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ROEL VAN HEESCH

R.B van Heesch (NL, 1991) creates films, poetry and photographs.

R.B. van Heesch (b. 1991) is a Dutch visual artist exploring the world of cinema through themes of spiritual transformation, identity, and the subconscious. By blending fiction with abstraction, his work breaks away from traditional storytelling, crafting immersive, dreamlike experiences. Working with both analogue and digital techniques, R.B. uses cinema as a medium for introspection, stripping away the layers of the self to examine personal and collective spiritual growth. His work challenges the boundaries between reality and perception, questioning how film can not only reflect but also evoke transcendent experiences.

WEBSITES

familyunitproductions.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

soundcloud.com/user-487612110

EDUCATION

2020 - Clinical hypnotherapy, level 2 Life Practice
2020 UK

2016 - Buddhism, Retreat Dae Sung Shakya,
2016 Korean Temple

2012 - Buddhism, Apprentice Kopan Monastery
2012

2012 - Beeldende Kunst Den Haag, Koninklijke
2016 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

EXHIBITIONS

2023 RIPENED ON A TREE Fitzrovia Gallery
Londen, United Kingdom
fitzroviagallery.co.uk/myportfolio/ripened-on-a-tree/
Group

2022 The Amazing Stoner Movie Festival
Cinema Oasis Bangkok, Thailand
amazingstonermovie.com/
Group

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Residency Unlimited New York City, United States

2024 Byrdcliffe Art Colony Woodstock, United States

2024 Last Ship Khajuraho, India

- 2021 PROSPECTS & CONCEPTS Art
Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2021 PAME INT. FILM FESTIVAL. Pokhara,
Nepal pamefestival.com/
[Group](#)
- 2020 Onze Ambassade Festival West Den
Haag, Netherlands
[www.westdenhaag.nl/exhibitions/20_09 OnzeAmbassadeFestival](http://www.westdenhaag.nl/exhibitions/20_09_OnzeAmbassadeFestival)
[Group](#)
- 2018 Passive Activists III Moose Space Den
Haag, Netherlands
www.hoogtij.net/en/galerie/moose-space-2/
[Group](#)
- 2017 Curse of the Dark Safeness Parkstraat
107 Den Haag, Netherlands
Experimentele expositie evenement van
één nacht op geheime locatie.
[Group](#)
- 2016 Who Am I? What's My Name? SID
YOUNG ART INITIATIVE Glasgow,
United Kingdom 'Who am I what's my
name?' is the debut exhibition of the
Sid Young artist initiative, featuring
video works of Molly Haviland, Roel van
Heesch, Katerina Sidorova and Debbie
Young. Each dig to the very core of
what is it to be human ; investigating
language and narrative, for it is a
passtime for solely the human species.
The works presented deal with the
matters of love but as an illness; choice
but as a rollercoaster ride; skill as
genetic memory and consciousness as
the sign of insanity. [www.sid-](http://www.sid-young.space)
[young.space](http://www.sid-young.space)
[Group](#)
- 2016 AS CLOSE TO BLACK AS BLUE CAN BE
Megastores Groepsexpositie. Den
Haag.
[Group](#)
- 2016 Bring Your Own Beamer The Lighthouse
Glasgow, United Kingdom The
Lighthouse is hosting our very own
BYOB: Bring Your Own Beamer
(Projector) with the theme Architecture!
BYOB was created by the artist Rafaël
Rozendaal in 2010 as a DIY open
source, non-commercial exhibition

idea. Since then over 350 exhibitions all of the world have taken the idea and created their own exciting events. This will be the third time it has been held in Glasgow. The Lighthouse has kicked off 2018 by opening up Gallery 1, our largest space, for 2 weeks (19th January – 2nd February 2018). We invited designers, architects, artists, and filmmakers to submit films and bring along their equipment to create projections and works responding to architecture in all forms.

www.thelighthouse.co.uk/visit/exhibition/byob-bring-your-own-beamer
Group

2016 FILLER Groningen, Netherlands Visions and reactions on popular culture.
sign2.nl/events/filler/
Group

2014 Uitgelicht #28 Den Haag, Netherlands Film program with short films by students of the Royal Academy of Art (KABK), departments of Fine Arts. Ranging from animation to documentary, from funny to touching and from personal to political, these films reflect a broad spectrum of ideas and methods. All filmmakers are present to talk about their work.
www.filmhuisdenhaag.nl/agenda/event/uitgelicht
Group

2014 ReVersed Poetry Film Festival Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands Film festival where artists explore the intersection between poetry and film.
pamefestival.com
Group

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Desert Ocean Book Self Published R.B van Heesch Khajuraho, India
rbvanheesch.bigcartel.com/ DESERT OCEAN & OTHER POEMS Collection of poems (2018-2024) Printed in Khajuraho, India. Limited edition of 10 hand-numbered copies.

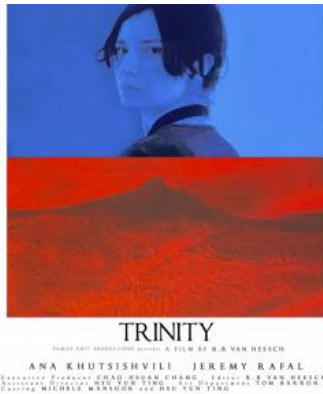
AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022 Finalist European Cinematography Awards Amsterdam, Netherlands The European Film Award for Best Cinematographer, also known as Carlo Di Palma European Cinematographer Award, is an award given to cinematographers working in the motion picture industry by the European Film Academy.

2021 Pro Research (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den

Haag Den Haag, Netherlands

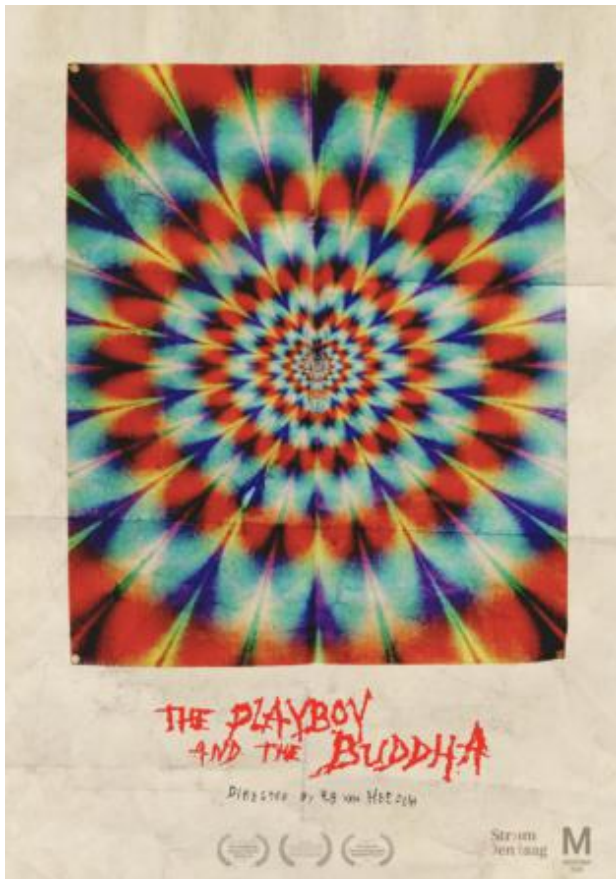
- 2021 Artist Project Grant Mondriaan Fonds (voorheen Fonds BKVB) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2019 STIPENDIUM FOR EMERGING ARTISTS Mondriaan Fonds (voorheen Fonds BKVB) Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2017 Pro Invest (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands



Trinity, 2025



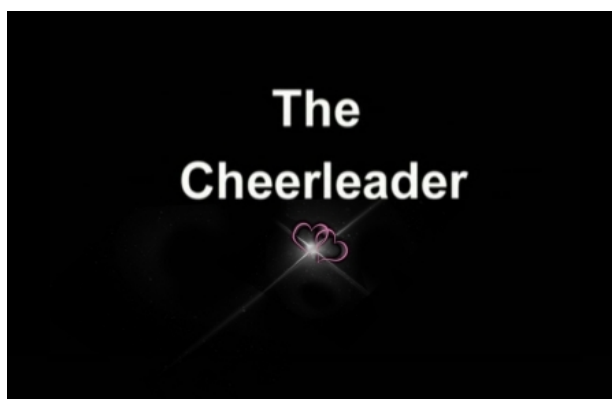
+/-, 2022
Video



Eclipse, 2021
Video



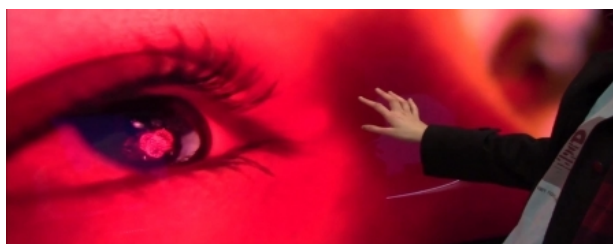
The Playboy and the Buddha, 2021
Video en film



The Cheerleader {Prologue}, 2017
video, 5 min



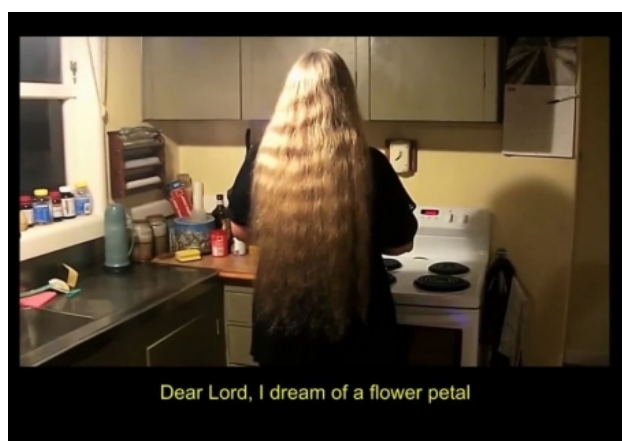
The Finger, 2016
video, 2 min



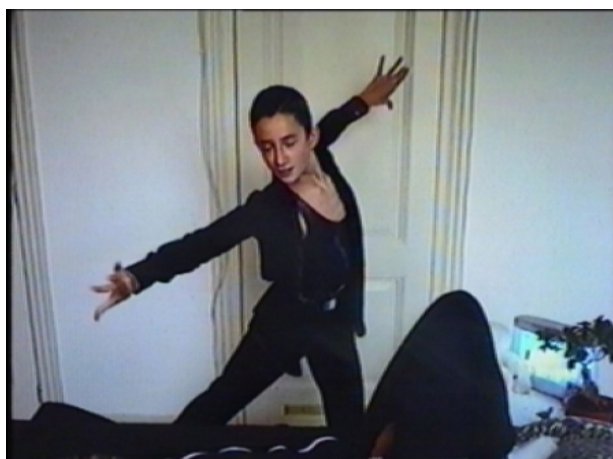
The Transhuman, 2016
film, 5 min



The Astronaut: Revisions of the Past, 2016
video, 5 min



The Mother, 2015
video+super 8, 2 min



The Dancer, 2015
video, 2 min