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## TANJA SMIT

See the text, read the image

My work is a record of attempts to read the world in all its absurdity. To this end, I use both language and image in ever new ways, especially through translations and transformations. My drawings, paintings and text works – drawn interventions in newspapers, magazines and books are created in open work processes in which new and self-imposed rules mix with anarchy. New meanings are revealed and constructed on familiar surfaces. Some of the works undergo further translation into music, performance or video. Keywords: transformation, meaning processes, drawing, painting, photography, video, performance, music, paper, ink, egg tempera, watercolor, language, text, literature, writing, book, layers, structures, patterns; rhythm, process, collaboration, content, play

## WEBSITES

artist's website

[www.tanjasmit.com](http://www.tanjasmit.com)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.facebook.com/tanja.smit.18](https://www.facebook.com/tanja.smit.18)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=N41gSZG5CcU&frags=pl%2Cwn](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N41gSZG5CcU&frags=pl%2Cwn)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMUQrHt\\_BMs&frags=pl%2Cwn](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMUQrHt_BMs&frags=pl%2Cwn)

[vimeo.com/68433241](https://vimeo.com/68433241)

[instagram.com/tanjasmit\\_visualartist](https://instagram.com/tanjasmit_visualartist)

[instagram.com/tanjasmit\\_textworks](https://instagram.com/tanjasmit_textworks)

## MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Alte Wik, TATO(A)GE, De DCR

## PLATFORM

De DCR

## EDUCATION

2021 - teaching online b. KABK Den Haag  
2021

2018 - Chinese calligraphy and painting Cheng  
2018 Haitau, Xiamen

2015 - schrijfcursus STROOM, Den Haag  
2016

2009 - writings Lyotard W139, Amsterdam  
2010

2009 - writings Georges Bataille W139,

- 2010 Amsterdam
- 2007 - performance, by Joan Jonas MACBA,  
2007 Barcelona
- 2004 - Walter Benjamin, by Eric Beltran Hangar,  
2004 Barcelona
- 2004 - analysis of film, by Harun Farocki en Roger  
2004 M. Buerger MACBA, Barcelona
- 1994 - Zen calligraphy, Jacques Foussadier  
1995 Zendoyo, Barcelona
- 1979 - drawing/painting Den Haag, Koninklijke  
1984 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 TATO(A)GE Pictura Dordrecht,  
Netherlands communal drawing project  
with Geerten Ten Bosch en Ton  
Kraayeveld [www.pictura.nl](http://www.pictura.nl)  
Duo
- 2022 Books Galerie Vincenz Sala Berlin,  
Germany textworks and artists books  
[www.vsala.com/books.html](http://www.vsala.com/books.html)  
Group
- 2022 Anonymous Drawings Galerie im  
Körnerpark Berlin, Germany textwork  
[www.anonyme-  
zeichner.de/en/current.html](http://www.anonyme-zeichner.de/en/current.html)  
Group
- 2022 Rolling Snowball 14 Powerlong Art  
Center Xiamen, China installation large  
textworks banners, original textworks  
and ink drawings [resartis.org/news-  
listing/chinese-european-art-center-  
rolling-snowball-14-xiamen-2022/](http://resartis.org/news-listing/chinese-european-art-center-rolling-snowball-14-xiamen-2022/)  
Group
- 2021 XL/XS Galerie Vincenz Sala Berlin,  
Germany textworks  
[www.vsala.com/xl\\_xs\\_Tanja\\_Smit.html](http://www.vsala.com/xl_xs_Tanja_Smit.html)  
Group
- 2021 Time Zones Galerie Helder The Hague,  
Netherlands textworks  
[galleryviewer.com/nl/tentoonstelling/1877/time-  
zones](http://galleryviewer.com/nl/tentoonstelling/1877/time-zones)  
Group

## PROJECTS

- 2023 TATO(A)GE Pictura Dordrecht/The Hague,  
Netherlands Communal drawing project  
with Geerten Ten Bosch en Ton Kraayeveld,  
2021-ongoing
- 2019 Noach Project Pictura Dordrecht,  
Netherlands [www.pictura.nl](http://www.pictura.nl) 2 musical  
performances of the textworks
- 2016 AudioDH, TwodaysArt Korzo, Den Haag The  
Hague [audiodh.nl](http://audiodh.nl) CD and performances,  
group project
- 2013 Ephémère: Genetic Choir sings Tanja Smit  
Studio Loos, Den Haag The Hague  
[www.studioloos.com/ephemere/ephemere-  
january-2013](http://www.studioloos.com/ephemere/ephemere-january-2013) Genetic Choir performs Tanja  
Smit's textworks, with images
- 2011 Of music in language, sonifications Zeebelt,  
Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands  
[www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=CMUQrHt\\_BMs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMUQrHt_BMs) 2 multi-media  
performances

- 2019 Anachronisms Helder Gallery The Hague, Netherlands video, artist's book and recent textworks. 5 artists.  
[www.galeriehelder.nl/exhibitions?id=129](http://www.galeriehelder.nl/exhibitions?id=129)  
Group
- 2019 The Word Pictura Dordrecht, Netherlands 3 artists. Textwork project  
Noach [www.pictura.nl](http://www.pictura.nl)  
Group
- 2019 Studio exhibition Studio The Hague, Netherlands recent work  
[villanextdoor2.wordpress.com/2019/12/11/studio-visit-8-tanja-smit/?fbclid=IwAR0Vd648gUHcZpkff6p8agLwl-Rmfw0RQ4BjHywCiMTHwH1wWquP3XIGpbU](http://villanextdoor2.wordpress.com/2019/12/11/studio-visit-8-tanja-smit/?fbclid=IwAR0Vd648gUHcZpkff6p8agLwl-Rmfw0RQ4BjHywCiMTHwH1wWquP3XIGpbU)  
Solo
- 2018 Revenge of Fish CEAC Xiamen, China works made during 3 months residency in Xiamen  
[www.facebook.com/ceac99xiamen/](http://www.facebook.com/ceac99xiamen/)  
Solo
- 2017 Apprentices/Masters Project Das Spectrum Utrecht, Netherlands  
Apprentice-Master Project  
[www.dasspectrum.org](http://www.dasspectrum.org)  
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- 2016 Drawing Front (and back) Quartair The Hague, Netherlands drawings  
[www.drawingfront.nl/quartair-den-haag/](http://www.drawingfront.nl/quartair-den-haag/)  
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- 2016 Mujeres Alejandro Sales Barcelona, Spain Selection from the collection of the gallery  
Group
- 2016 Locatie Z Den Haag, Netherlands  
Baraka, The Director's Cut  
Group
- 2015 Baracca on tour Baraka Roubaix, France guerilla expo with kunstenaarsinitiatief Baracca  
[www.facebook.com/pages/category/Arts--Entertainment/Baracca-139980666079139/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Arts--Entertainment/Baracca-139980666079139/)  
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- 2014 The Drawing Game etHall Barcelona, Spain drawings expo after internet

drawing project with 4 artists

[www.ethall.net](http://www.ethall.net)

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2009 Off the Record Stedelijk Museum  
Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Municipal acquisitions: 12 photos  
series Vaho [www.stedelijk.nl/en](http://www.stedelijk.nl/en)  
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2008 Possibilitat d'acció MACBA, Museu d'  
Art Contemporani Barcelona, Spanje  
Barcelona, Spain Possibility of Action,  
textworks and video  
[www.macba.cat/en/exhibitions](http://www.macba.cat/en/exhibitions)  
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## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Espai Nivi, Collblanc, Culla Culla,  
Valencia, Spain two months  
[espainivi.com](http://espainivi.com)

2022 Espai Nivi, Collblanc, Culla Culla, Spain  
2 months [espainivi.com](http://espainivi.com)

2018 Chinese European Art Center (CEAC),  
Xiamen, China Xiamen, China 3 months  
residency  
[www.facebook.com/ceac99xiamen/](http://www.facebook.com/ceac99xiamen/)

2005 Nau Coclea, Camallera, Spanje

2004 Hangar, Barcelona

## SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

2024 Untitled Guus Boudestein The Hague,  
Nederland watercolour

2023 E=MC4, Pink Parade Mariët Hendriks  
The Hague, Nederland 2 drawings  
TATO(A)GE project

2023 Hippopotamus Annemarie Dekker The

## COMMISSIONS

2019 Het Woord Pictura Dordrecht, Netherlands  
exhibition and two concerts  
[www.pictura.nl/](http://www.pictura.nl/) finished

2015 Anarchistisch tijdschrift De As Den Bosch,  
NL textwork Naum Chomsky finished

2013 Genetic Choir Amsterdam, NL compositie  
opdracht finished

2011 Theater Zeebelt Den Haag, NL  
avondvullende multimedia performance  
finished

2008 Fundació Gresol Madremaña, Spanje  
installatie in festival over de godin Sibylle  
finished

2006 Ensemble Chronophonie Freiburg,  
Duitsland multimediamerk met componist  
Christopher Williams finished

## PUBLICATIONS

2022 Rolling Snowball 14 Catalog CEAC various  
Xiamen, China catalogue

2019 NOACH DECONSTRUCTED een  
tekstwerkconcert Catalog Pictura, dordrecht  
Tanja Smit Dordrecht, Netherlands  
[Pictura.nl](http://Pictura.nl) illustrated program booklet

	Hague, Nederland drawing TATO(A)GE project	2018	Vrouwen van Museum Gouda Catalog Museum Gouda Gouda, Netherlands <a href="http://museumgouda.nl">museumgouda.nl</a> Choice Hedy d'Ancona Museum collection
2023	Untitled and Green Dragon Bas Ascha The Hague, Nederland two watercolours	2014	Extaze 11 In de Knipscheer, Haarlem literair tijdschrift, inkttekeningen en textworks
2022	various textworks Bicker Caerten The Hague, Nederland various textworks large frame	2013	Apen, beren, krakers en kunstenaars vereniging Alte Wik, Den Haag boek over ateliergebouw
2022	textwork Anke Becker Berlin, Duitsland textwork	2012	De Nieuwe, nr.27 magazine Arti, Amsterdam artikel van Kees Koomen
2019	Nolde Strijbosch Collection Dordrecht, Nederland textwork	2009	Off the record Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam catalogus groepstentoonstelling
2019	Japón Peter Heuzingveld Architecten The Hague, Nederland textwork	2008	Possibility of action Museu d'Art Contemporaneo Barcelona catalogus groepstentoonstelling
2019	textwork Jeanne van der Horst Dordrecht, Nederland textwork	2008	Drawing on writing Jandl Books/Serge Onnen, NY boek met tekeningen div. kunstenaars over teksten
2019	Untitled (super animal run) textwork The Hague, Nederland drawing	2006	The HTV, nr. 61: Shadows HTV de Ijsberg, Amsterdam 2 tekeningen in kunsttijdschrift
2019	Untitled (dijins) van Moorsel-Aukema Deventer, Nederland ink drawing	2006	Libro de fantasmas/Book of ghosts Nau Coclea, Camallera, Spanje kunstenaarsboek 96 pagina's
2019	Untitled (calligraphy dance) Ron Ford The Hague, Nederland ink drawing		
2018	11 textworks Cees van den Burg The Hague, Nederland 11 textworks in large frame		
2018	Untitled (red walkers) Carlie Janszen Rotterdam, Nederland watercolour		
2018	Untitled (doo wop) Eliane Beyer Amsterdam, Nederland watercolour		
2015	collection Ron Ford The Hague textworks		
2014	colección Centro de Arte Collblanc Culla, Spanje watercolours		
2013	ayuntamiento de Culla Culla, Spanje, Spanje ink on newspaper		
2013	colección Dop-Verhalle Rijswijk, Nederland Chinese ink		
2013	´t Hoen&de Baeds The Hague, Nederland silk print and textwork		
2012	collectie Jadranka Njegovan The Hague,		

Nederland textworks and video

- 2010 Anna Más (galería +R) Barcelona, Spanje, Spanje egg tempera
- 2010 Heden The Hague, Nederland egg tempera
- 2009 Museu d'Art Contemporaneo Barcelona Barcelona, Spanje, Spanje betekende boeken
- 2009 Tomás March Valencia, Spanje egg tempera

## REVIEWS

- 2020 Tanja Smit Website Manuela Klerkx Netherlands  
[galleryviewer.com/en/collection/61/the-end-of-an-eventful-year-in-6-art-works](https://galleryviewer.com/en/collection/61/the-end-of-an-eventful-year-in-6-art-works)  
text on textwork Tanja Smit
- 2020 NRC Jubileum prize Newspaper nrc Rotterdam, Netherlands article
- 2019 Woorden in beeld, Picturablade Magazine Evertine van Alphen Dordrecht, Netherlands [pictura.nl](https://pictura.nl)  
article expo
- 2019 Studio visit Tanja Smit Blog/Vlog Bertus Pieters The Hague, Netherlands  
[villanextdoor2.wordpress.com/2019/12/11/studio-visit-8-tanja-smit/?fbclid=IwAR0Vd648gUHcZpkff6p8agLwl-Rmfw0RQ4BjHywCiMTHwH1wWquP3XIGpbu](https://villanextdoor2.wordpress.com/2019/12/11/studio-visit-8-tanja-smit/?fbclid=IwAR0Vd648gUHcZpkff6p8agLwl-Rmfw0RQ4BjHywCiMTHwH1wWquP3XIGpbu)  
Teport visit studio presentation
- 2019 Anachronisms Blog/Vlog Kees Koomen The Hague, Netherlands  
[chmkoome.wordpress.com/2019/01/20/anachronisms/#comment-5195](https://chmkoome.wordpress.com/2019/01/20/anachronisms/#comment-5195) about expo Anachronisms
- 2019 Opening exhibition Anachronisms Website Lucette Ter Borgh Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.galeriehelder.nl/cont\\_files/Anachronistisch\\_praatje\\_Ton\\_Kraayeveld\\_c.s..pdf](https://www.galeriehelder.nl/cont_files/Anachronistisch_praatje_Ton_Kraayeveld_c.s..pdf)  
Opening speech exhibition Anachronisms

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

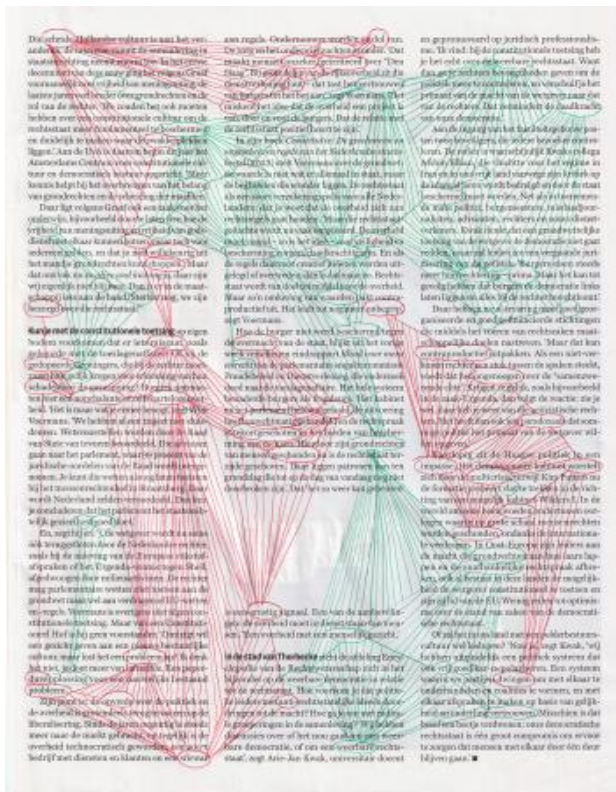
- 2024 contribution publication Het Cultuurfonds Amsterdam, Netherlands bijdrage tekst door Merel van Tilburgpublication textworks
- 2024 SPOT subsidy (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands contribution text on the textworks
- 2021 Corona Overbrugging mondriaan fonds Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2020 NRC Jubilee Prize NRC Rotterdam, Netherlands winner NRC Jubileumprijs
- 2019 financial support Stichting Stokroos Utrecht, Netherlands support sound/image performances Genesis Deconstructed
- 2019 Spot-Documentation subsidy (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2018 Pro-Subsidy (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands for residency Xiamen, China
- 2012 Pro-subsidie STROOM, Den Haag
- 2011 Spot-subsidie STROOM, Den Haag
- 2011 Broedplaatssubsidie via Zeebelt Gemeente Den Haag
- 2007 grant Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam
- 2006 Pro-subsidie STROOM, Den Haag Netherlands

## SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2023 - Brush&ink class Talent class Art-s-Cool  
2023
- 2019 - Masterclass brush&ink at Koorenhuis,  
2019 The Hague
- 2018 - lecture China at Stroom Den Haag  
2018
- 2018 - Lezing in Museum Gouda  
2018
- 2018 - lecture and workshops Xiamen  
2018 University
- 2017 - workshops kids Art-s-cool  
2017
- 2017 - workshops Anders Bekeken, The Hague  
2017
- 2016 - Apprentice Masters Project  
2017
- 2016 - brush&ink workshops Mariscollege  
2016
- 2015 - painting teacher Practicum Articum  
2024 KABK On-going
- 2013 - workshop penseeltekenen aan  
2023 kunstenaars, Hangar, Barcelona On-  
going
- 2012 - voorzitter vereniging Alte Wik  
2013 (ateliergebouw)
- 2012 - docente module ideeontwikkeling,  
2012 Willem de Koningacademie, R´dam
- 2010 - gastdocentschap KABK, Den Haag  
2011
- 2010 - voorzitter stichting De Lagere School  
2012 (ateliergebouw)
- 2010 - teacher art lessons and workshop On-  
2023 going
- 2009 - lezing afdeling filologie, Universidad de  
2009 Barcelona



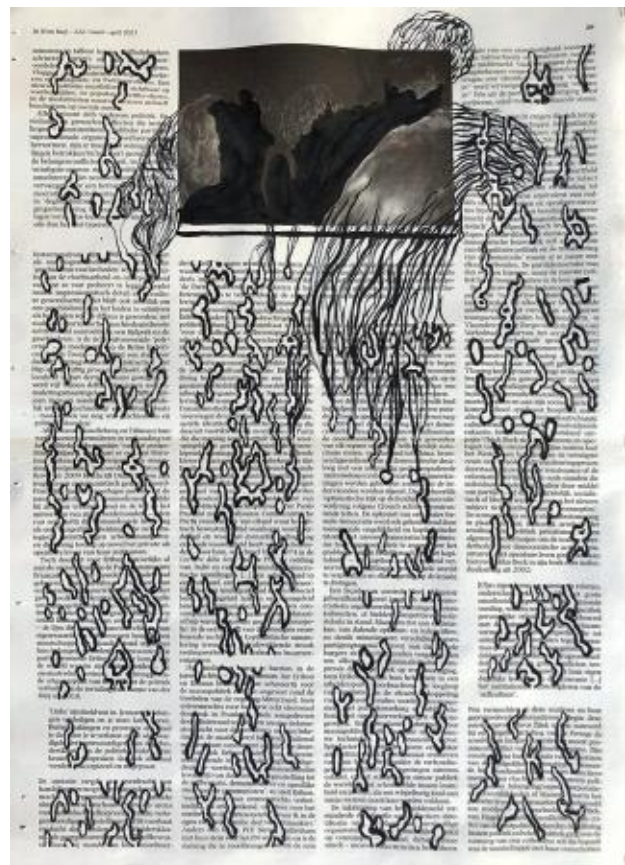
- 2008 - gastdocente 16 lessen
- 2008 schildertechniek, Escola Massana, Barcelona
- 2006 - jaarlijks 3 maanden gastdocente
- 2009 tekenen en schilderen, Escola Massana, Barcelona
- 2005 - gastdocentschap 1 week per jaar aan
- 2010 kunststudenten Foundation Course, Carlisle van de University of Cumbria, UK



Scrale, 2024  
ink on paper magazine, 28,3 x 22 cm



TATO(A)GE expo, 2023  
works on paper, various



Minenter, 2023  
ink on magazine page, 42 x 30 cm





Piedras series, 2023  
photography



Untitled (race), 2023  
India ink on paper, 32 x 50 cm



5 artists books, 2022  
ink and tip-pex in/on books, various



Untitled (Chinese landscape), 2022  
watercolour, 54 x 38 cm



Untitled (dragons), 2022  
watercolour, 62 x 48 cm



Read the Image, 2022  
ink and print on paper, 12 x 3 m



Untitled (animals), 2021  
india ink on paper, 25 x 32 cm