Yvonne Dröge Wendel

Yvonne Dröge was born in Germany to Dutch parents. She studied English at the Westfälische Wilhelms University Münster and continued her education at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy (1987-1992). She was an artist in residence at the Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten in Amsterdam (1993-1994) and later at Delfina Studios in London (2002-2003). In 2009, she became a senior lecturer at the Rietveld Academy.

Dröge Wendel is fascinated by the relationship between people and objects: "Things have character, emotions; we cherish them, we worship them, but we don't really know how they affect our lives." This interest is reflected in her performances and projects. In 1992, she "married" a cabinet from the Wendel company, which had belonged to her mother, and took it on a honeymoon. She has since referred to herself as Dröge Wendel. Her work explores how interactions with objects shape our relationships with them. In 2016, she was awarded the Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Art for her original, inventive, and vital work.

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