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ROBIN BUTTER

My name is Robin Butter, she/her visual artist from The Hague, Netherlands. As a child, my dream was to become an archaeologist, inspired by the sense of adventure that digging in the earth evoked in me. However, my passion for storytelling has since blossomed! To which documentary photography becoming a tool for exploring history, mythology in social topics. In my work, I strive to approach these subjects in a vibrant and engaging manner, working closely with the communities. Through my colorful and imaginative storytelling, I aim to challenge perceptions and spark connections with others, creating a space by weaving together elements of a self-created history and everyday life, I invite viewers to escape the ordinary and embark on a journey of discovery with me. Graduated from the Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague in 2014. Photographing shooting ranges in the Netherlands titled "It Takes My Mind Off Things". The work was self-published as a photobook in November 2015, with the launch at Paris Photo. In december 2023 the photobook Drakeblood (blood of the dragon) was released by publisher Lecturis. I worked from 2018-2023 closely with the village-community of Beesel & Stichting Draaksteken. It was a process to take the viewer through the almost elusive intertwining of different realities in Beesel. The village holds great symbolic significance for me, and in my book, I capture this village and its elusive myth.

WEBSITES

projects and visual CV

www.robinbutter.com

Der Greif magazine: Artist blog + Contributor

dergreif.org/contributors/?name=Robin+Butter

SOCIAL MEDIA

[instagram.com/robinbutter](https://www.instagram.com/robinbutter)

[facebook.com/studiorobinbutter/](https://www.facebook.com/studiorobinbutter/)

MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

DuPho/ Platform GKF

EDUCATION

2022 - BDB 'Artist as a Teacher' didactics Hoge
2023 School der Kunsten

2017 - master-class alumni with Corinne
2020 Noordenbos Corinne Noordenbos

2010 - BA of Arts, Photography Den Haag,
2014 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende
Kunsten diploma

EXHIBITIONS

2024 My Name in 100 Colophons; It takes my mind off things Fotohof Salzburg, Austria Overview of the exhibition where the dummy graduation work from 2014 and the published photobook from 2015 are compared through a rhythmic presentation, focusing on image choices and narrative of the same project 'It Takes My Mind Off Things'. fotohof.at/en/exhibitions/zu-gast-n5-my-name-in-100-colophons/ Group

2022 Dragon blood Atelier K84 Amsterdam, Netherlands Atelier K84 is proud to be the first to show the solo exhibition 'Drakeblood' by The Hague-based documentary photographer Robin Butter. Robin uses photography as a means of digging into the backgrounds of cultural phenomena. In her search for the escape of her own reality from the everyday, she photographs people and their stories, exploring the meaning of history and myths. atelierk84.nl/ Solo

2022 Eye in eye with Laak Tram tunnel Gallery The Hague, Netherlands From the March 14th until June 4th 2022, you can stop at Spui Gallery of the Tram tunnel, if you like. To meet 55 residents I photographed for the Haags Gemeentearchief, for the project Haags DNA / Laak. Within a few weeks I have tracked down residents from my old neighbourhood and met fantastic new ones. With the great help for tips like initiatives @samen_voor_laak, and Vrouwenbuurtlab. Or anyone who could help shine a light on people, who are not always in the spotlight they deserve. Thank you! Had great conversations, laughed, danced in storm & wind, sometimes the conversation got to sad turns, and talked about problems of the neighbourhood. All these faces represent, or show a strong connection within the district in their own special way www.robinbutter.com/news/2022/5/7/exhibition-oog-in-oog-laak-haags-dna-haags-gemeentearchief-tramtunnel-gallery Solo

2022 Dragon's blood Brandstof Galerie Leerdam, Netherlands

PROJECTS

2023 Drakeblood / blood of the dragon The Hague - Beesel, Netherlands www.robinbutter.com/drakeblood Dragons are celebrated worldwide in various forms, such as stories, books, films and series. The most famous story in Europe is that of George and the Dragon, but how can this legend have a major impact on a small village community in Central Limburg, the Netherlands? Beesel is dragon territory! A dragon from the river Maas appears in this village once every seven years. The village then turns into an open-air spectacle, where 500 volunteers from the 2,500 inhabitants bring the story of George and the Dragon to life. When you are born in Beesel, 'drake blood' automatically flows through your veins. 'Drakeblood' is Limburg dialect for dragon's blood. The oldest known mention of the Beeselse dragon dates from 1736, where people sang about 'dat liedek van den giftighen draecke' (song of the poisonous Dragon), which is passed on from generation to generation. In the region, this phenomenon is known as the Dragon Stabbing. It seems to be much older, but due to a gigantic fire in 1899, many archives about the village were lost and it remains only speculation. By entering into close collaboration with the village, Robin has succeeded in capturing this age-old phenomenon and bringing it together in this photo book. In Beesel, a history has been created around an event that never took place.

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Solo
- 2019 'It takes my mind off things' self-published The Hague, Netherlands
www.robinbutter.com/it-takes-my-mind-off-things-photobook Publicatie in eigen beheer uit gegeven van 'It takes my mind off things' design by -SYB- edition: 400
- 2021 It takes my mind off things Space Place One - Gallery of Modern Art Space Place Nizhny Tagil, Russian Federation Solo exhibition - 'It takes my mind off things' - Robin Butter 11.11.21 - 28.11.21 @ Space Place One - Gallery of Modern Art Space Place
www.instagram.com/spaceplaceone/
Solo
- 2019 ELIA Academy 2019: What's going on Here? Decoding Digitality in Higher Arts Education. Stuttgart Academy of Art & Design, entrance hall Stuttgart, Germany In addition to the main event in September and the online festival, we support emerging artists throughout the year. NEU NOW operates as a platform promoting artistic excellence and creating an (inter)national springboard for artists of the future. Select artists are invited to show their work and participate in residencies with our partners including Foam Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam, Prix Europa Berlin and more. Selecting 1 artist of the previous editions from the past 10 years. Robin Butter is selected from the 2014 Neu Now group. www.elia-artschools.org/events/elia-academy
Solo
- 2018 Fake | Truts Rotterdam Photo Festival 2018 Rotterdam, Netherlands Photography has long been perceived as one of the most truthful mediums but has always been questioned. Images have the power to change the perception of the masses and alter history. Where a photojournalist attempts to impact the crowd with a "truthful" image, the conceptual artist might do the same with manipulated imagery. With the use of many types of photography, Rotterdam Photo seeks the line between real and fabricated with the theme Fake | Truth. We explore how truthful an image actually can be and how fabricated and altered images might actually be a gateway to a new truth.
www.rotterdamphotofestival.com/exhibitionprogram
Group
- 2018 -SYB- Sybren Kuiper Fotobook Festival Kassel Kassel, Germany All photo fotobookfestival.org/portfolio-item/10fbf/
Group
- 2018 'Different ways of portraiture' Hoogtij #52 Sue_das lab The Hague, Netherlands Portraiture is an important subject in photography. All photographic portraits that we present at Sue_Das Lab are made in completely different ways. By putting them together, we get a better insight on what portraiture can do. work: 'After all I still want a Fox' [Hoogtij #52 Sue_das lab](http://Hoogtij#52Sue_daslab)
Group
- 2018 Family of No Man Cosmos Arles Books Arles, France The Family of No Man is the culmination of an open call that has brought together 494 female and inter-gender artists from all around the world working in the medium of photography. The aim of this radical curatorial proposition is to revisit Edward Steichen's original The Family of Man, a seminal photographic exhibition and publication from 1955, which in its time was described "as one of the most ambitious undertakings in an art museum". work: 'Portraits of Power Boost'. thefamilyofnoman.com/infos.php
Group
- 2016 'It takes my mind off things' Paris Photo Main sector H2 / Dirk K Boeken Paris, France Showcase + book signing photobook 'It takes my mind off things' www.parisphoto.com/en/2016-program/
Group
- 2015 'It takes my mind off things' Life Framer, Think Tank Gallery, Los Angeles, US Los Angeles, United States Groupshow Life Framer photo exhibition www.life-framer.com
Group
- 2015 'The Photobook as art object' Delhi Photo Festival, New Delhi, India New Delhi, India The photobook as art object, curated by Regina Anzenberger www.delhiphotofestival.com
Group
- 2014 Neu/Noq Reid Gallery Glasgow, United Kingdom Neu/Now 2014 festival, Group show with graduates selected by Elia Art Schools to represent different Art Academies based in Europe of 2014.
www.neunow.eu
Group
- 2014 'A cup of Joe, historical coffee tents The Hague City Hall The Hague The Hague, Netherlands Solo exhibition in collaboration with The Hague Municipal Archive about the historic coffee tents in The Hague. Combination of archival images with not material

manufactured by Robin Butter www.denhaag.nl/nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/gemeentelijke-organisatie/atrium-city-hall-geeft-ruimte-aan-ideeen.htm
Solo

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2014 Neu/Now 2014 Glasgow, United Kingdom In addition to the main event in September and the online festival, we support emerging artists throughout the year. NEU NOW operates as a platform promoting artistic excellence and creating an (inter)national springboard for artists of the future. Select artists are invited to show their work and participate in residencies with our partners including Foam Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam, Prix Europa Berlin and more. www.neunow.eu
- 2013 Nicolai Howalt Copenhagen, Denmark nicolaihowalt.com
- 2013 Trine Søndergaard Copenhagen, Denmark trinesondergaard.com

SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2020 'It takes my mind off things' National Library of The Netherlands The Hague , Nederland Phtobook 'It takes my mind off things' is been added to the collection of the National Library of the Netherlands.
- 2017 'It takes my mind off things' Hellenic Centre for Photography Athenes, Griekenland museum collection
- 2014 'A cup of Joe, historical coffee tents The Hague The Hague Municipal Archives The Hague , Nederland government collection

COMMISSIONS

- 2021 Religion in change The Hague, Netherlands 20 portraits about 17 religious sites, which have changed markedly in recent decades. Churches have been completely demolished, others are now used by a different faith community than what the church was originally built for, and new places of worship have been built, such as the largest temple complex in the Netherlands that we find in Laak, and in many neighborhoods too. small or larger mosques. In short: the religious landscape changes with our lively and super diverse city!
haagsgemeentearchief.nl/images/PDF_bestanden/Fietsboekje_Geloven_in_v_finished
- 2017 Artist blog Der Greif Ausburg, Germany Public Domain - Every week an artist whose single image was published by Der Greif is given a platform in which to blog about contemporary photography. dergreif-online.de/contributors/robin-butter/ finished
- 2015 'the importance of art in society' Stroom Den Haag The Hague , Netherlands Art assignment - C & C projects Stroom vs Maris College Belgian Park guest artist / teacher. Guiding school students in their art projects www.stroom.nl finished
- 2013 'A cup of Joe, historical coffee tents The Hague Haags Gemeente Archief The Hague Art assignment - Cooperation for material and exhibition about the Hague coffee tent www.denhaag.nl/nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/gemeentelijke-organisatie/atrium-city-hall-geeft-ruimte-aan-ideeen.htm finished

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Drakeblood / blood of the dragon Book Lectoris Publishers Robin Butter The Hague, Netherlands lectoris.nl/product/drakeblood/ Dragons are celebrated worldwide in various forms, such as stories, books, films and series. The most famous story in Europe is that of George and the Dragon, but how can this legend have a major impact on a small village community in Central Limburg, the Netherlands? Beesel is dragon territory! A dragon from the river Maas appears in this village once every seven years. The village then turns into an open-air spectacle, where 500 volunteers from the 2,500 inhabitants bring the story of George and the Dragon to life. When you are born in Beesel, 'drake blood' automatically flows through your veins. 'Drakeblood' is Limburg dialect for dragon's blood. The oldest known mention of the Beeselse dragon dates from 1736, where people sang about 'dat liedek van den giftighen draecke' (song of the poisonous Dragon), which is passed on from generation to generation. In the region, this phenomenon is known as the Dragon Stabbing. It seems to be much older, but due to a gigantic fire in 1899, many archives about the village were lost and it remains only speculation. By entering into close collaboration with the village, Robin has succeeded in capturing this age-old phenomenon and bringing it together in this photo book. In Beesel, a history has

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- 2023
- 2019 Trendbook A/W 19/20 Messe Frankfurt Texworld Paris Paris , France [texworld-paris.fr/messefrankfurt.com/paris/en.html](https://www.texworld-paris.fr/messefrankfurt.com/paris/en.html) From the series 'Ocean Hope' - work in progress 2019 - a picture has been chosen to inspire their trend book for autumn / winter for 2019-2020
- 2019 'Shooting holes in zombies' NRC Media Diederik Huffels Amsterdam , Netherlands [nrc.nl](https://www.nrc.nl) Two photographs from the series 'It takes my mind off things', 2015 made it to page 6/7 in NRC weekend edition 'Leven'. About the difference between the gun culture in the US and here in the Netherlands. Text by Diederik Huffels, adventure in Las Vegas shooting with a Tommy gun at nazi zombie's and Koos Dijksterhuis critical response.
- 2017 Art Narratives Bologna/Italië [artnarratives.com/author/butter](https://www.artnarratives.com/author/butter) interview
- 2016 Le livre de la semaine Les Branchouilles, Paris Pierre Bressard Paris, France lesbranchouilles.com/photographie/wpa-de-robin-butter-le-livre-de-la-semaine/artikel
- 2016 Editorial It takes my mind off things Yet-Magazine artikel
- 2016 Der Greif magazine Ausburg, Duitsland magazine
- 2015 It takes My Mind Off Things expanded edition self-published kunstenaarsboek
- 2015 Life Framer, Tink Thank Gallery exhibition Life Framer, London catalogus groeps expositie
- 2014 ELIA Neu Now festival live 2014 Glasgow Elia, Amsterdam catalogus groeps expositie
- 2014 It Takes My Mind Off Things self-published kunstenaarsboek

REVIEWS

- 2022 Photographer Robin (35) immerses herself in Laak: 'The neighborhood is in your DNA, it never goes away' Newspaper AD - Haagsch Courant The Hague, Netherlands www.ad.nl/den-haag/fotografe-robin-35-dompelt-zich-onder-in-laak-de-buurt-zit-in-je-dna-dat-gaat-nooit-weg-a2bf5859/?referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F The @ad_denhaag today published an interview about the series 'Eye in Eye Laak' as part of the Hague DNA project, which has been on display in the Tramtunnel Gallery for several weeks. Thank you @christy92 for the conversation and the extra light on the beautiful people I got to photograph. Strengthen their (background) story more than the project. That was and is the soul purpose of it all. Photographer AD clearly had a different image of the District than I did. I am against visualizing communities, especially Muslim women in the media in this way.
- 2021 n.v.t. Newspaper NRC - Sarah Ouwerkerk Amsterdam, Netherlands www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2021/06/08/een-dorpje-in-de-ban-van-eeen-draak-a4046494 publication in national newspaper NRC 9 juni 2021 text written by Sarah Ouwerkerk. In the NRC newspaper I am taking you on an

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2024 Nominee Joop Swart Masterclass World Press Photo, NL Amsterdam, Netherlands nominees for the 2024 Joop Swart Masterclass, selected by an international panel of nominators.
- 2023 Funding for publication of photobook Drakeblood Het Cultuurfonds Amsterdam, Netherlands The Cultuurfonds has provided a contribution of [X] to facilitate the publication of the photobook Drakeblood / blood of the dragon by Publisher Lecturis in December 2023.
- 2019 Shortlist Paris , France International Women Photographs Award 2019
- 2015 Honored Stroom PRO Kunstprojecten The Hague, Netherlands
- 2015 Honored Fonds kwadraat Amsterdam
- 2014 Gehonoreerd Ydoc foundation, Amsterdam Amsterdam Ydoc PhotobookApp prize, winnaar
- 2014 Unseen dummy award, shortlisted Unseen, Amsterdam Amsterdam , Netherlands

adventure today, June 9th 2021. With the 'Drakeblood' story. Which I've been working on for about 2 years now, together with Beesel and the Draaksteken Foundation. Very exciting, to be published while still working on it, but even more exciting because I also have to build up a bit of responsibility for 2500 people of the village of Beesel.

2021 Interview local broadcaster television 'Summernight of.. TV Omroep P&M Venray , Netherlands www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EoaYb0kO2E Local broadcaster with its own version of Dutch hit program NPO- summer guests. Entitled 'The summer evening of..' Interviewed for 24 minutes for the broadcaster about the Drakeblood project

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2020 - - - Photography Teacher, for the 'Kunstplan' Royal Academy of Arts, Preparatory Course On-going

2019 - - - Guest teacher photography Preparatory Courses, Royal Academy of Art, The Hague On-going

2019 - 2020 Guest teacher architecture photography workshop for the Monumenten Zorg The Hague On-going

2019 - 2020 Post '65 teacher architecture photography, commissioned by

2018 - 2018 Technical assistant Michael Wolf for the exhibition at the Fotomuseum The Hague

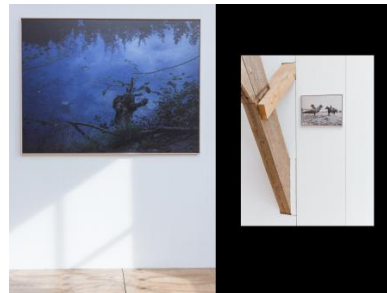
2018 - - - Museum educator The Hague Municipal Archives in collaboration with Historisch Informatiepunt

2018 - - - Photography technician, Photography workshop, Royal Academy of Art The Hague

2018 - 2018 Guest artist for FCA Group, BTS project Case Study, teaching workshop 'creative process (conceptualization and realization) of an image'.

2018 - 2018 technical assistant Michael Wolf - exhibition The Real Toy Story Fotomuseum The Hague

2015 - 2015 C&C Projecten, STROOM Den Haag vs MAris College Belgisch Park

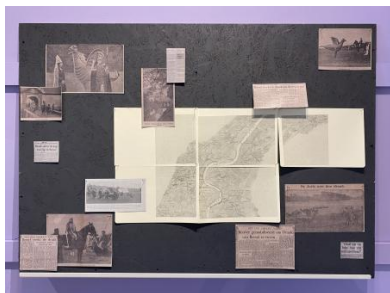


close up from installation exhibition Galerie Brandstof, 2022
C-print fine art Hahnemuhle Photo Paper Rag Metallic - ingelijst essenhout met blauwe kleurstelling, Various formats

Drakeblood / blood of the dragon - photobook, 2023
Offset printing - 188 pages of interior content + 2x 4 pages of glued endpapers in
HARDCOVER., 170 x 240 mm



Overview installation exhibition Galerie Brandstof, 2022
Various technics , Various formats



Close-up met archief foto's Beesel en Sint Joris en de draak, 2022
Reproducties van kranten en archief foto's, Various sizes



Set 1 project Cuntsmoons 2008-ongoing, 2021
HV Offset fullcolour, 350 gr/m2 edition: 50, 110x160mm



Dragonblood, Meuse newspaper collection, 2019, 2020
C-print, various



'Dragonblood, dragonstone, 2019', 2019
C-print, various



'Exhibition Hoogtij # 48, "It takes my mind off things", A gallery named Sue, The Hague 2017", 2017
Different media techniques , Various sizes



auto_awesome Vertalen uit het: Engels volume_up 105 / 5000 Vertaalresultaten Close up exhibition, Hoogtij # 48, "It takes my mind off things", A gallery Named Sue, The Hague 2017", 2017
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'It takes my mind off things' Graduation Dummy , 2014
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