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LOOKING BACK AT TEN YEARS OF RIETVELD UNCUT

Since 2009, Rietveld Uncut has been one of the three annual presentation moments of the Gerrit Rietveld Academie besides the Open Day and Graduation Show. The presentation encompasses the entire academy, showcasing both the work of individual students as well as the departments as a whole, outside the academy itself. During Rietveld Uncut, the audience is introduced to the dynamic process and elusive identity that normally remains behind closed doors of the Rietveld building.

Much has changed in ten years: in 2015, Rietveld Uncut moved from the unrestrained more theatrical atmosphere of experimentation in De Brakke Grond to the context of the renowned Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam.

Initially, Rietveld Uncut was thematically inspired through an inventory of the academy's departments and curricula, conducted by initiating curators and organisers Tarja Szaraniec and Tomas Adolfs.

Since 2014, the many projects of Rietveld Uncut have developed following the themes of Studium Generale Rietveld Academie as the collective source.

The presentation evolved into an event in which students increasingly create work in relation to the world outside of the academy. Throughout all that transformation, Rietveld Uncut is still about process: looking behind the scenes and allowing the audience into the dynamics of the academy and the students' world of thought. 'Uncut' represents a raw cut right through the middle of the academy, exposing the making at its core.

Szaraniec and Adolfs graduated from the Fine Arts department a few years before they initiated Rietveld Uncut. Together, they form the independent presentation initiative Plan B, which began with showing the work of various artists within their own Amsterdam-based studio. They later co-founded the publication collective The Session with artist-designer friends. Their Xerox publications evolved into other formats including a large-scale event in De Brakke Grond with bands, film and international artists. The collective guestioned the limits of their medium: can a publication take on other forms than print?

Soon after, Szaraniec and Adolfs were asked to shape the public presentation of the Rietveld Academie. By considering the art academy as film set for the first Rietveld Uncut, they translated their interest in cross-disciplinary forms of exhibition. The film set as starting point opened up the dynamics of the academy whose continual transformation usually remains obscure. The iconic building is its only constant. Alumni who visit a year after their graduation are often surprised at how much the academy and its people have changed in their short absence. Every department and student fills in the space in a new way. The academy is, as it were, a set in which countless roles swarm together - actors, technicians, propmakers, scenographers and costume designers — all of whom shape a world. The making process itself is at its heart. Materials are scattered throughout the academy, and one can find work in all stages of the process, tests and sticky notes with warnings like 'work in progress' and 'do not remove'. This informal charm has no place within classical exhibitions, but fills the air of Rietveld Uncut.

Right from the start the focus has been to show creative processes and interactive work. During the first show in Flemish Arts Centre De Brakke Grond and its theatre, students continued to produce, at times even in collaboration with the visiting audience. Rietveld departments presented themselves in experimental ways based on their collective identity rather than the completed, individual works that visitors would encounter during a Graduation Show. The Fashion department, for example, translated itself into an orchestra, delivering an ode to the symphony of its own studio using the sound of sewing machines, the tearing of fabrics and other making processes. Every year, the students' unexpected plans could count on an enormous enthusiasm from the technicians of De Brakke Grond who did everything in their power to realize these projects together with the art and design students.

The move to the Stedelijk Museum, from black box to white cube, brought different conditions and new ways of exhibiting. The students gained completely new insights for the future of their art practice from working together with an established museum. This moment was an educational experience: students began to receive intensive feedback and learn how to work in a new context. Eye to eye with an audience that takes every object seriously provides an opportunity to present and to observe the interaction between their work and the visitor.

While Rietveld Uncut continues to transform, its pillars remain consistent. Each new context brings a different education value for the students, their interaction with the public and potential to make experimental collaborations flourish. The special dynamic of the Rietveld Academie is the inexhaustible motivation of Rietveld Uncut – which offers the public a glimpse into the Rietveld world year after year.

THE ACT OF EXPERIMENT

One of the goals has always been to provide a place for the students to meet their audience in a new context. During the first years students were less visible to the outside world. They made work within the context of their curriculum but rarely had collective shows in other places. Rietveld Uncut formed a valuable lesson in the interaction with a new audience as an echo chamber. In recent years, students increasingly take part in exhibition events, both through their own initiative and as a result of a growing interest from cultural institutions. This change may have been accompanied by the emergence of social media. which has contributed to blurring the boundaries between the academy and the outside world. Nowadays, art students seem to have the need, the ability and the guts to position themselves within the city. This different relationship between the students and their audience has created space for a new mission for Rietveld Uncut as an educational trajectory within the Rietveld Academie.

The context of the Stedelijk Museum offers new challenges. Accustomed to an environment with a great deal of personal freedom to experiment within the academy, students gain new insights from the negotiation with different parties and conditions. At times, this leads to wonderful misunderstandings. The students bravely make proposals that seasoned museum staff with knowledge of protocols would not think possible. Because the students within the Rietveld are given the space to dream, they dare to ask guestions outside of the Rietveld, which in turn opens new perspectives. During the Friday Night event, the museum stays open late and the exhibition is activated by performances, lectures, presentations and a film programme. Sometimes these interactive or temporary works are shown throughout all exhibition spaces. The various ways of exhibiting form a tableau vivant in which the atmosphere of the academy is brought to life in the museum.

Every year Rietveld Uncut doors open, both the Rietveld community and the public of the Stedelijk Museum gather. The attention with which the varied museum publics — local and international of all ages, art connoisseurs and school classes — experience work is impressive for many students: an advantage of exhibiting in a renowned institute. The art and design students learn a great deal about how their work is experienced and the questions it raises with visitors.

STUDIUM GENERALE RIETVELD ACADEMIE

Next to Tarja Szaraniec and Tomas Adolfs, external teachers and curators have always been involved in fostering dialogue with the students. Since 2014, Rietveld Uncut and Studium Generale Rietveld Academie, the in-depth theoretical programme of the Rietveld Academy, have joined forces. Studium Generale takes place during a week each spring, and concludes in a conference-festival with international speakers at the Stedelijk Museum in conjunction with Rietveld Uncut. The themes are based on contemporary cultural, social and political. By linking the Rietveld Uncut exhibition. yet another path in routed through the curatorial process. The students and departments not only represent the dynamics of the academy, but also work on relevant contemporary topics. This is reflected in the theme of 2019, 'Take a Walk on the Wild Side Fabulating Alternative Imaginaries in Art and Life' about the artistic, political and social potential of speculative fiction. A year earlier, students responded to the call for 'Hold Me Now - Feel and Touch in an Unreal World? which focused on the meaning of touch in screen-based lives. In 2020. students and departments develop projects around 'Relating (to) Colour'

Finally, to summarize the selection process, students respond to a Rietveld Uncut open call when the programme of Studium Generale Rietveld Academie becomes public. Students and departments alike propose their plans conceptualized according to a mission statement and a lexicon published by Studium Generale as thematic preview. During the development of selected projects, theory lectures begin to provide extra impetus and support. Studium Generale and Rietveld Uncut are two sides of the same coin: thinking is inextricably linked to making and making is a form of thinking. During the exhibitions, meetings between the speakers of Studium Generale and students in Rietveld Uncut provide a space in which the student learns to relate to the themes and their own work in organized masterclasses. It is often a special moment for the artists to be; they receive substantive feedback on work and speakers often take the time to share their life lessons and views on artistic practices.

COLLABORATION

From open call to exhibition, Rietveld Uncut opens up territories in which the students can engage. Departments work together on a collective show, and academy-wide, the presentation bridges the space between it and the outside world. Students from different departments can register as a duo or collective. Their initiative is of paramount importance to the outcome of the final presentation, with potential for working across and beyond disciplines and experimenting with forms of making. Rietveld Uncut challenges students to play in creating something to be seen by the outside world. Collaborations mark all aspects of the exhibition, such as, for instance, the poster and visual identity created by students of the graphic design department every year. Rietveld Uncut gives Rietveld students a taste of the world after graduation, and prepares the world for the Rietveld Academie's young upcoming artists and designers.

RIETVELD UNCUT (FILMSET IN PROGRESS)

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS Architectural Design, DesignLAB, Dogtime, Ceramics, Jewellery, Graphic design, Fashion, Beeld & Taal

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Anne van Duuren, Sunna Ben Guðrúnardóttir, Eveline Keijser, Kim Hoang, Nadja Voorham, Artyom Kocharyan, Julia Retz / Clarice Barrosso, Emilia Bergmark, Eitan Efrat, Isabelle Schiltz, Christopher Holloran, Matsuri Yamana, Yana van Dijk, Tanguy Wermelinger, Julia Bendeler, Mariko Kuwahara, Marine Delgado, Byrthe Lemmens, Rutger de Vries, Christian Isberg, Christofer Goertz, Amber Eeden, Martino Morandi, Elki Boerdam, Michel Keppel, Karoline Swiezynski, Daniel Rother, Victor Brangolo, Dorotka Potyka, Killian Loddo, Camilla Martinsen, Esther Willering, Mathias Ringgenberg, Maarten Kanters, Anthony Salvador, Yael Wicki, Zara Zerny, Jasmin Peco, Caetano Carvalho, Lotte Schröder, Jonathan Mikkelson Sachse, Eva Bronsted, Margot Holtman, Vincent Knopper, Kristinn Gudmundsson / Ásgeir Adalsteinsson, Louise Kelpe, Pernille Lonstrup, Elisabeth Leersen, Jasmin Koschutnig, Bregje Sliepenbeek, Maria Zendre, Tess Walkowski, Pierfrancesco Gava, Daniel Oxholm, Thordis Erla Zoega, Hans de Wolf, Maria Pedersen, Calypso Schuijt, Annabel Kanaar, Re'em Aharoni

GUEST CURATOR Maze de Boer

GRAPHIC DESIGN Merel Schenk Jasper van de Kerke

PAST PRESENT FUTURE

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS Architectural Design, Beeld & Taal, Fine Arts, DesignLAB, DogTime, Photography, Glass, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Fashion, Jewellery, TXT, VAV

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Maurits de Bruijn, Willem Sjoerd van Vliet, Alexandra Duvekot, Jurian Vermoolen, Bernke Klein Zandvoort, Christopher William van Damme / Catharina Teijema, Lilian Stolk, Gözde Kırcıoğlu, Dorian de Rijk, Nora / Toru, Rosa Sijben, Eloïse Bonneviot, Rozemarijn Hermans, Cecilia Bengtsson, Lidya Krcmer, Urok Shirhan, Isabelle Andriessen, Antonia Breme, Marie Knudsen, Marie Boye Thomsen, Marie De Bruyn, Anna Gray, Su Myungsu Seo, Geir Nustad, Jenny Roethe, Ritzenhof, Ellen Vårtun, Mathias Ringgenberg / Mariko Kuwahara, Haarlems Studenten Koor, Balthazar Berling / Sæmundur Þór Helgason, Peter / Linn, Ayumi Suzuki / Reed van Brunschot, Thordis Erla Zoega, Kristinn Guðmundsson, Jonathan Sachse Mikkelsen

GUEST CURATORS Maze de Boer Ann Meskens

GRAPHIC DESIGN Amber van Eeden Maarten Kanters

2011

THE LIVING OBJECT

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Architectural Design, Beeld & Taal, DesignLAB, DogTime Fine Arts, DogTime ID-UM, Photography, Graphic Design, Fashion, Jwellery, TXT(textile), VAV, Ceramics

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Carmen Schabracq, Freija van Dijk / Jip van Steenis, Martha Bird, Petros Orfanos, Mikel Orfanos, Natalia Rebelo, Rosa Doornenbal / Tirza Kater, Rosa Sijben, Andy Woortman, Sophie Roberts, Sabine Kongsted, Alexander Höglund, Tamás Szvet, Eva Mooiman, Balthazar Berling, Marousjka Verhagen / Evenlijn Martinius

GUEST CURATORS Kris Verdonck Ann Meskens

GRAPHIC DESIGN Nina Paim Lydia Sachse

THE MAKING OF

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Image & Language, Architectural Design, TXT (textile), DesignLab, Fashion Dogtime ID-UM, Dogtime Fine Arts

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Lisa-Marie Vlietstra, Jannemarein Renout, Eriko Khalesi, Oreo Jungmin Cho, Sophie Rogg, Johanna Illerhag / Nikki Oosterveen, Pedro Matias, Eugen Georg, Laura Klinkenberg, Bram van den Berg, Edmée ter Meulen / Thomas Knopper, Nicola Arthen, Einar Limi, Lukas Varady-Szabo, Uffe Christensen, Vibe Overgaard, Anna Frijstein, Anne Öhrling Dersén, Bastien Gachet, Louise Jacobs, Pieter Augustijn, Kaisa Sööt / Sarah Demoen, Jérémie Rentien / Stig Steijner, Sarah Arnolds / Peter de Voogt, Alexander Höglund / Martin Kahler

GUEST CURATOR Jean Bernard Koeman

The Making Of Symposium Bart Rutten, David Bade, Lieven Segers, Job Koelewijn, Ann Meskens

GRAPHIC DESIGN Timur Akhmetov May Britt Boekel

2014

VOICE OR CREATURE OF TRANSITION

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Beeld & Taal, Inter-Architecture, DesignLAB, TXT, Graphic Design, Photography, Glass, VAV, DogTime Fine Arts / DogTime IDUM, Fashion, Fine Arts

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Marius Jopen, Giulia Crispiani, Anna Frijstein, Flavia Evangelista, Kateryna Snizhko, Michelle Son, Alya Hessy, Jeroen Vermandere, Lieven Lahaye, Olle Stjerne / Karl Hedin, Juan de Porras-Isla, Hannah Timandra Kindler, Sophie Hardeman, Wei Keong Tan, Shunyao Yu, Dovilė Aleksandravičiūtė, Baha Görkem Yalim, Alina Lupu / Vitya Glushchenko, Ina Porselius, Mai-Loan Gaudez, Marlena von Wedel / Carina Erdmann, Hortense Lauras, Francesca Burattelli, Alina Ozerova, Niki Ulfstedt / Eva Bjarnadóttir

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GRAPHIC DESIGN Nam Hee Ji Raoul Audouin Paul Bernhard

ARE YOU ALIVE OR NOT - LOOKING AT ART THROUGH THE LENS OF THEATRE

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS Inter-Architecture, designLAB, Beeld & Taal, Graphic Design, Jewellery, Photography, VAV, Ceramics, Glass, Fine Arts, DOGtime

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Andreea Peterfi, Anja Petersen, Annelotte Lammertse / Noé Cottencin, Teuntje Kranenborg / Anouk Beckers, Didi Lehnhausen, Emilio Martinez / Sophie Serber, Flurina Casty, Francesca Burattelli, Hedvig Koertz Mikkelsen, Ida Brottmann Hansen, Jenela Kostova / Marte van Haaster, PheD / Jorik Amit Galama, Linnea Langfjord, Maria Lepistö, Mayke Haringhuizen, Jenela Kostova, Milena Naef / Hannah Kindler, Minne Kersten, Nicola Godman, Nicolina Eklund, Olle Stjerne, Simon Becks / Susan van Veen, Vitya Glushchenko / Alina Lupu

GUEST TUTORS Vaast Colson Luuk Nouwen

MASTERCLASSES Claire Tancons Dmitry Vilensky

GRAPHIC DESIGN Özgür Karacan Emilie Ferrat Viktor Nyström

2016

BOTS, BODIES / BEASTS - THE ART OF BEING HUMBLE

Vlaams Cultuurhuis de Brakke Grond, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Inter-Architecture, designLAB, Beeld & Taal, Graphic Design, Jewellery, Photography, VAV, Ceramics, Glass, Fine Arts, DOGtime

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Anne Piet Hofstede, Caro de Jonge, Emma Walch, Rosita Kær, Alice Dhinau / Manon Bachellier, Rafael Romero / Daniel Farr, Didi Lehnhausen, Gabrielė Adomaitytė / Rasmus Niclas Rose Nielsen, Garance Früh / Valgerður Jónsdóttir, Ksenia Perek / Francine ten Brummelhuis, Michelle Son, Mila Bouma, Suzanne Bernhardt, Gustav Heinsen, Leonie Hennicke / Nina Schouten, Marcel Mrejen / Etienne Clerc, Kaspar Sellin, Stefán Stefánsson / Paul Girardeau, Kateryna Snizhko, Maria Naidich Chapital, Stijn Pommée / Laura Grimm, Hanna Steenbergen-Cockerton / Zofia Skoroszewska, Anastasia Afonina, Elzbieta Szota / the plants, Joeri Bosma, Kristoffer Ala-Ketola, Ivana Filip, Totus Tuus

Project Selection with Luuk Nouwen

GUEST TUTORS Melanie Bonajo Maaike Lauwaert

MASTERCLASSES Melanie Bühler Alicia Frankovich Jan Peter Hammer

GRAPHIC DESIGN Anton Westbom Weflö Johanna Ehde Till Michael Hormann

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR BRAIN – ART AND LIFE IN TIMES OF COGNITIVE AUTOMATION

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Inter-Architecture, designLAB, Fashion, Graphic Design, Jewellery, TXT (Textile), Ceramics, Fine Arts, The Large Glass, Beeld en Taal, Photography, VAV - moving image, DOGtime

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS

Fieke Ruitinga, Mathilde Renault, Selin Kuscu, Vincent Ludwig, Tarmslyng, Anna Aksionava, Niklas Büscher / August H. Ronne, Paul Girardeau, Antrianna Moutoula, Dieuwertje Hehewerth, Mila Bouma, Philip Ullman, Finn Godwin, Manon Bachelier, Rosita Kær / Alice Dhinaut, Beatrice Shilton, Masha Soetekouw, Chong Lii / Christian Kingo, Maria Kozlitina / Aleksi Marjamaa, Tim Neutel, Anton Halla / Helena Tan, Eliott Dechamboux / Kaspar Sellin, Martin Alonso / Rodrigo Vasquez, Alex Zakkas

GUEST TUTORS Dan Walwin Janneke van Leeuwen Juha van t Zelfde

MASTERCLASSES Daniel Keller Elizabeth Orr Erin Manning

GRAPHIC DESIGN Zgjim Elashani Inna Kochkina Steven Lenoir Vera Rijks

2018

HOLD ME NOW - FEEL AND TOUCH IN AN UNREAL WORLD

Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Graphic Design, Jewellery — linking bodies, designLAB, Architectural Design, Beeld en Taal, The Large Glass, Ceramics, VAV moving image, Photography

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Ilse Stokman, Lianne van Roekel, Thom van Rijckevorsel, Elena Giolo, Garance Früh, Hyeonju Lee / Niklas Büscher, Xenia Perek / Nazanin Karimi, Max Glader, Nomin Zezegmaa, Valter Tornberg, Oda Haugerud, Laura Fernández Antolín, Aleksandra Kwiatkowska, Manon Bachelier / Eliott Déchamboux / Kaspar Sellin, Cleo Tsw / Philip Ullman, Margherita Chinchio, Kim Lang, Annie Åkerman / Cornelia Isaksson

GUEST TUTORS Sophie Hardeman Luuk Nouwen

MASTERCLASSES Jesse Darling Jean Vaccaro Erin Manning

GRAPHIC DESIGN Mikk Jõgi Zuzana Kostelanská Laslo Strong

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE – FABULATING ALTERNATIVE IMAGINARIES IN ART & LIFE

Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

GROUP PROJECTS

Architectural Design, designLAB, Fashion, Graphic Design, TXT (Textile), Ceramics, The Large Glass, Beeld en Taal, Photography, VAVmoving image

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS BY STUDENTS Thomas Viers, Sumin Lee / Celline Song / Bin Koh, Pauline Rip, Bea Vancaillie / Simon Marsiglia, Marius van Zandwijk, Ronald Boom, Carmen Chicheley, Clemence Hilaire, Josefina Anjou / Ingrid Blix, Jesse Asselman, Jiwon Shin, Lingyun Cao, Naomi Attia, Stephanie Elisabeth Rizaj, Toni Mosebach, Lauren Fong, Cleo Tsw, Nathalie Golde Sørensen / Fríða Karlsdóttir, Jun Zhang, Tasio BideGain, Emilia Omilianowicz, Matilda Kenttä / Linnea Rutz, Clemens Stumpf, Moa Holgersson / Nell Schwan, Oskar Frere-Smith, Dasha Leontieva / Marite Kuus, Malin Ryberg, Brigty Gidey, Valter Tornberg, Yulija Elyas, Shreya de Souza, Elia Kalogianni, Feline Bæk Hjermind, Nina van Hartskamp / Claire Wymer / Leyla Cehan / Beate Uma Haije / Eva van der Zand / Sophie Stiller / Rowe Carpaij / Virgina Vivaldi / Georgina David / Melle Van Herwaarden

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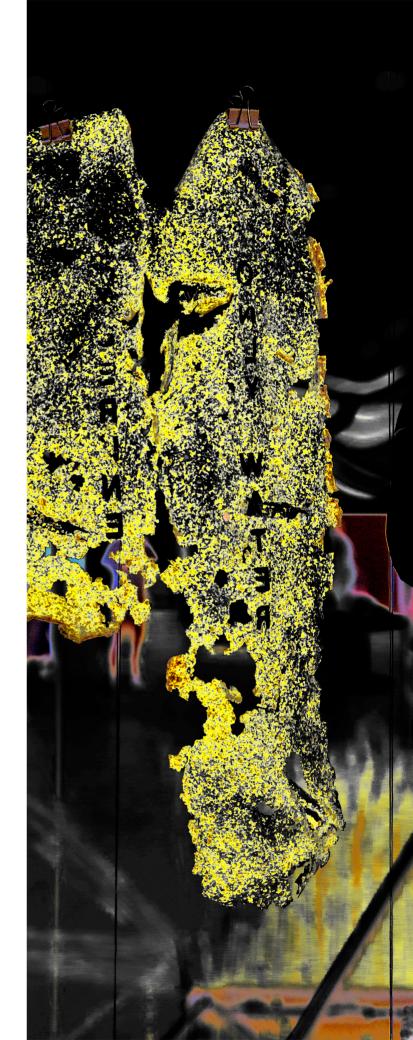
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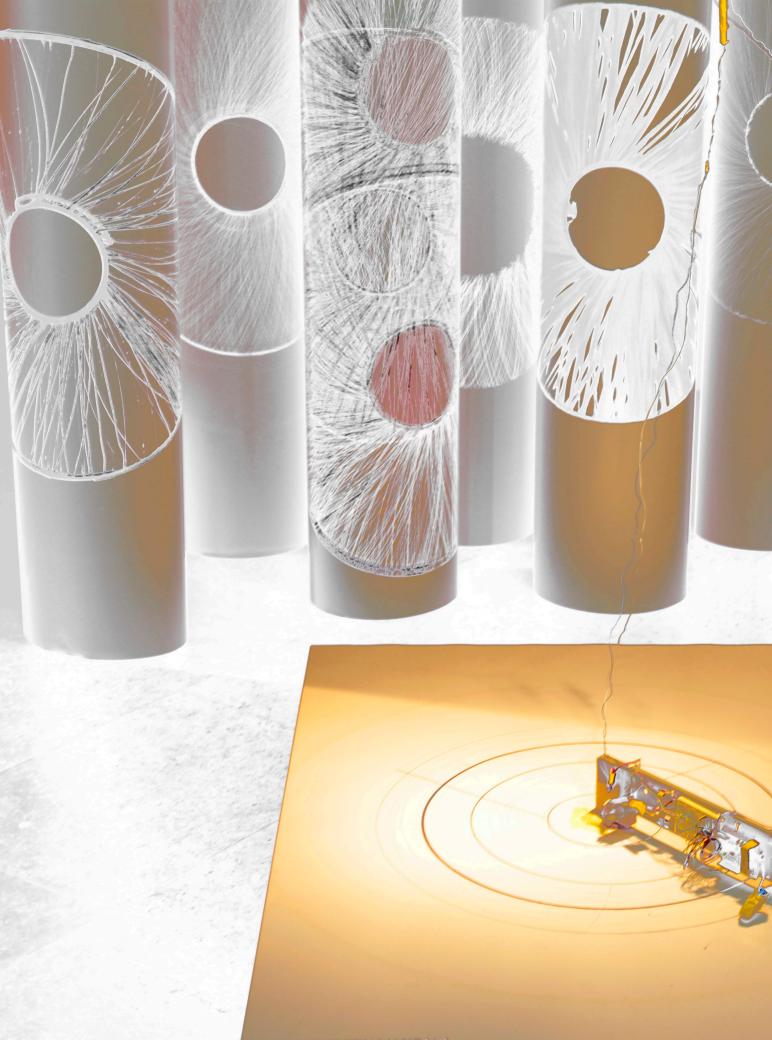
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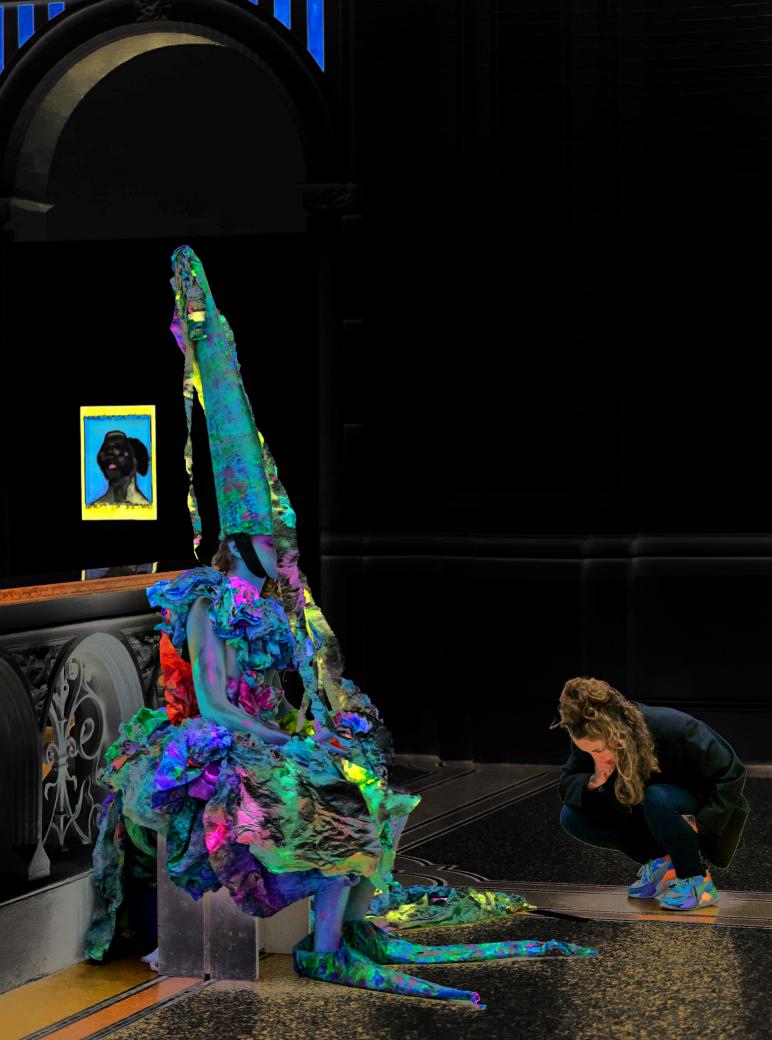
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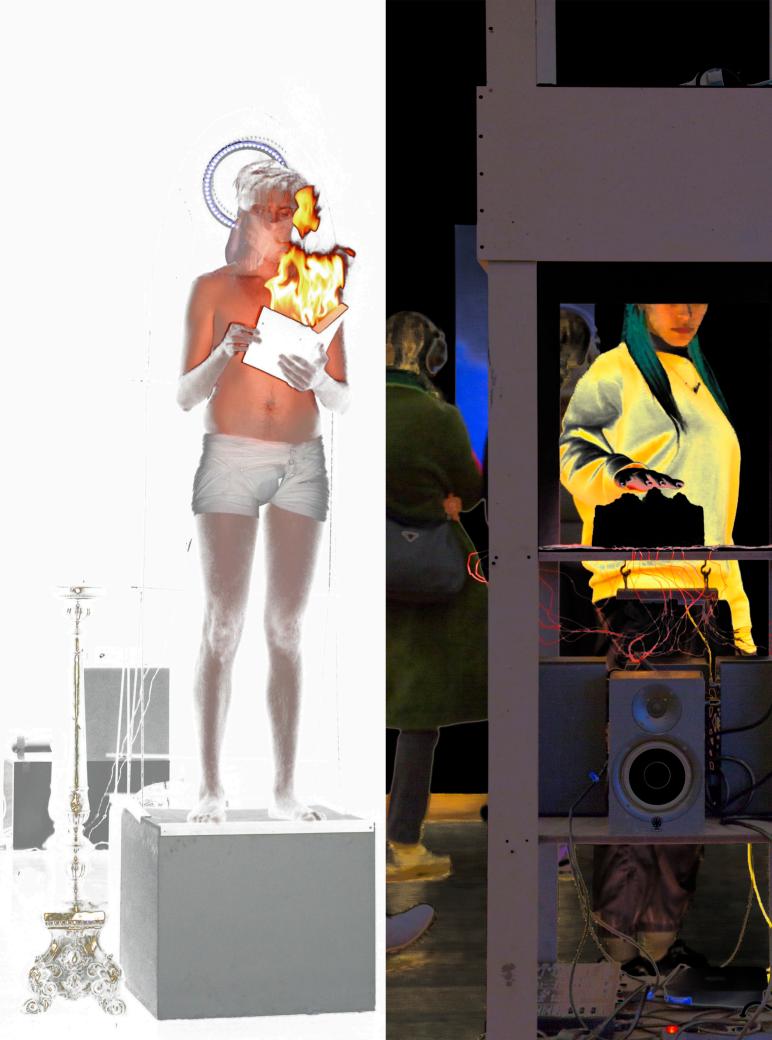




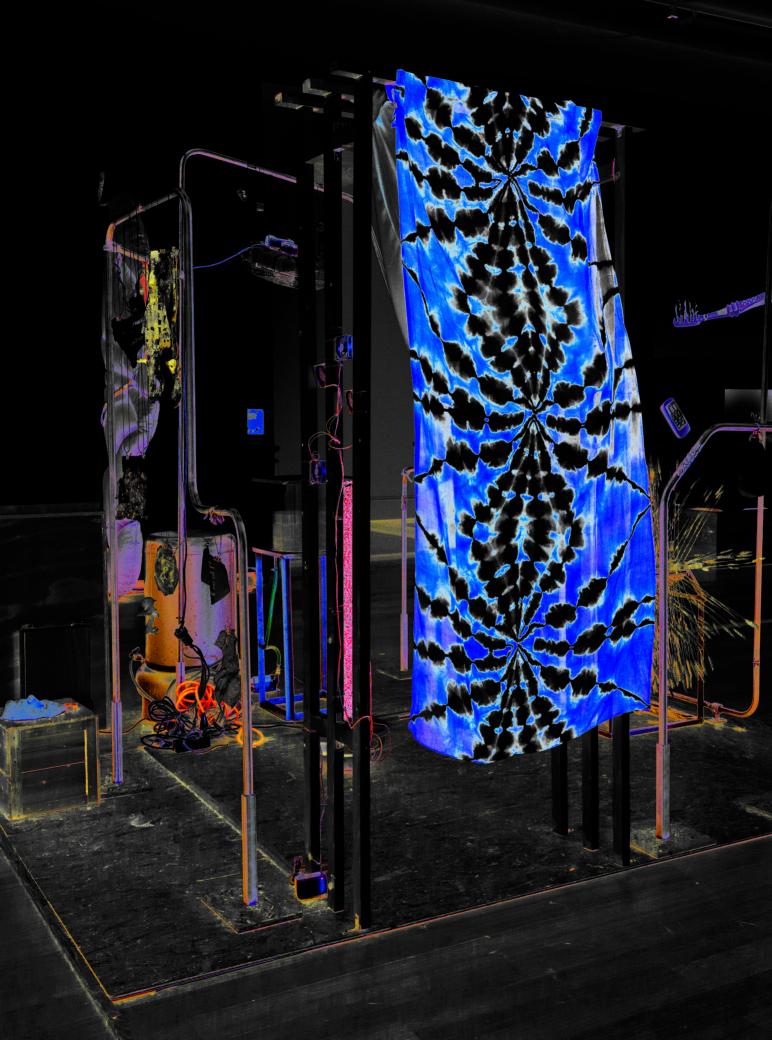


















In the summer of 2008, Sophie Krier, Erik Wong and Mariken Overdijk's wish to revisit how the Rietveld Academie presented to the public was granted with the first Rietveld Uncut. From the first outlines to its current form, we are proud of the committed and collaborative spirit fuelling the experimental projects that participants have brought to its existence.

It is impossible to grasp the full spectrum of those to whom we owe gratitude, to all participating students, teachers, guest teachers, and technical staff of the first decade of Rietveld Uncut. We are especially thankful to the departments for taking on the challenge to create group projects with students, inviting guest teachers and to realise new works within the inner dynamics of living material, allowing for trial and error.

Tarja Szaraniec & Tomas Adolfs Rietveld Uncut

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