

## GABRIEL LESTER

### Biography

- 1972 Born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 1994-1995 St. Joost, Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Breda, the Netherlands
- 1995-1996 St. Lucas Academie, Brussels, Belgium (Film Department)
- 1999-2000 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunst, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2003-2004 IASPIS, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2005 New York Film Academy (Film Directing course), New York, United States
- 2005-2006 ISCP, New York, United States

Lives and works in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

### Solo exhibitions

- 2011 *It is no great wonder if in the long process of time, while fortune takes her course thither and thither, numerous coincidences should spontaneously occur*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
*Suspension of Disbelief*, Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- 2010 *Gabriel Lester*, Rodeo Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2009 *Promotion*, Z33, Hasselt, Belgium
- 2008 *One Man Show-One Man Band*, Kios, Gent, Belgium  
*The Last Smoking Flight*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
*A Man of Action*, Duvekleemann, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 *And Now for Something Completely Different*, IBID Projects, London, United Kingdom  
*The Last Piece of John Fare*, GB Agency, Paris, France  
*BIG BANG-and assorted minor explosions*, Bloomberg Space, London, United Kingdom
- 2006 *SEEN*, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden

# LEO XU PROJECTS

*4x4 Hands*, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, Japan

- 2005      *Opa*, Guadalajara, Mexico  
              *A.B.C. Behind the Scenes*, Glucksman Gallery, Cork, Ireland  
              *Chiaroscuro*, Natalia Goldin Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004      *Highlight (plan B)*, NICC, PSK, Brussels, Belgium  
              *Beautiful Gamble*, IASPIS, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2003      *The Clock and the Clockwork*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Break North*, Fries Museum, Bureau Leeuwarden, the Netherlands
- 2002      *ShutterSpeedTrial*, Hortus Tunnel, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *News Twister*, The Looking Glass, Brussels, Belgium  
              *The Gift of Gab (Curator: Vasif Kortun)*, Platform, Istanbul, Turkey  
              *Cut to the Chase*, Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag, the Netherlands
- 2001      *Art Statements (Art Basel 32)*, Basel, Switzerland  
              *Branching*, Lokaal 01, Breda, the Netherlands  
              *Attic*, Centre d'Art Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 2000      *Choreography*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Act Again*, Marres, Maastricht, the Netherlands
- 1999      *Mala Loka*, Ljubljana, Slovenia

## Group exhibitions

- 2011      *Tijdelijk Verblijf*, Kasteel Oud-Rekem, Belgium  
              *De stad 3D, Historie, Street art en Toekomstvisies*, Museum Hilversum, the Netherlands  
              *De stad en haar collectie*, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *(Performance) Secret Societies*, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany  
              *Hüseyin Bahri Alptekin: I am not a studio artist*, SALT Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010      *De Nederlandse identiteit?*, Museum de Paviljoens, Almere, the Netherlands  
              *Parkplatz*, Lokaal 01, Breda, the Netherlands  
              *ShadowDance*, Kunsthall KadE, Amersfoort

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*"Not Our Cup of Tea"-a variety show traveling down memory lane  
commissioned by Capacete for the Sao Paulo biennial, i.c.w. Raimundas  
Malasauskas, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

*Les Rendez-vous du Forum: Repetition Island (Curated by Raimundas  
Malasauskas), Centre Pompidou, Paris, France*

*B-sides and Rarities, Extra city (i.c.w. Lokaal 01), Antwerp, Belgium*

*Sound Design for Future Films, Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio,  
USA*

- 2009
- The Prompt Performa 09 Biennial, New York, United States*  
*Group Show, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*  
*The Filmic Conventions, ZOO, London, United Kingdom*  
*Discovering Slowness, CEAC, Xiamen, China*  
*B-sides and Rarities, Lokaal 01, Breda, the Netherlands*  
*Clifford Irving Show (One-night-only), Kadist Art Foundation, New York,  
United States*  
*Videoclub Avril ([http://www.videoclubparis.com/page2\\_vid.html](http://www.videoclubparis.com/page2_vid.html)), Paris,  
France*  
*The Secret of the Ninth Planet, Galeria de la Raza, San Francisco, United States*  
*Lapses, Centre d'Art Contemporaine, Fribourg, Switzerland*  
*Real vague, Bétonsalon, Paris, France*  
*Slow Movement or: Half and Whole, Kunsthalle Bern , Switzerland*  
*Paper Exhibition, Artists Space, New York, United States*
- 2008
- In het duister; Zwervende tentoonstelling #12, Rotterdam, the Netherlands*  
*Fear Minus One, The University Art Gallery, University of California, San  
Diego, United States*  
*The Studio: Sound design for future films, Moderna Museet, Stockholm,  
Sweden*  
*Liverpool Biennial: MADE UP (International 08), Liverpool, United Kingdom*  
*Library, UOVO Open Office Berlin, Germany*  
*Wrap your troubles in a dream, Lautom Contemporary, Oslo, Norway*  
*3500 cm<sup>2</sup> (Art poster exhibition), Uqbar, Berlin, Germany*  
*One of these things is not like the other things, Galleria 1/9 Unosunove Arte  
Contemporanea, Rome, Italy*  
*Deep Screen; Art in Digital Culture (Proposal for Municipal Art Acquisitions),  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

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*Capacete (With Helmut Batista, Jean-Pascal Flavien&Ducha)*, Gallery Friedrich Petzel, New York, United States

- 2007      *Group show with Gallery Artists*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Drop it Like it's Hot*, Frieze Artfair / Frankfurter Kunstverein, London, United Kingdom  
              '*Decoder'-Contour-(Third Biennial for Video Art)*', Mechelen, Belgium  
              *Twee en twintig duizend vijfhonderd: De Collectie Almere, aanwinsten 01-07*, Museum de Paviljoens, Almere, the Netherlands  
              *Modern Solitude*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Night of the 25<sup>th</sup>; MiArt 2007 (Arcipelagi Olanda)*, Milan, Italy  
              *The discovery of slowness*, Kw14,'s-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands  
              *The First Antechamber*, Projects Arts Centre Dublin, Ireland  
              *Images Festival*, Toronto, Canada  
              *Young Belgian Art Prize*, BOZAR, Brussels, Belgium  
              *Rio de Janeiro Film Festival*, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil  
              *Still Here*, ArtSpace, Sydney, Australia  
              *Anyan Public Arts Project (permanent work)*, Anyang, Korea  
              *3500 cm<sup>2</sup> #61*, Blueroom a Rialto Santambrogio, Rome, Italy  
              *Ready Media*, Montevideo, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Giving Visibility*, Art Basel Miami Beach, United States
- 2006      *Being in Brussels*, Argos, Brussels, Belgium  
              *Le Nouveau Sicle*, Museum van Loon, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *In Moment*, Skellefteå Konsthall, Skellefteå, Sweden  
              *The Urban Condition, Cross Section*, De Paviljoens, Almere, the Netherlands  
              *Nederlands Film Festival*, Utrecht, the Netherlands  
              *Everywhere*, Busan Biennial 2006, Korea  
              *Undo/Redo*, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany
- 2005      *Group Show with Gallery Artists*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
              *Dropping*, Gemeente Haarlemmermeer, Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands  
              *Black Market*, 9th Baltic Triennial, Vilnius/London, Lithuania/ United Kingdom  
              *Parking our Society*, Public Space, Utrecht, the Netherlands  
              *More Then This*, Goteborg Biennial, Goteborg, Sweden

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*Past/Present/Forever*, Buia Gallery, New York, United States

*For Sale*, Turin, Biennial, Italy

*Juicy Meadows, Impakt Festival*, Utrecht, the Netherlands

*This may be*, Sculpture Center, New York, United States

- 2004                    *Rio de Janeiro Film festival*, Capacete, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil  
                        *Olandu Burias*, CAC, Vilnius, Lithuania  
                        *Traveling without moving*, W139, Amsterdam and Trafo, Budapest, the Netherlands/ Hungary  
                        *Oneindige Landschappen*, Het Slot Zeist/ Loods 6, De Bagagehal, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Argos Festival*, Brussels, Belgium  
                        *Puerto Rico 04*, M&M Proyectos, Puerto Rico  
                        *Ahuman*, MUU, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003                    *Group show-New work by Gallery Artists*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Group Show-New Work by Gallery Artists*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Biennal of Ceramics in Contemporary Art*, Albisola, Italy  
                        *De Inrichting (Manifestation on Contemporary Art and Psychiatry)*, GGZ Noord-Holland, Heiloo, the Netherlands  
                        *Wanderlust*, Antoine Dansaertstr. 182, Brussels, Belgium  
                        *Blobs*, S.K.O.R., Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Haupt-und Nebenwege*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany  
                        *Models und Mavericks*, Museum Het Domein, Sittard, the Netherlands  
                        *The last Seduction*, Artis, Den Bosch, the Netherlands  
                        *White Meat and Sunlight*, Gallery Harbord & Wiesofski, Berlin, Germany  
                        *Split and Pick-up*, Het Stuk, Leuven, Belgium
- 2002                    *Group Show*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Other than Film*, TENT, Rotterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Self Exposure*, Harmoniegebouw, Groningen, the Netherlands  
                        *And Other Love Stories*, Galerie Diana Stigter, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Cellar in the Attic*, W139, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *A Haunted House*, Outline, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                        *Parel*, Raid Project Space, Los Angeles, United States

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2001	<i>Group show</i> , Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>Unlimited NL #4</i> , De Appel, Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>Affinités électives n.3</i> , Galerie Du Jour Agnes B., Paris, France <i>Ferveur</i> , FRAC, Lyon, France <i>Hotel New York</i> , PS 1, New York, United States
2000	<i>Anarrations, Witte de With</i> , Rotterdam, the Netherlands <i>Open Studio's 2000</i> , Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>For Real</i> , Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>From Here to There &amp; Circles of Life, Expo 2000, World Expo</i> , Hannover, Germany <i>How to Act, Impakt Festival</i> , Utrecht, the Netherlands
1999	<i>BUG in Baby</i> , Amsterdam, the Netherlands

## Film & Video Screening

2009	<i>Roshd International film festival Teheran</i> , Teheran, Iran
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## Commissions

2008	<i>GlassHouse</i> , Rabobank Bergeijk, the Netherlands <i>Eemplein</i> , Amersfoort, the Netherlands <i>Martini Ziekenhuis</i> , Groningen, the Netherlands
2007	<i>APAP</i> , Anyang City, South Korea <i>Elevating the Witte de With</i> , Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>Moon Lit Lake</i> , CC&CP, Tielt, Belgium
2006	<i>Renovatie Anna</i> , Ministerie van SZW, Den Haag, the Netherlands <i>Perscope Lanterns</i> , Carberg, Maastricht, the Netherlands
2005	<i>Beatrix Postkantoor</i> , Zorgcentrum Beatrix, Culemborg (with Jennifer Tee), the Netherlands

## Collections

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, the Netherlands  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, the Netherlands

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MUDAM, Fondation Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg  
Rabobank Art Collection, the Netherlands  
21CMuseum, Louisville, United States