

LEO XU PROJECTS

GABRIEL LESTER

Born in 1972 in Amsterdam, Gabriel Lester is a representative of the young generation of European artists active in the international scene. Lester works across various disciplines including cinema, music, performance, installation, sculpture and architecture. Atmospheric and perceptual, many of Lester's works revolves around the nature of the media of our time, transforming space and time through meticulously altering media and forms. Profoundly inspired by cinema from an early age, "How to Act", one of Lester's best known and widely exhibited piece expands the territory of cinema by bringing it into a discourse of space and time. Continuing such efforts, "All Right", a commission for the 2006 Busan Biennale, re-defines filmmaking in the era of new technology and its culture. Many of Lester's works are architecturally experimental; one notable cases being "Melancholia in Arcadia", an installation presenting a frozen cinematic moment in an architectural space.

Gabriel Lester has exhibited at many major museums and biennales such as Boijmans van Beuningen (Rotterdam), Gemeentemuseum (Den Haag), Centre Pompidou (Paris), Wexner Center for the Arts (Columbus, Ohio), Performa 09 (New York), Artists Space (New York), Moderna Museet (Stockholm), Liverpool Biennial (Liverpool), Stedelijk Museum (Amsterdam), Busan Biennale (Busan), Baltic Triennial, PS1 (New York), Witte de With (Rotterdam), Rijksakademie (Amsterdam), and the World Expo (Hannover).

Lester's work has been placed in many prestigious collections like Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Stedelijk Museum, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, MUDAM, Fondation Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Rabobank Art Collection, and 21CMuseum, Louisville, USA.

Lester collaborated with Rem Koolhaas/ OMA and an interdisciplinary team in 2013 for a interior architectural project at United Nations' New York Headquarters, which was nominated for the Design of the Year by Design Museum, London. In 2014, his installation 'Cousins' was one of the finalists of the Dutch Design Awards.

He lives and works in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

BIOGRAPHY

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

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Unsolved Extravaganza*, de Appel arts centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2015 *Forced Perspective – Encounter of Kinds*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Cleromancy, Ryan Lee Gallery, New York, USA
- 2014 *Follies*, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
The Ears Have Walls, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China
The Blank Stare, Gus Fischer Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
The Silent Trilogy, Stiftelsen 3'14, Bergen, Norway
Habitat Sequences, El Museo De Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 *The Secret Life of Cities*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Highlights and Chance Encounters, Tetem kunstruimte, Enschede, Netherlands
- 2012 *Roxy*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China
The Future that Was (curated by Gabriel Lester), Smart Project Space icw Media Art Institute (NIMk), Netherlands
- 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, Netherlands
Suspension of Disbelief, Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2010 *Dilzis*, 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, Netherlands
A Man of Action, Duvekleemann, Berlin, Germany
- 2007 *And Now for Something Completely Different*, IBID Projects, London, UK
The Last Piece of John Fare, GB Agency, Paris, France
BIG BANG-and assorted minor explosions, Bloomberg Space, London, UK
- 2006 *SEEN*, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden
4 x 4 Hands, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 *Opa*, Guadalajara, Mexico

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- 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, Netherlands
Break North, Fries Museum, Bureau Leeuwarden, Netherlands
- 2002 *ShutterSpeedTrial*, Hortus Tunnel, Amsterdam, 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, Netherlands
- 2001 *Art Statements (Art Basel 32)*, Basel, Switzerland
Branching, Lokaal 01, Breda, Netherlands
Attic, Centre d'Art Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 2000 *Choreography*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Act Again, Marres, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 1999 *Mala Loka*, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- GROUP EXHIBITIONS**
- 2016 *PolyLester*, Public Works, Utrecht Central Station, Netherlands
Heaven, Hell & Earth, Stedelijk Museum 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands (forthcoming)
- 2015 *Lekker licht*, Centraal Museum Utrecht, Netherlands
6th Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, Pavilion No.1 of VDNKh, Moscow, Russia
Salt water, 14th Istanbul Biennial, Turkey
Lustwarande 15: Rapture and Pain, International Sculpture Exhibition, Park De Oude Warande, Tilburg, Netherlands
When I Give, I Give Myself, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The School of Nature and Principle, The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, Project Space, New York, USA
- 2014 *The Promise*, Arnolfini, Bristol, UK
(In)constancy of Space, Ring Gallery, Zagreb, Croatia
Zomeren op de buitenplaats, Buitenplaats Beeckestijn, Velsen Zuid, Netherlands
Il Delitto Quasi Perfetto, Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy

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- Moderations*, Witte de With, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Playtime, Cornerhouse, Manchester, UK
Folkestone Triennial, Folkestone, UK
19th Biennale of Sydney: You Imagine What You Desire, Sydney, Australia
The Invisible Hand: Curating as Gesture – The 2nd CAFAM Biennale, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China
The Part in The Story Where A Part Becomes A Part Of Something Else, Witte de With Rotterdam, Netherlands
The Crime Was Almost Perfect, Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, Netherlands
The 5th Marrakech Biennial, Morocco
- 2013
- The Garden of Diversion*, Sifang Art Museum, Nanjing, China
Performa 13, New Visual Art Performance Biennial, New York, USA
oO, Lithuanian Pavilion Venice Biennale, Italy
Call of the Mall, Utrecht, Netherlands
The 7th Momentum Biennial, Norway
Present Presence, Jan van Eyck Academy, Maastricht, Netherlands
Shanghai Surprise: Contemporary Art in Shanghai since 2000, chi K11 Art Space, Shanghai, China
Sharjah Biennial 11: Towards a New Cultural Cartography, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Ed Ruscha, books & co, Gagosian Gallery, New York, USA
Bourgeois Leftovers, De Appel, Amsterdam, Netherland
- 2012
- Blind Cut*, Morlborough Chelsea Gallery, New York, USA
Arco Solo, Arco art Fair Madrid, Spain
DOCUMENTA (13), Kassel, Germany
- 2011
- Tijdelijk Verblijf*, Kasteel Oud-Rekem, Belgium
Sweet dreams (are made of this), Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China
TV Commune, Nam June Paik Art Center, Yongin, Korea
De stad 3D, Historie, Street art en Toekomstvisies, Museum Hilversum, Netherlands
De stad en haar collectie, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, 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, Netherlands
Parkplatz, Lokaal 01, Breda, Netherlands
ShadowDance, Kunsthall KadE, Amersfoort
"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

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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, USA
Group Show, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The Filmic Conventions, ZOO, London, UK
Discovering Slowness, CEAC, Xiamen, China
B-sides and Rarities, Lokaal 01, Breda, Netherlands
Clifford Irving Show (One-night-only), Kadist Art Foundation, New York, USA
Videoclub Avril (http://www.videoclubparis.com/page2_vid.html), Paris, France
The Secret of the Ninth Planet, Galeria de la Raza, San Francisco, USA
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, USA

2008

In het duister; Zwervende tentoonstelling #12, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Fear Minus One, The University Art Gallery, University of California, San Diego, USA
The Studio: Sound design for future films, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Liverpool Biennial: MADE UP (International 08), Liverpool, UK
Library, UOVO Open Office Berlin, Germany
Wrap your troubles in a dream, Lautom Contemporary, Oslo, Norway
3500 cm² (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, Netherlands
Capacete (with Helmut Batista, Jean-Pascal Flavien & Ducha), Gallery Friedrich Petzel, New York, USA

2007

Group show with Gallery Artists, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Drop it Like it's Hot, Frieze Artfair / Frankfurter Kunstverein, London, UK
'Decoder'-Contour-(Third Biennial for Video Art), Mechelen, Belgium
Twee en twintig duizend vijfhonderd: De Collectie Almere, aanwinsten 01-07, Museum de Paviljoens, Almere, Netherlands
Modern Solitude, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Night of the 25th; MiArt 2007 (Arcipelagi Olanda), Milan, Italy
The discovery of slowness, Kw14, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
The First Antechamber, Projects Arts Centre Dublin, Ireland
Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

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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 cm2 #61, Blueroom a Rialto Santambrogio, Rome, Italy
Ready Media, Montevideo, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Giving Visibility, Art Basel Miami Beach, USA

2006
Being in Brussels, Argos, Brussels, Belgium
Le Nouveau Sicle, Museum van Loon, Amsterdam, Netherlands
In Moment, Skellefteå Konsthall, Skellefteå, Sweden
The Urban Condition, Cross Section, De Paviljoens, Almere, Netherlands
Nederlands Film Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands
Everywhere, Busan Biennial 2006, Korea
Undo/Redo, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany

2005
Group Show with Gallery Artists, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Dropping, Gemeente Haarlemmermeer, Nieuw-Vennep, Netherlands
Black Market, 9th Baltic Triennial, Vilnius/ London, Lithuania/ UK
Parking our Society, Public Space, Utrecht, Netherlands
More Than This, Goteborg Biennial, Goteborg, Sweden
Past/Present/ Forever, Buia Gallery, New York, USA
For Sale, Turin, Biennial, Italy
Juicy Meadows, Impakt Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands
This may be, Sculpture Center, New York, USA

2004
Rio de Janeiro Film festival, Capacete, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
Olandu Burias, CAC, Vilnius, Lithuania
Traveling without moving, W139, Amsterdam and Trafo, Budapest, Netherlands/ Hungary
Oneindige Landschappen, Het Slot Zeist/ Loods 6, De Bagagehal, Amsterdam, 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, Netherlands
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Biennal of Ceramics in Contemporary Art, Albisola, Italy
De Inrichting (Manifestation on Contemporary Art and Psychiatry), GGZ Noord-Holland, Heiloo, Netherlands
Wanderlust, Antoine Dansaertstr. 182, Brussels, Belgium
Blobs, S.K.O.R., Amsterdam, Netherlands

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- Haupt-und Nebenwege*, Galerie Christian Nagel, Cologne, Germany
Models und Mavericks, Museum Het Domein, Sittard, Netherlands
The last Seduction, Artis, Den Bosch, 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, Netherlands
Other than Film, TENT, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Self Exposure, Harmoniegebouw, Groningen, Netherlands
And Other Love Stories, Galerie Diana Stigter, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Cellar in the Attic, W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands
A Haunted House, Outline, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Parel, Raid Project Space, Los Angeles, USA
- 2001 *Group show*, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Unlimited NL #4, De Appel, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Affinités électives n.3, Galerie Du Jour Agnes B., Paris, France
Ferveur, FRAC, Lyon, France
Hotel New York, PS 1, New York, USA
- 2000 *Anarrations, Witte de With*, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Open Studio's 2000, Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
For Real, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
From Here to There & Circles of Life, Expo 2000, World Expo, Hannover, Germany
How to Act, Impakt Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 1999 *BUG in Baby*, Amsterdam, Netherlands

FILM & VIDEO SCREENING

- 2014 *Inward Gaze trilogy*, Sydney biennale, Australia
Inward Gaze trilogy, 3'14 Bergen, Norway
- 2013 *The Blank Stare*, Utrecht, Netherlands
The Blank Stare, Moss, Denmark
- 2012 *The Big One*, Arco, Madrid, Spain
- 2011 *The Big One*, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
The Big One, Error One, Cinema Zuid, Antwerpen, Belgium
The Big One – Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, Norway

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Peace is Not the Absense of Conflict, Nam June Paik Center, Seoul, South Korea

All Right, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, China

2010 *All Right & All Wrong*, Pera Plaza Istanbul, Turkey

Last Smoking Flight, BeursBis, Brussels, Belgium

2009 *Last Smoking Flight*, Ninth Planet, San Francisco, USA

NighShade, Lost&Found, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Roshd International film festival Teheran, Teheran, Iran

2008 *Last Smoking Flight*, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, UK

Last Smoking Flight, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2007 *Urban Surface*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

NightShade, Decoder 3rd biennale for moving images in Mechelen, Belgium

All Wrong, Project Arts Centre, Dublin, Ireland

Urban Surface, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

NightShade, The Images Festival, Toronto, Canada

Urban Surface, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France

2006 *Urban Surface*, Nederlands Film Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands

Urban Surface, Exis Festival, Seoul, South Korea

Cola Yogurt Project, Art Basel Miami, Miami, USA

All Right, Busan Bienalle, Busan, South Korea

COMMISSIONS

2014 *Sicco Mansholt*, HNI Rotterdam, Netherlands

2013 *Transition 2012*, Drente, Netherlands

Twril, Stockholm University, Sweden

2012 Re--design of UN Delegates Lounge New York -- icw Koolhaas, Boom, Jongerius

Design new entrance of Stockholm University, Stockholm

Green Cord – design of 4km road in Ede, Netherlands

2011 *Martini Banieren*, Groningen, Netherlands

Organgerie Rabobank, Bergeijk, Netherlands

Vertakking, Oudewater, Netherlands

2010 *Funenpark*, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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<15M3, Roombeek, Netherlands

- 2009 *Gent Oude Dokken*, Gent, Belgium
Trajectum Lumen, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2008 *GlassHouse*, Rabobank Bergeijk, Netherlands
Eemplein, Amersfoort, Netherlands
Martini Ziekenhuis, Grongingen, Netherlands
- 2007 *APAP*, Anyang City, South Korea
Elevating the Witte de With, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Moon Lit Lake, CC&CP, Tielt, Belgium
- 2006 *Renovatie Anna*, Ministerie van SZW, Den Haag, Netherlands
Perscope Lanterns, Carberg, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2005 *Beatrix Postkantoor*, Zorgcentrum Beatrix, Culemborg (with Jennifer Tee), Netherlands

COLLECTIONS

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, Netherlands

MUDAM, Fondation Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Luxembourg

Rabobank Art Collection, Netherlands

21CMuseum, Louisville, USA