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SHANI LESEMAN

I explore the role of magic in everyday life. Central themes are witchcraft, rituals, and the object as bearer of meaning. Through an associative and intuitive working method, making mostly paintings and ceramics, I explore these subjects and (revived) wisdom I stumble upon during my training to become a witch.

WEBSITES

www.shanileseman.nl

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

[vimeo.com/shanileseman](https://www.vimeo.com/shanileseman)

EDUCATION

- 2017 - 2017 Fine Arts Listahaskoli Islands
- 2014 - 2018 Fine Arts, painting Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Prospects Art Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2024 16UP 38CC Delft, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2024 Symbiosis Series Post Nijmegen, Netherlands with Isabel Cavenecia
[Duo](#)
- 2024 Festival Analog Grafische werkplaats the hague, Netherlands in collaboration with GC Heemskerk
[Group](#)
- 2023 Do for Love Museum IJsselstein IJsselstein, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2023 Atemporal Hiccup Apotheek Amsterdam, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2023 The Grand Palace of Everyone Nest The Hague, Netherlands In collaboration with Iris Luijkenaar, presented in one installation with Laurens Gabriël and Tommy Smits
[Group](#)
- 2023 De Grote Keramiekshow 3 No Limits! Art

PROJECTS

- 2021 Garden of Stars The Hague, Netherlands
shanileseman.nl/sterrentuin

- Castle Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group
- 2022 SteC-NeXT Melkfabriek Den Bosch,
Netherlands
Group
- 2022 Milk is Murder, fundraiser/expositie W139
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Fundraiser/exhibition in collaboration with
Gijsje Heemskerk and Trees Heil for cow
sanctuary de Leemweg
Group
- 2022 When Things are Beings Stedelijk Museum
Amsterdam, Netherlands s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/production-static-stedelijk/images/_whats%20on/tentoonstellingen/2022/When%20things%20are%20beings/WhenThingsAreBeings2022/NL-FINAL24112022-SMALL.pdf
Group
- 2022 *Magie* Nieuw en Meer Amsterdam,
Netherlands Duo show with Gijsje Heemskerk
nieuwenmeer.nl/%e2%9c%a9-%e2%8b%86magie-%e2%8b%86-%e2%9c%a9/
Duo
- 2022 When Things Are Beings Stedelijk Museum
Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.stedelijk.nl/nl/tentoonstellingen/when-things-are-beings-2
Group
- 2021 The man who became two men Atelier Oh Nee
The Hague, Netherlands in collaboration with
Caroline Straver
atelierohnee.blogspot.com/2021/02/27-februari-2021-de-man-die-twee-mannen.html
Duo
- 2021 De Koninginnedag Tentoonstelling Hgtomi
Rosa The Hague, Netherlands Curated by Jan
Dirk Adams & Constantijn Scholten
Group
- 2021 Garden of Stars II Ketelstraat 23 The Hague,
Netherlands Sculpture garden revolving
around worshipping of the sun
www.shanileseman.nl/Sterrentuin
Group
- 2020 The Garden of Stars Ketelstraat 23 The Hague,
Netherlands The garden of Stars was a
sculpture garden in the garden of our studio
space, organised/curated together with Siem
Beets, Caroline Straver and Brigitte Louter
Group
- 2020 Tiny Art Gallery The Hague, Netherlands
Group
- 2020 Rhythms of the Evergreen DYAD Amsterdam,
Netherlands
Duo

- 2019 A good work will work Nieuwe Vide Haarlem, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2018 Graduation Festival Royal Academy of Art The Hague, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2018 Get Serious! Kunsthøgskolen i Oslo Oslo, Norway
[Group](#)
- 2017 The thing must fit under the chair in front of you RÝMD Reykjavik, Iceland Exhibition in collaboration with Brigitte Louter and Nikki Selser
[Group](#)
- 2017 Nokia's Tagline MOOOF The Hague, Netherlands Pre-end exam exhibition
[Group](#)
- 2017 Mother's Garage Various locations Reykjavik Reykjavik, Iceland A group show where all participating artists arranged a presentation space somewhere in town, visitors were driven around by cars
[Group](#)
- 2016 To play in a loop Kavine Kultura Kaunas, Lithuania Video screening
[Group](#)
- 2016 Walk this way please, sir/madam Gallery P Vilnius, Lithuania Collaboration with Saule Noreikaite
[Duo](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2023 ateliers'89 Ateliers'89, Aruba Residency and workshop Arte den Bario
- 2017 Listahaskoli Islands, kunstacademie Reykjavik, IJsland Reykjavik, Iceland Exchange

REVIEWS

- 2022 Art as an exercise for gratefulness. Website Petra Boonstra Netherlands
jegensentevens.nl/2022/05/stroom-invest-interview-artist-shani-leseman/

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Talismagic Book Zelf Shani Leseman The Hague, Netherlands
- 2021 The story of the man who became two men Book Shani Leseman, Caroline Straver The Hague, Netherlands

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Nomination Royal Award for Modern Painting Koninklijke Prijs voor vrije schilderkunst Amsterdam, Netherlands



ateliers'89 installation, 2024



Right Time Right Place, 2023
oil paint, acrylics on canvas, 150 x 130



art rotterdam, 2023
oil, ecoline, acrylics, charcoal, pastel on canvas



Dragon & The Magic Mountain, 2023
glazed ceramics, installation



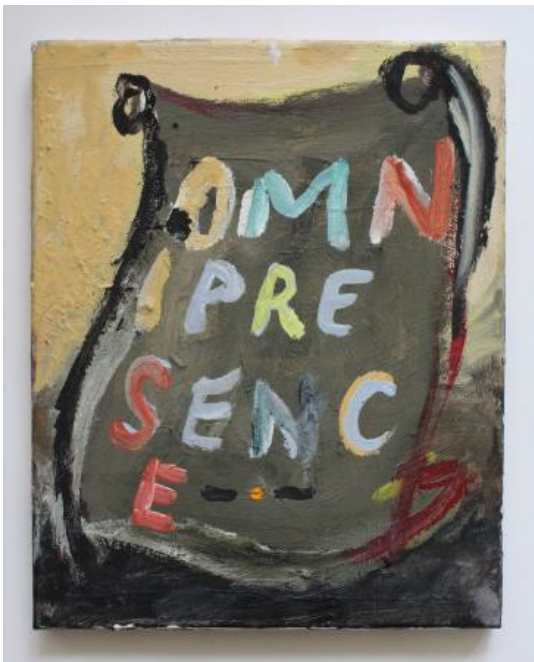
Magie installation view, 2022
acrylics on paper, canvas, installation



Talismagic, 2022
glazed ceramics, installation



detail as above, 2021
oil, acrylics, charcoal, pencil on canvas, 120 x 140



omnipresence, 2021
oil and acrylics, 24 x 30



wood wide web, 2021
oil paint, acrylics on canvas, 150 x 115



As Above, 2020
oil, acrylics, charcoal on canvas, 120 x 140