers, An-Valerie Vandromme (2019) EVERY MOVE THEY MAKE dialogues between object & space, Lut Pil, Matter&Image Research Unit Image LUCA School of Arts, Ghent; the author and the artisits. ISBN 9789463963695
- Patricia Gérimont, Dr. Anja Veirman (2018), Fini Fani, in dialoog met textiele maakprocessen in Mali, Graphius. ISBN 9789490049089

RESIDENCIES

2020	RAVI-Liege, Luik BE
2020	Studio Raw Material; Jaipur India
2019	Gastatelier LEO XIII Tilburg NL in collaboration with Textile Museum Tilburg
2019	KADOC-KU Leuven, in preparation of the exposition Reconnaissance, exploring space and its hidden layers. With the support of the Commission for Contemporary Art KU-Leuven.
2016	BAC ART LAB, KU-Leuven

EXHIBITIONS

2025 When A Bubble Hits The Surface Whitehouse Gallery Brussels, BE

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Group exhibtion, Poortersloge Bruges, BE

KEIKOPPEN

Group exhibtion Museumhuis Lucien DeGheus Poperinge, BE

Not Yet Here

open studio Atelier Bram Van Breda, Oostende BE

2024 From The Inside Out

duo exhibtion with Michael de Kok, Hilde vandaele Gallery, Kortrijk BE

Collaboration G Star RAW

Porject presentation Streams in the headquarters G Star RAW, Amsterdam NL

2023 Before It Slips Away solo exhibition

Hilde Vandaele Gallery, Watou BE

I Try To Imagine How Your Texture Felt Like

group exhibition curated by Carina Diepens

Ypermuseum, leper BE

Stille Levens

group exhibition curated by Koen Broucke Venetiaanse Gaanderijen Oostende BE

Let's Fill This Town With Artists

group exhibition curated by Charlotte Crevits AHWNN Gallery Ostend BE

2022 The Thinking Hand group exhibition

Tatjana Pieters Gallery Gent BE

Design Fest Gent

Design Museum Gent BE

Even a stopped clock is right two times a day

Les Brasseurs Art Contemporain Luik BE

2021 Art au Centre

Luik BE

Pavilion Contemporary Art Gallery Kasteelstraat 1

Watou BE

What My Body Knew, And Forgot To Tell Me

Kunstenhuis Harelbeke BE

Entangled Splendor

Obsidian Gallery

Brussels BE

2019 INTO LIMBO

curated by Bram Van Breda

Cas-Co Leuven BE

BONANZA a diorama of the near

Bram Van Breda & Carolyn F. Strauss

As the result of the four-month residency at Gastatlier LeoXIII Tilburg NL

CROSOVERS

Adorno.design

The Truman Brewery London UK

INTERLUDE and intervening space between sound and weavings

Bram Van Breda & Glenn Ryszko

Vlaamsesteenweg 162, Brussels BE

To Hit When Moving

Bram Van Breda, Merel Cremers & Dr. Lut Pil Part of the research project

What We Shape, Shapes Us

Nucleo Ghent

Beloved Bodies

Dr. Sander Vloebergs KADOC-Ku Leuven BE

Reconnaissance; exploring space and its hidden layers

Bram Van Breda KADOC-Ku Leuven BE

2018 Enclosed Encounters

Bram Van Breda, Merel Cremers & Dr. Lut Pil Part of the research project What We Shape, Shapes Us Hotel Insomnia – Dutch Design Week 2018 DeFabriek Eindhoven NL

Passage I

Bram Van Breda, Merel Cremers & Dr. Lut Pil Part of the research project What We Shape, Shapes Us Blancooo Antwerp BE

FINI FANI

Dr. Anja Veirman & Patricia Gérimont Regional Cultural Center Dinant BE

2017 Let yourself fall - Luca Biënnale 2017

lef Spincemaille Abdij Keizersberg Leuven BE

Matter out of place

Bram Van Breda

Les Brasseurs Arts ContemporainLiège BE

The graduate(s) - European design talent selected by Li Edelkoort

Carpenters Workshop Gallery Mayfair Londen UK

KoeNST project - in collaboration with DeLoodsen Antwerpen

Arts in Society Award Cera & Luca School of Arts

Ithaka art festival

Luxemburgcollege Leuven BE

2016 the pliable moment

Dutch Design Week 16 DeFABRIEK Eindhoven NL

OUTSIDE (ÉCUME/SCUM)

Les Brasseurs Liège BE

Corridor/ Backspace

Croxhapox Ghent BE

