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## VERENA BLOK

Verena Blok (1990) has a deep interest in personal histories and narrative storytelling. Intrigued by the way cultural and political factors influence one's life, she uses her lens-based practice to shed light on inner life and everyday "reality" of her protagonists. As a Dutch-Polish dual citizen, Blok maintains a keen awareness of her positioning between East and West. Her work often refers to the gendered performance of the self. The encounter with her subjects takes place in intimate settings and is the core of and the fuel for her work. By becoming close to them and embedding herself in their lives for stretches of time, she uses the context in which they exist as a studio, a backdrop to the narratives that both her and her subjects become part of.

### WEBSITES

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

### SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.instagram.com/verena\\_blok/](https://www.instagram.com/verena_blok/)

### MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

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## EDUCATION

- 2020 - Amsterdam, Rijksacademie van Beeldende  
2022 Kunsten diploma
- 2014 - MA Photography Breda, St. Joost Academie  
2016 diploma
- 2009 - BA Photography Den Haag, Koninklijke  
2013 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Theater Bellevue Amsterdam,  
Netherlands En ze maakte een kind  
[Group](#)
- 2022 RAUW Museum Het Rembrandthuis  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2022 Open Studios 2022 Amsterdam,  
Netherlands  
[Solo](#)

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Casa Snowapple, Mexico
- 2020 Rijksacademie van beeldende kunsten,  
Amsterdam (upcoming) Rijksacademie van  
beeldende kunsten, Netherlands
- 2019 KAMEN Artist Residency, Bosnia and  
Herzegovina

- 2022 Shoeglazing Dürst Britt & Mayhew,  
Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2021 Open Studios 2021 Rijksakademie van  
beeldende kunsten Amsterdam  
[Group](#)
- 2020 'Generation Z' Noorderlicht  
International Photo Festival Museum  
Belvedere, Heerenveen, Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2020 UNFAIR Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2020 "Borders: Verena Blok, Stefanie Zofia  
Schulz, Marvin Bonheur" 11th Organ  
Vida Photography Festival: Hesitant  
Images Zagreb (KR), Croatia  
[Group](#)
- 2019 Prospects & Concepts Art Rotterdam  
Rotterdam, Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2019 'The Image Is Our Voice' Melkweg Expo  
Amsterdam, Netherlands Unseen Fair X  
Melkweg Expo  
[Group](#)
- 2019 'Robota' Elementarz dla Mieszkanców  
Miast Krakau, Poland  
[Solo](#)
- 2018 Freedom of Movement Stedelijk  
Museum Amsterdam Amsterdam,  
Netherlands Freedom of Movement  
[www.stedelijk.nl/nl/tentoonstellingen/freedom-  
of-movement](http://www.stedelijk.nl/nl/tentoonstellingen/freedom-of-movement)  
[Group](#)
- 2018 Somfy Photography Award Utrecht  
Centraal Station, Netherlands group  
show of 10 nominees  
[Group](#)
- 2017 'My Name in a 100 Colophons' Lief  
Hertje en de Grote Witte Reus Den  
Haag  
[Group](#)
- 2016 'RE:' RE:, Melkweg Expo, Amsterdam  
MA Photography, AKV I St. Joost  
[Group](#)
- 2015 'On The Move: Storytelling in  
Contemporary Photography and

Graphic Design' Stedelijk Museum  
Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[Group](#)

2015 'I Smell Like Rain' Galeria PF, Poznan,  
Polen, Biennale Fotografii Poznan,  
Poland  
[Solo](#)

2014 Transphotografiques Lille, France  
[Group](#)

2013 Poznan Photo Diploma Award  
Slodownia +1 Gallery Poznan, Poland  
[Group](#)

## COMMISSIONS

- 2023 De Correspondent Rotterdam,  
Netherlands beeldverhaal  
Winteropvang finished
- 2023 VPRO Nederland, Netherlands  
Podcastserie van Maartje Duin, 'Mina &  
Mevrouw' finished
- 2018 VPRO Nederland/Polen research  
reisserie 'Moja Polska!' finished
- 2018 Orkater/de Volkskrant Nederland  
beeldverhaal finished
- 2016 Vrij Nederland Nederland beeldverhaal  
finished
- 2016 Christa van der Meer Nederland serie  
van collectie finished
- 2015 De Volkskrant Nederland portretten  
culturele bijlage, V finished

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 GUP Magazine #58 GUP magazine
- 2016 Quickscan #02 FW:, Nederlands  
Fotomuseum Rotterdam catalogus  
groepstentoonstelling NFM
- 2014 On the Move: Storytelling in  
Contemporary Photography and  
Graphic Design Stedelijk Museum

## SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2023 Young Collector's Circle Editions  
Nederland, Nederland 'Blagoje and Sava,  
July 2019, Trebišnjica River, Trebinje,  
Bosnia and Herzegovina, edition of 5
- 2019 Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam Nederland,  
Nederland 'Robota', 2018
- 2015 Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam Nederland,  
Nederland 'I Smell Like Rain', 2013

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

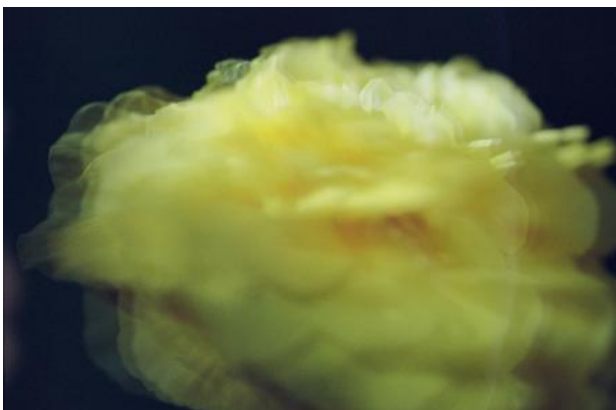
- 2024 Publicatie Mondriaan Fonds (voorheen  
Fonds BKVB)
- 2024 Kunstenaar Project Mondriaan Fonds  
(voorheen Fonds BKVB)
- 2023 Subsidie Vrouwelijke Kunstenaars Cultuur  
Fonds

Amsterdam catalogus  
groepstentoonstelling

- 2019 PRO Onderzoek, Stroom Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2019 Pro Kunstprojecten, Stroom Den Haag Netherlands
- 2019 UNSEEN Photo Fair | Nominated for Futures , Netherlands
- 2018 Projectinvestering Kunstenaar Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam (NL) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2017 Pro Invest Stroom
- 2017 Werkbijdrage Jong Talent Mondriaan Fonds Amsterdam
- 2015 DocuDenHaag Beurs Het Nutshuis, Den Haag
- 2013 Grand Prix Winner Poznan Photo Diploma Award, Poznan, Polen Poznan, Poland
- 2013 Nominatie Unseen Dummy Award Netherlands

## SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2024 - Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam | Scout  
2024 Gemeentelijke Kunstaankopen 2024-  
2025
- 2018 - Kunsteducatie Nest / The American  
2018 School
- 2018 - Minerva Academie Groningen  
2018



'Untitled, September 2024, Warsaw', 4025

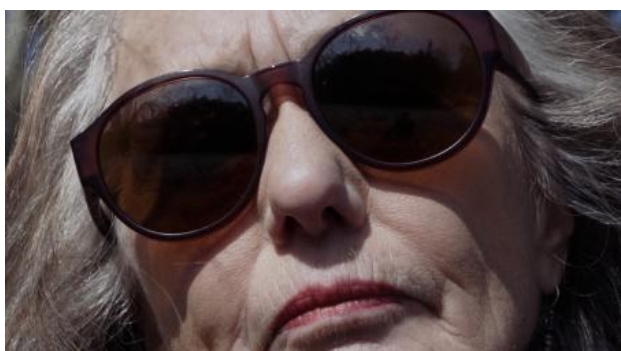


'Agnieszka, September 2024, Warsaw', 2024

'Untitled, March 2024', 2024



'Anneliese, October 2023, Berlin', 2023



Out Lookers, 2022  
7:26 min, one channel video and sound installation



Mirek's Dahlas, 2021, 2021  
Fuji Film Polaroid, 99 mm x 62 mm



Marcin, 2020, 2020  
Fuji Film Polaroid, 99 mm x 62 mm



Robota, 2018  
one channel video and sound installation





Robota, 2018  
one channel video and sound installation



Weronika, Elk, Poland, 2018, 2018