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### **Biography / Practice**

Lotte Reimann (\$\she\*/none) is a multi-media storyteller, researcher, activist, and teacher, currently based in Berlin. She\* studied photography at Hochschule Bielefeld, received a BFA at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie Amsterdam, and was a Jan van Eyck Academie fellow in Maastricht.

Lotte works on (auto)biographical narratives about human desire that undermine the colonial concept of the fetish - the marginalizing view of the "other." The power hierarchies of author and subject originally inherent in this gaze are explicated and continually renegotiated. Lotte combines found and her\* own images, texts and sounds to create open narratives that oscillate between sociological research and artistic speculation. The often healing relationships between humans and non-humans, such as water, stones, plants, animals and other man-made things, are the leitmotif of these investigations.

In contrast to an idea of outsider characters, Lotte assumes that the sometimes irritating actions of the protagonists reflect hidden dreams and vulnerabilities created by Western societies. The stories and characters glisten in ambiguity and inexplicability. They are stories designed to dodge clarification and avoid definitive explanations, cast off stereotypes and challenge conventional analysis.

Lotte has been collaborating with international venues such as the MoMA library New York, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, De Appel, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Museum Folkwang, Rencontres d'Arles, Museum Arnhem, Chelsea UAL, Museum Marta Herford, FOAM Amsterdam, and the Fotomuseum Rotterdam. Lotte was awarded the Krupp stipend 'Contemporary German Photography' in 2022, the Dutch 'C.o.C.A. Foundation Art Prize' in 2016, and the international student 'Still Image Prize' in 2011. Since 2019 she\* has been teaching at Hochschule Bielefeld and University Hildesheim.

## USES OF THE EROTIC

## A Trilogy in Tribute to Audre Lorde

#### Video links:

Beyond, 1 channel, HD video, 41min43, stereo sound, 2023

Trailer: <a href="https://youtu.be/bLFPXQVwcx4">https://youtu.be/bLFPXQVwcx4</a> Full film: <a href="https://youtu.be/yiVm1JbUIVA">https://youtu.be/yiVm1JbUIVA</a>

Objects and people, 3 channel HD video, 20min45, sound, 2021

Excerpt: <a href="https://vimeo.com/675829323">https://vimeo.com/675829323</a>
Full film: <a href="https://vimeo.com/547900945">https://vimeo.com/547900945</a>

Password: objectsandpeople

Hinterland, 2 channel HD video, 18min47, stereo sound, 2020

Excerpt: https://vimeo.com/442297681 Full film: https://vimeo.com/398779147

Password: hinterland

### About the trilogy:

The multi-channel video trilogy "Uses of the Erotic" portrays "othered" people who have discovered a "source of strength and resources" in themselves and the world through their very own eroticism. The first part, "Hinterland", 2020, deals with male-read identity, a presumably resulting trauma and its individual coping strategy, while part two, "Objects and People", 2021, addresses love, "animism", and its healing qualities from several female-read perspectives. In part three, "Beyond", 2023, we discuss human desire, together with mostly non-binary people, who navigate the intersection of the asexual spectrum and BDSM, and how "nature" is entangled in all of this.

My theoretical focus here is on collaborative methods that actively avoid voyeurism and exoticism of the people being portrayed, instead using images from the internet like textual quotations, to literally bring social frameworks and narratives into the picture. The photographic archives I create, which are the visual basis of the films, become a mirror of social norms, categories and clichés that are playfully expanded - as if through a prism - to include these marginalized perspectives and identities.

The trilogy has been supported by the Krupp Stiftung and Museum Folkwang, the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Stiftung Kunstfonds, the Van Eyck Academie Maastricht, Kunststiftung NRW, the Ministry of Culture and Sciences NRW, and Fresh AIR/Urban Nation Berlin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cf. Spivak, G. C., The Rani of Sirmur, 1985

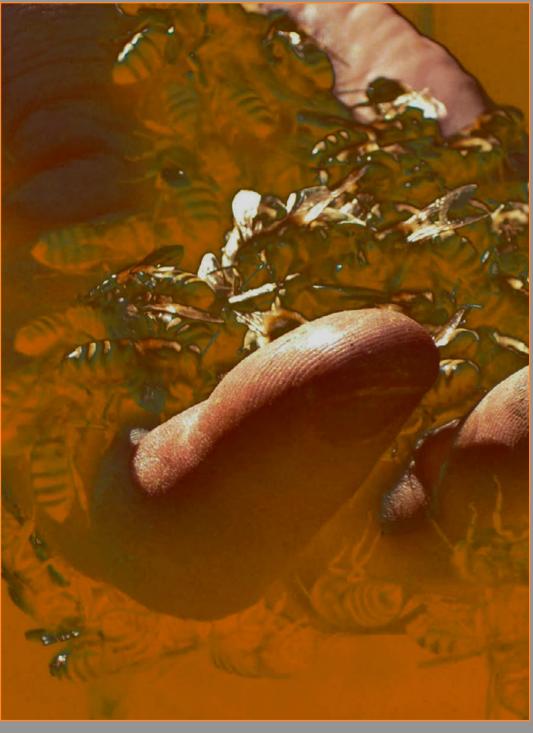
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Audre Lorde, Your Silence Will Not Protect You, 2017, p.22

For "Beyond," the third part of the trilogy 'Uses of the Erotic', I am delving into the lively Berlin kink scene, collaboratively shedding light on the interconnectedness of BDSM, the asexuality spectrum, and "nature." Appropriated archive images, interview fragments, and a de-familiarized version of "The Birds and the Bess" are combined into a one channel video, which questions Western ideas of eroticism, sexuality, and more generally its dichotomous understanding of people and their desires.

The project was funded by the Alfried Krupp Stiftung and Museum Folkwang, Kunststiftung NRW, Stiftung Kunstfonds, and Fresh A.I.R. Berlin.

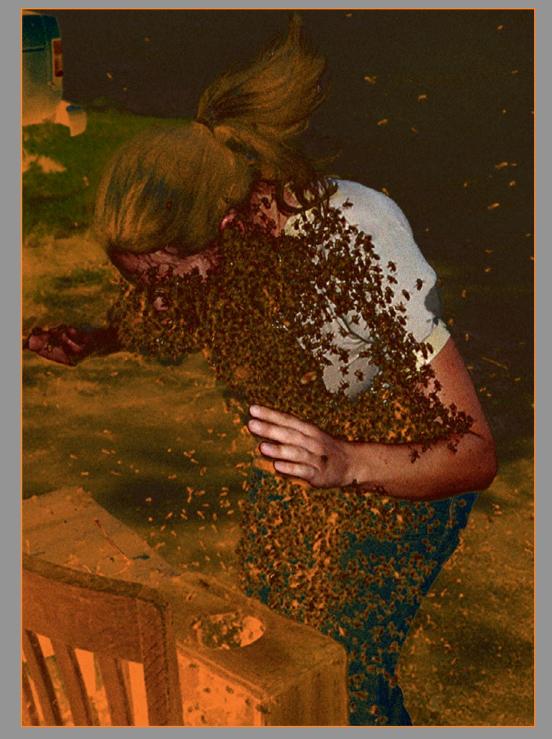
Full film: https://youtu.be/yiVm1JbUIVA



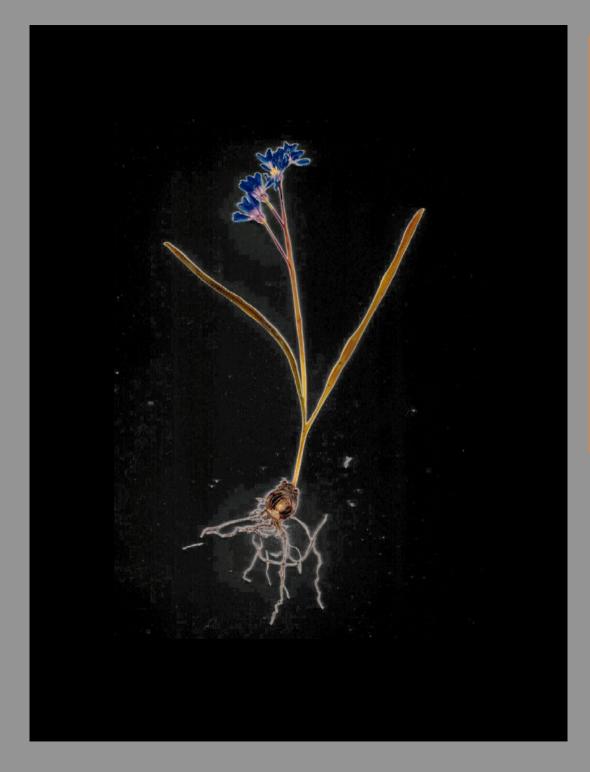


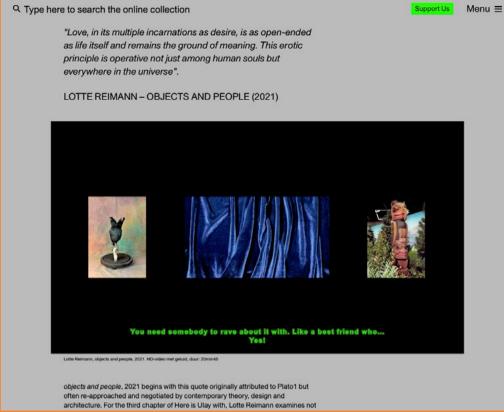












Objects and People, 2021 begins with the quote above, originally attributed to Plato¹ but often reapproached and negotiated by contemporary theory, design and architecture. The film examines not only a symbolic and generic aspect of this statement but the literal one as well. The immersive video installation explores the phenomenon of Objectum Sexuality (OS), a "female fetish" – something considered inexistent as a concept by western cultural history and psychology in the past century – wherein protagonists engage in romantic, love relationships with objects. OS raises key questions regarding the Western dichotomous cosmology (naturalism), which divides humans into body and mind/soul and the rest of the world into nature and culture/society. In preparation, I have been conversing with women practicing OS and the film shares archival images of objects that have been deeply desired. The cinematic pace and soundscape hopefully allows a process of deeper and more empathic understanding of this love to unfold.

The project was funded by the Ministry of Culture and Sciences NRW. And it was commissioned by De Appel, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam and Concordia, Enschede.

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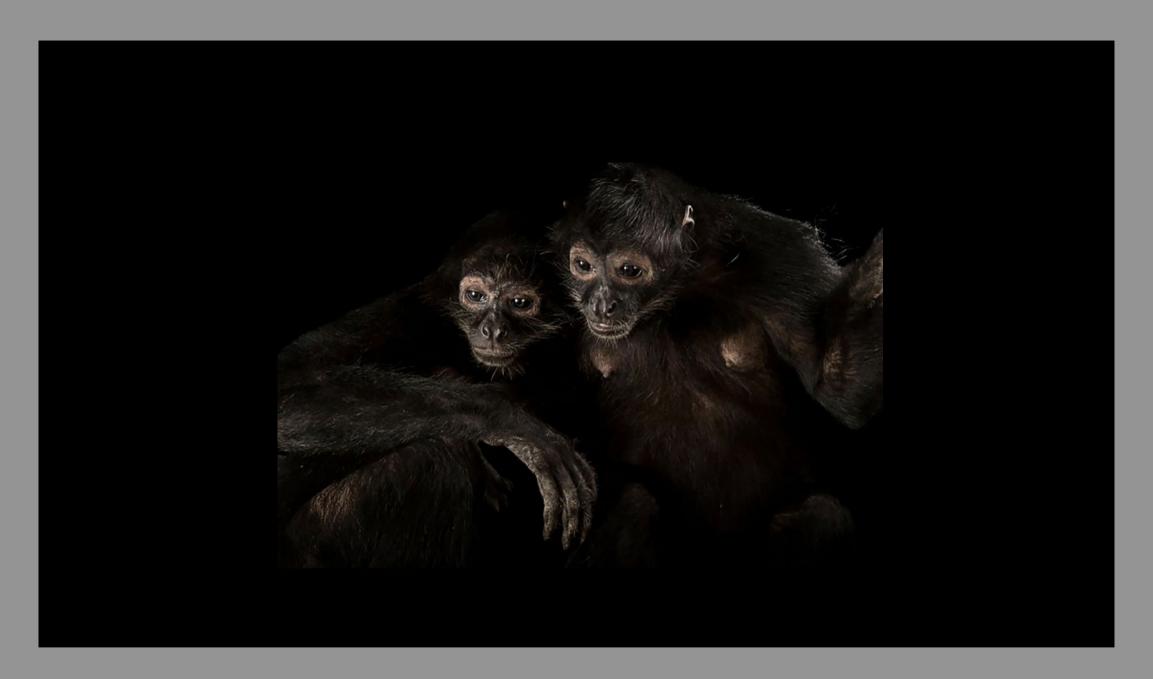
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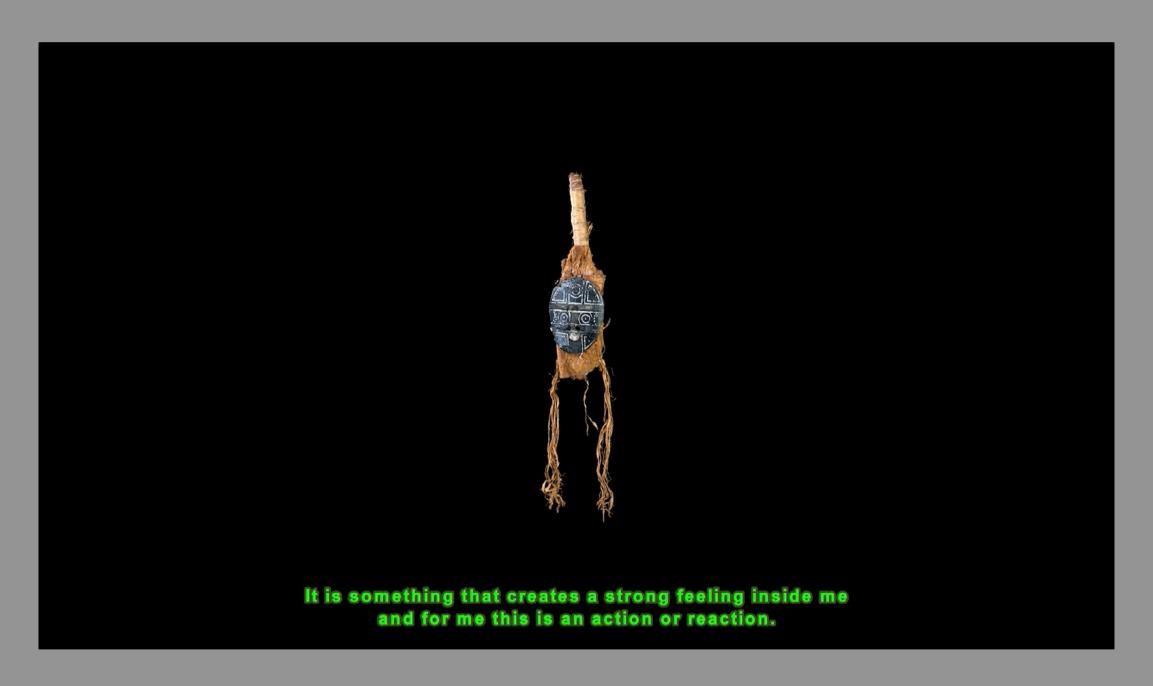
# It is about the way in which materials of all sorts, with various and variable properties, are enlivered













The filmic investigation 'Hinterland' centers around H., an amateur photographer I encountered on Flickr, who drives around Lower Saxony taking photographs of pylons interspersed with those of female subjects covered in mud and cow excrement.

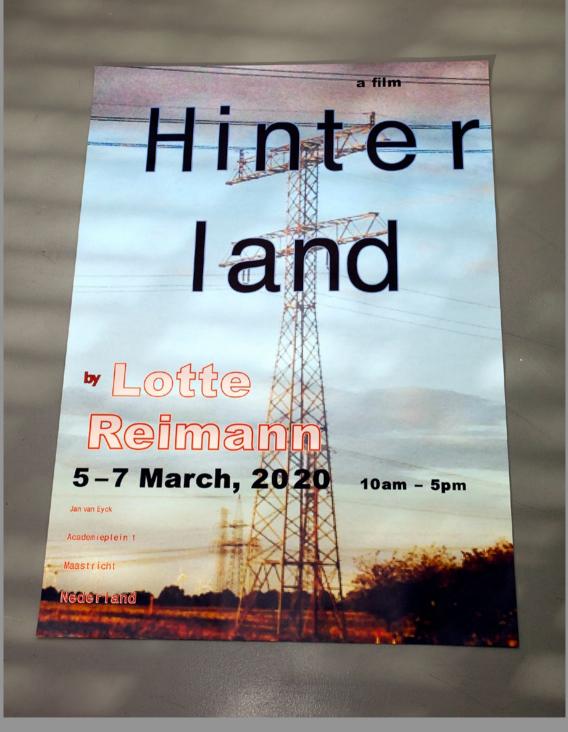
I reached out to H., beginning a correspondence with him, and ultimately accompanying him on a ride. My relationship with him forms an open storyline that precludes facile interpretation or analysis. It refutes binaries or any pretense toward epistemological or personal closure, instead hopefully making way for more nuanced and complex understandings of trauma, eroticism, truth, and personhood.

The project was developed during my residency stay at the Van Eyck Academie in Maastricht.

video link:

https://vimeo.com/398779147 password: hinterland









sound scape, 2 min, looped http://www.lottereimann.de/work/hinterland/hinterland.mp3

As an experiment to activate some of the trust, mutual consent and therapeutic notions accompanying the making of the film, we created a site specific installation in the garden of the Van Eyck Academy: a hole in the ground, two meters deep, filled with cow manure.

The photographic images, printed on denim fabric, are documentation material from a non-public happening held briefly before the exhibition. They were accompanied by a sound piece that combined the sound of electric lines with distant mooing and human breathing.











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The jackets are made from the documentation prints of the Open Studios at Van Eyck in 2020. They are produced, in collaboration with fashion activist JvH, who upcycles left over fabrics into wearable jackets, on the occasion of my show at her exhibition space Studio Wendenstraße 45, Hamburg, DE.



'Temptation or Dr. de Clérambault' is a dual research which departed from the question: What is a photographical drapery study? It comprises on one hand an image collection appropriated from the internet that includes, among others, the iconic image of a patient with elephantiasis; recommended burqas on the commercial site ali-express; wearable computing; or a camouflaged armored vehicle. On the other hand, the life of Gaëtan Gatian de Clérambault, an early 20th century pathological psychiatrist, who was obsessively involved with the study of drapery himself. He wrote a casestudy on women with a fetish for silk, manufactured a 5000 picture spanning collection of Morroccan women in their traditional robes and lectured on the history of drapery at the Parisian art school in 1923.

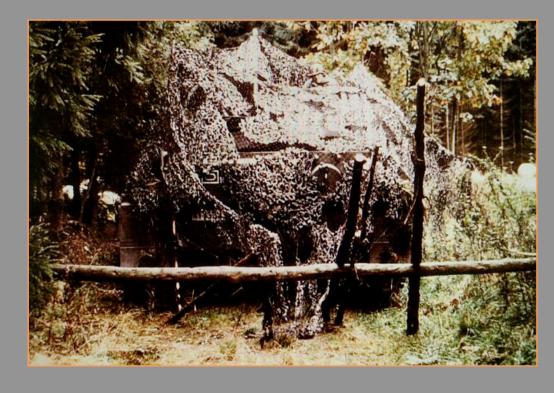
The project is driven by a fascination with the invisible, or better yet, that which is hidden from sight, where the issue of who has agency over 'the image' is the eye of a storm of thoughts, interrogations and doubts. Fact and fiction fuse into a quasi-biographical document that explores changing social and political norms around physicality, sexuality and ownership.

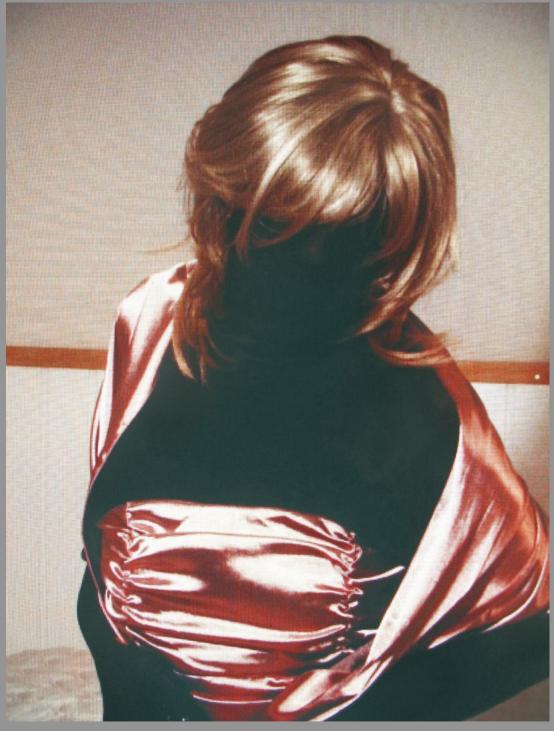
The images were printed on various materials e.g. uncoated paper, laminated paper or French silk. A selection of Clérambault's pictures is presented as original albumen prints.

The project won the Dutch C.o.C.A. Art Award in 2016.



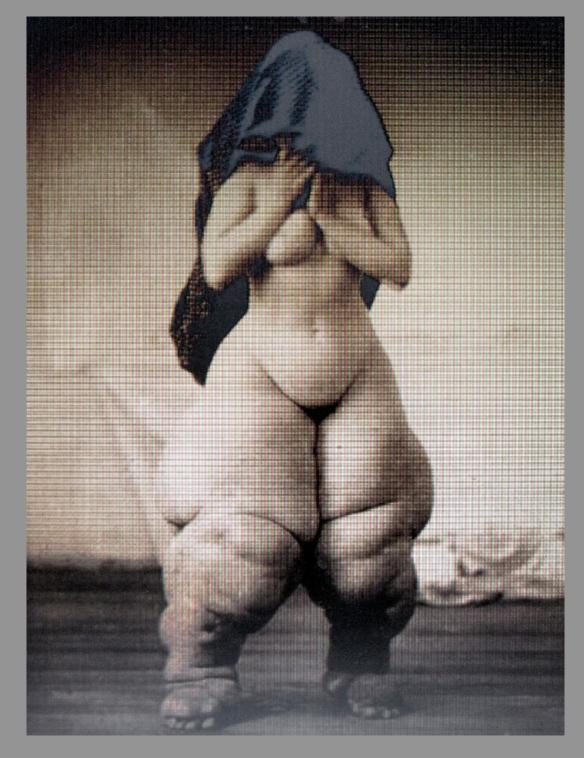
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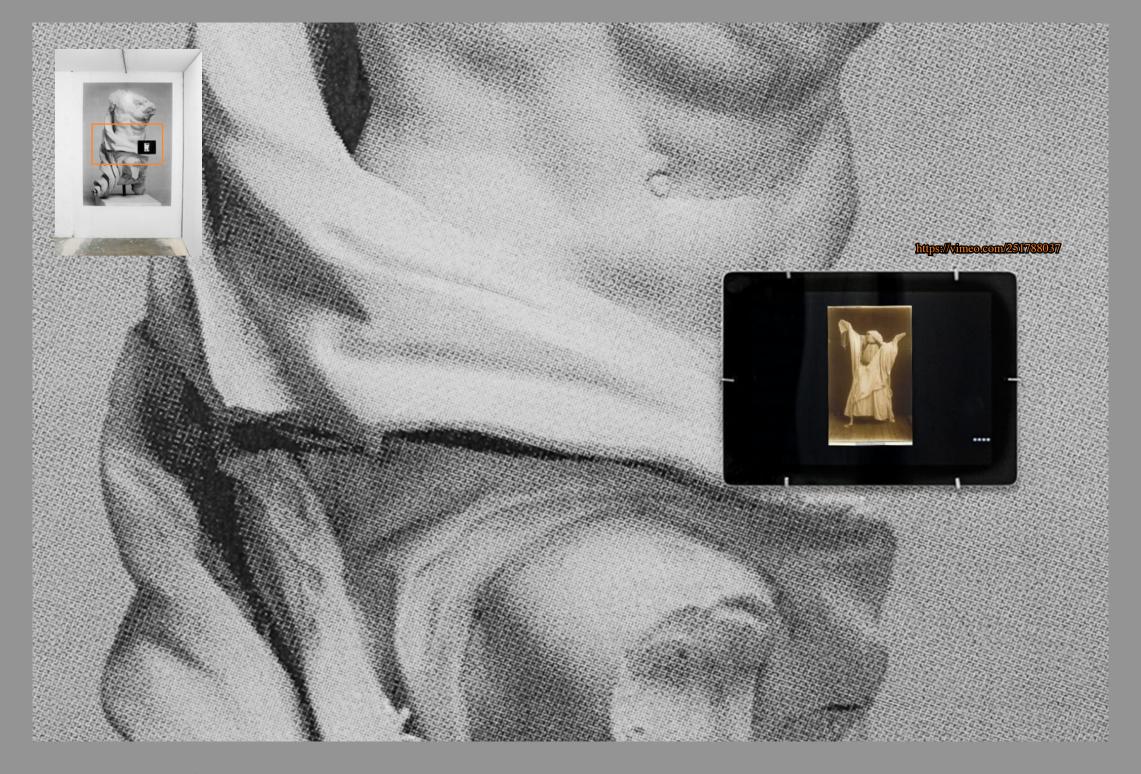








TEMPTATION or DR. DE CLÉRAMBAULT research narration of contemporary and historical images and texts, 2018











'Jaunt' is inspired by a collection of nude self-portraits of an american amateur photographers couple, I found on a photo-sharing-site. Pictures from other "random" sources on the internet were added whenever I encountered a gap in the storyline I pictured.

All the images are re-photographed from a computer screen and consequently treated as if I photographed myself. Finally, I am telling my own fictitious story based on the couple's authentic self-portraits.

The project was supported by Stiftung Kunstfonds and the Mondriaan Fonds.







left: Burnout pall, laminated inkjet print, 50 x 70 cm, 2015 right: Nude standing, laminated inkjet print, 50 x 33 cm, 2015









### Reflections - an unfinished collection

In the early 2000's there has been a rumor on the Internet that went sites. viral: Reflectoporn.

Supposedly, it was people posting "pornographic" photos of objects with their own naked reflections on the objects' shiny surfaces. Those objects were meant to be sold on, e.g. www.ebay.com.

When I stumbled upon the photos, I was hooked. Were there people out there practicing a virtual exhibitionism?

Trying to find out more to ebay.com about this fetish I ran into void. There were no platforms nor forums on this issue. Yet, there were lots of fun-blogs with random little collections of

reflectoporn imagery, "spotted" on other

Usually, I like to treat my subjects with a lot of respect. I like to get involved to understand what I am talking about. But this time it was hard to find an "entrance" to that world. since I wasn't even sure whether it really existed.

As a last attempt to get in touch with the real fetishists, I went a step further and took some reflectoporn images myself. Once uploaded I quickly received an answer.

Unfortunately, it was only ebay with an "your-ebay-account-issuspended-email" and I surrendered.







'Bis morgen im Nassen' is a documentary-archive narration about Christian, a passionate amateur photographer and wet-look fan (fetish for swimming in clothes). The project is initially conceived as a book and composed of about 100 images he took between the early '90s and 2005 and 5 dairy-like short stories I wrote after getting to know Christian and his wetlook community in person. All the images are sourced from Christian's website and were then re-photographed from my computer screen.

The work takes on various forms depending on the site and the event. We've shown 6 framed prints against blue background, I've given readings with a synced slideshow and we have most recently shown a large format print on PVC together with a soundscape Christian started recording after Kodak stopped producing the film for his underwater camera in 2005.

The project was supported by the Kunsstiftung NRW and the Mondriaan Fonds.

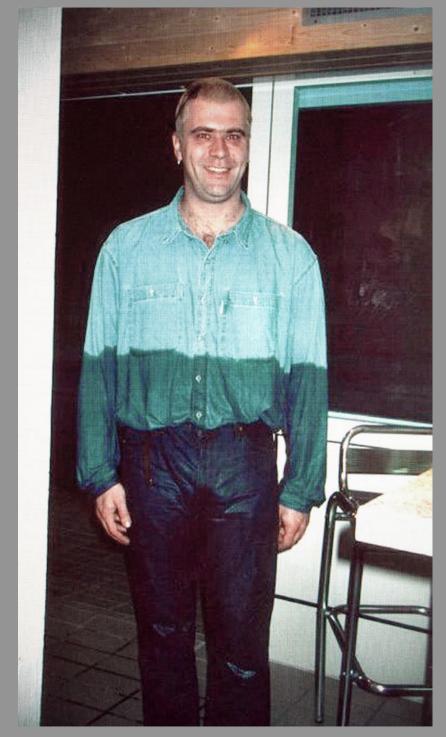


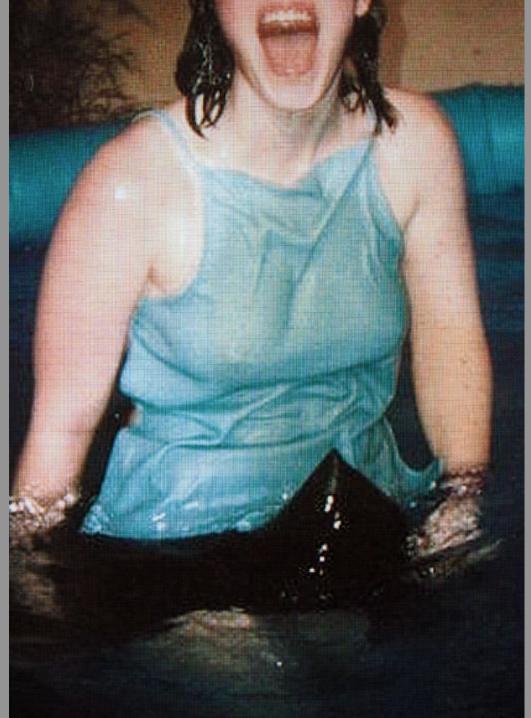
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Sound scape, 40 sec.

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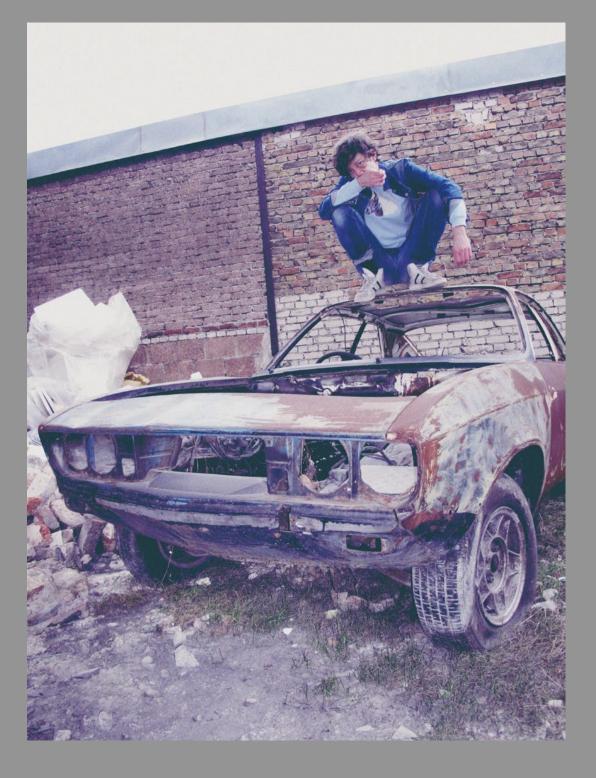




'Guffaw' is my graduation project and through it I found the tone and approach, which were to become my future working methods. I deal with authentic (auto-) biographical and fictional elements, that are merged into an open narrative. Our bodily presence, the societal surroundings and how we present ourselves to others through (new) media became the main subjects of my non-analytical research.

'Guffaw' consists of a small publication, and a room filling installation of 12 large images and 5 short stories. The images were glued to the wall, like posters, with the texts spray-painted over image and wall. The booklet has been published in cooperation with Knust / Extrapool (NL) in June 2013.











### **LOTTE REIMANN**

2012

Curriculum Vitae, listed

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Work Holiday, residency, Knust/Extrapool, Nijmegen, NL

Unpublished Dummy Award, Best 3, Offprint / Unseen Photo Fair,

			Kunststiftung NRW, project grant, Düsseldorf, DE	
Education		2011	Steenbergen Stipendium, short list, Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, NL	
2019-2020	Jan van Eyck Academie, post-academic course, Maastricht, NL		Still Image Prize, winner, Royal College of Art, London, UK	
2009-2011	Gerrit Rietveld Academie, BA fine arts, Amsterdam, NL		Young Blood Award, short list, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, NL	
2005-2009	University of Applied Sciences, photography, Bielefeld, DE		GRA Awards, short list, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL	
Collaborations		Collections / Acquisitions		
	Isabel Gatzke, Karoline Swiezynski, Miriam_Aurora, Achim2000,		Folkwang Museum, DE	
	Ian Oliver, Jonathan Castro, Valentina, Jan Ola Korte, Johanna von		MoMA library, New York, US	
	Hörsten, pxxxxxxxxq, Martin Groch, Sonia de Jager, Christian Gallati		Chelsea UAL, UK	
			Fotomuseum, Winterthur, CH	
Awards / Grants / Residencies			Museum Arnhem, NL	
2024	Prof Me*, Mentoring auf dem Weg zur Professur (Mathilde ter Heijne),		Sammlung Alison und Peter Klein, DE	
	Universität der Künste, Berlin, DE		Joan Flasch Artists' Book Collection, Chicago, US	
2022	Krupp Stipendium "Contemporary German Photography," DE		MACBA library, Barcelona, ES	
	Stiftung Kunstfonds, special stipend, DE		MUDAM library, Luxembourg, LU	
2021	Ministerium Kultur und Wissenschaft in NRW, project grant, DE		C/O Berlin library, Berlin, DE	
	Kunststiftung NRW, project grant, DE			
	Fresh A.I.R. residency, Berlin, DE	Exhibition	s, solo - trio	
2020	Ministerium Kultur und Wissenschaft in NRW, project grant, DE	2023	Stories of Berlin, trio, Fresh AIR, Urban Nation, Berlin, DE	
2019/20	Jan van Eyck Academie, residency, Maastricht, NL	2021	Here's Ulay with, trio, De Appel & Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL	
2017/18	3package deal, research fellowship, AFK, Amsterdam, NL		Waslijst, trio, Concordia, Enschede, NL	
	Prix Levallois, nomination, Paris, FR		Untitled (embrace the stink), solo, Kunstraum Elsa, Bielefeld, DE	
2016	C.o.C.A. Foundation Art Prize, winner, Rotterdam, NL	2020	Studio Wendenstraße 45, solo, Hamburg, DE	
	Lepsien Art Foundation, grant program, Düsseldorf, DE	2017	Temptation or Dr. de Clérambault, solo, Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, NL	
	The Best Dutch/Flanders Book Designs of 2015, BE	2016	Blue jeans, Burning rubber, solo, Leslie, Berlin, DE	
	Plat(t)form, special mention, Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH	2015	We're All Naked Underneath, trio, Nest, The Hague, NL	
2015	Athens Photo Festival, short list, Athens, GR		Show what you've got, duo with Laura Link, Freitagssalon, Hamburg, DE	
2014	Stiftung Kunstfonds, publication grant, Bonn, DE	2014	Lotte Reimann, solo, Galerie der HFBK, Hamburg, DE	
2013	Werkbijdrage Jong Talent, stipend, Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam, NL		Lotte Reimann / Philipp Valenta, duo, Städtische Galerie	

Amsterdam, NL

Petershagen, DE

2012

Colts and Fillies, solo, Galerie Warte für Kunst, Kassel, DE

Kunstetiffung NPW project grant Düsseldorf DE

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2009	Isabelle Wenzel and Lotte Reimann, duo, Loge, Hamburg, DE Hinter der Tür, solo, Kiosk24, Herford, DE		Work in progress, with Sonia de Jager, Studio 47, Amsterdam, NL Book launch Jaunt, Offprint/Tate Modern, London, UK	
			Out of Shape, Bart invites, Amsterdam, NL	
Exhibitions, group (selection)			ExposerPublier - Nightstand, La Rotonde, Paris, FR	
2024	Love yourself first, traveling exhibition, femxphotographers,		Prospects & Concepts, Art Rotterdam, NL	
	Museum Schloss Moyland, Kleve; aff Galerie, Berlin; Kunstraum Elsa,		Out of Shape, Tique Art Space, Antwerp, BE	
	Bielefeld, DE		The Folio Club, Barcelona, ES	
2023	YCC exhibition, Amsterdam, NL	2014	Scan/Festival de Fotografia, Tarragona, ES	
2021	Open Studios, Fresh AIR, residency, Berlin, DE		Kaleid Editions, Art Academy, London, UK	
	Open Doors, Artists Unlimited e.V., Bielefeld, DE		Re-printed II, RVB Books Gallery, Paris, FR	
2020	The Wall at the End of the Rainbow, Van Eyck, Maastricht, NL		Der Greif - A Process, Neue Galerie im Höhmannhaus, Augsburg, DE	
	Follow the Mud, Beeler Gallery, Columbus, Ohio, US		De Fotokopie", Galerie De Schans, Amsterdam, NL	
	Open Studios, Van Eyck, Maastricht, NL	2013	Empty Stretch/Petty Thieves, screening, Washington, US	
	GeoGrafismos, Casa49, San José, CR		Polly's Picture Show, Unseen, Amsterdam, NL	
2019	spread: artist-as-curator, Kunstverein Hildesheim, DE		P/art I, producers art fair, Kolbenhof, Hamburg, DE	
	De Groen. Fine Art Collection, Arnhem, NL		Hard//Hoofd, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, NL	
2018	50th anniversary show, Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL	2012	Still Image Award 2011, Royal College of Art, London, UK	
	3Package Deal, Dansmakers Amsterdam, NL		Grid, International Photography Biennial, Amsterdam, NL	
	Vice photo show, Parasol Project Space, New York, US	2011	GRA Award Show, Double Tree Hotel, Amsterdam, NL	
	The Hobbyist, Eglise des Trinitaires, Rencontres d'Arles, FR		Steenbergen Stipendium, Fotomuseum Rotterdam, NL	
	Performing the System, Kunstverein Hildesheim, DE		Rear View, Polly's Picture Show, Amsterdam, NL	
	Unfair18, Amsterdam, NL		Best of Graduates, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, NL	
2017	The Hobbyist – Fotomuseum, Winterthur, CH		Teenage magazine, FOAM, Amsterdam, NL	
	The Inner Skin, Museum Marta, Herford, DE	2010	LLL, Bomann Museum, Celle, DE	
	Grants, Lepsien Art Foundation, Düsseldorf, DE	2007	Pitchwise, Historical Museum, Sarajevo, BIH	
	Privacy Settings, Stadtgalerie Bern, CH		Unter Freunden, Young friends of the Kunsthalle Bielefeld, DE	
2016	The Mirrored Eye, Museum Arnhem, NL		The Leica Prize, University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld, DE	
	Plat(t)form, Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH			
2015	P/art III, producers art fair, Hamburg, DE Artist book			
	Studio 47, Unseen, Amsterdam, NL	2019	spread: poster-set, Art Paper Editions, Gent, BE	
	The Edition Show, Riot, Ghent, BE	2015	Jaunt, Art Paper Editions, Ghent, BE	
	Kaleid Editions, London, UK	2014	Bis morgen im Nassen, artist book, RVB Books, Paris, FR	
	Athens Photo Festival, book show, Athens, GR	2013	Guffaw, artist book, self-published with Extrapool, Nijmegen, NL	

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2011	Guffaw, booklet, self-published, Amsterdam, NL		Tique magazine, print feature, BE
			Photonews, print interview, DE
Lectures /	Teaching/ Curating	2017	Frieze, online review, NL
2019-24	Beirat Kunstverein Bielefeld		WILT magazine, print feature, US
2020-24	Teaching at Hochschule Bielefeld, DE	2016	In the In-Between, online interview, US
2020	Piet Zwart Institute, NL, guest lecture on artistic research	2015	Collector daily, online review, US
2019	Lecture performance, Jan van Eyck Academie, NL		New Dawn, online feature, NL
	Artist-as-curator exhibition, Kunstverein Hildesheim, DE		Vice Nederland, online feature, NL
	Summer term guest lecturer at Universität Hildesheim, DE		Unseen magazine, print feature, NL
2018	Studio visit, class Anika Schwarzlose, HKU, Utrecht, NL		Ponytale, interview, ES/US
	Lecture performance, Kunstverein Hildesheim, DE		Self Publish Be Happy, online feature, UK
	Studio visit, class Torsten Scheid, Universität Hildesheim, DE		Platvorm Platform, print feature, NL
2017	Lecture performance, Le Temple, Paris, FR		Photo-Eye, online review, US
	Lecture performance, Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH		American Suburb X, online review, US
	Paperback, workshop-series, Fotomuseum Winterthur, CH		Dazed digital, online review, UK
2016	Lecture performance, Monat der Fotografie Off, Berlin, DE		Vice Nederland, online feature, NL
	Lecture performance, Leslie, Berlin, DE		Missy Magazine, print review + online feature, DE
2015	Lecture performance, Punto de Fuga, Paris, FR	2014	Girls Like Us magazine, print feature, NL/BE
	Lecture performance, Self Publish, Be Happy, Tate Modern, London, UK		The Unknown Books, blog, online review, PT
	Artist talk, Warte für Kunst, Kassel, DE		Volkskrant, print article, NL
2014	Lecture performance, Lost & Found, Amsterdam, NL		Page Magazine, print review + online feature, DE
	Lecture performance, Mediamatic, Amsterdam, NL		Self Publish Be Happy, online feature, London, UK
	Interview, Radio Amsterdam FM, NL		La Piña, online feature, UK
2013	Guest lecture, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, N		Subbacultcha!, print + online, NL
2011	Artist talk, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, NL	2013	Indie Photobook Library, online feature, US
	Artist talk, Showroom Mama, Rotterdam, NL		The Independent photobook blog, online, NL/US
			Gallerytalk, blog, online article, DE
PRESS print		2011	lost painters, art blog, online article, NL
2020	vpro mondo, online article, NL		trendbeheer, art blog, online article, NL
	Metropolis M, online review, NL		icon screen, design blog, online article, DE
	Mister Motley, online review, NL	2009	Conscientious, photography blog by Jörg Colberg, US
2019	lenscratch, online interview, US		We like that, art blog, DE
2018	Vice photo issue, print feature, US	2008	Camera Austria International, photo magazine, AT