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LEONIE BRANDNER

collecting glitter at the edge of what I can perceive

I make objects out of everyday materials, I stitch, I sing and I write. I am interested in material narratives, how things hold stories and how materials are tied up in narrative experience. I am invested in dreams and wishful thinking, as much as functionality and feeling like a necessary part of a system – in short I am interested in belonging, how I belong, how we belong, how things belong to a situation especially those that don't seem to make any sense. Dealing with loss, inevitable changes, isolation and separation, life is an exercise of letting go, living with brokenness and trying to meet my surrounding not with defiance but generosity. We all belong together – the loss, the hurt, the joy, the humans, plants, animals, rocks and minerals. That is why I am invested in making ecosystems: installations in which the individual parts, objects, scents, texts, songs and video alike not only reference but dependent on each other. My work is influenced by botany, feminist practices, by stories that are handed down from one generation to the next and a deep ecological concern for the care we return to our environment. The materials and craft practices I deploy – pottery, stitching, cutting, gluing, assembling – reference domesticity and often gendered labour. I cherish the fragile, the delicate and tenderness as the vitality and determination of my practice. I work with textures, texture as stories, textures as something resonating in the hollow of the mouth, vibrating under the tips of fingers or as an aftertaste on tongues. And it is them, textures, that bring the various aspects of my work together in kaleidoscopic worlds on the edge of evaporation.

WEBSITES

personal website with CV and portfolio

leoniebrandner.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

brandner.leonie

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

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EDUCATION

- 2022 - CAS Ethnobotany and Ethnomedicine
- 2022 University Zurich diploma
- 2019 - MA Artistic Research Den Haag, Koninklijke
- 2021 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma
- 2018 - Emerging Artist Opportunity British Council
- 2019 Germany, Berlin
- 2015 - Barbican Young Visual Arts Group Barbican,
- 2016 London
- 2014 - UK Young Artists UK Young Artists,
- 2014 Leicester Festival, Leicester

- 2013 - BA Fine Art (Hons) Chelsea College of Art
2016 and Design, London UK diploma
- 2012 - Art Foundation University of Art and Applied
2013 Sciences Lucerne, Switzerland diploma

EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Test Case EKWC Oisterwijk, Netherlands As part of my EKWC residency I could take part in an open studio exhibition Test Case. ekwc.nl
Group
- 2025 In appreciation of Earth Weltkunstzimmer Düsseldorf, Germany The end of the borderland residencies I participated in took on the form of an exhibition. borderland-residencies.eu
Group
- 2025 Borderland presentation Art Düsseldorf Düsseldorf, Germany The end of the borderland residencies I participated in took on the form of an exhibition. borderland-residencies.eu
Group
- 2025 Ghosts of ancient futures Jevouspropose Zurich, Switzerland presentation of research into moonhorns. jevouspropose.ch
Solo
- 2025 Moonhorn Hotel Maria Kapel Hoorn, Netherlands As part of my residency at Hotel Maria Kapel I am delighted to organise a 3-week exhibition. www.hotelmariakapel.nl/projecten-2025/brandner
Solo
- 2024 Staunen, ordnen und vergleichen Haus zur Glocke Steckborn, Switzerland art space for contemporary art in Steckborn Switzerland hauszurglocke.ch/home
Group
- 2024 Kunstlokal Festival Ritterhaus Bubikon Bubikon, Switzerland Nina Guo and I presented our choir performance 'If Only'. www.kunstlokal-festival.ch
Group

PROJECTS

- 2023 Three Becomes One Botanical Garden Zurich, Switzerland Presentation of current research around the Mandragora at the Botanical Garden in Zurich.
- 2022 Library Session - Leonie Brandner Stroom Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands Library Session about Leonie Brandner's research, held at the Stroom Library December 2022
- 2022 Woven in Vegetal Fabrics Casion Display Luxembourg, Luxembourg www.casion-display.lu/events/woven-in-vegetal-fabric-on-plant-becomings Conference alongside the Exhibition, presentation of work and participation

- 2023 Auswahl 23 Aargauer Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland Exhibition showcasing artists from the county of Aargau.
www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch/ausstellungen/2023/781
Group
- 2023 Springboard Art Fair Werkspoorkathedraal Utrecht, Netherlands showcase of emerging artists who graduated during the Corona pandemic springboardartfair.nl
Group
- 2023 Big Art Fair Bajeskwartier Amsterdam, Netherlands Art Fair for big installation art in the Netherlands bigart.nu
Group
- 2023 Cosmology of Dogs Keinraum Lucerne, Switzerland solo exhibition in a vitrine space in Switzerland keinraum.ch
Solo
- 2023 Next Generation Tudelhaus Baden, Switzerland www.trudelhaus-baden.ch
Group
- 2023 museum opening night Honden Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands Screening of my recent film 'Choose, chime, jiggle death comes in a whiggle' as part of the opening night of the dog museum in Amsterdam.
Group
- 2022 Positions: Wiliting Moss and Night Dreaming Flowers Stroom Den Haag, Netherlands A presentation of work in progress centred as part of the Positions Programme at Stroom.
www.stroom.nl/activiteiten/kleine_presentatie.php?kt_id=2930049
Solo
- 2022 Mossopera Alti Bleichi Wohlen, Switzerland Presentation of the Moss Opera for which Nina Guo and I received the Experiment Fund by Pro Argovia 2021.
Duo
- 2022 Kunstlokal Festival Nähmaschinen Museum Zürich, Switzerland Group exhibition over the summer 2022 in the countryside around Zurich.
www.kunstlokal-festival.ch
Group

- 2022 16. Jungkunst Jungkunst Winterthur, Switzerland Exhibition of young Swiss Artists www.jungkunst.ch
Group
- 2022 Woven in Vegetal Fabrics - On Becoming Plants Casino Luxembourg Luxembourg, Luxembourg a show all around plants with a conference and catalogue to go alongside it.
www.casino-display.lu
Group
- 2021 Sun Kissed // Fog Off Quartair Den Haag, Netherlands Collective student project with series of performances and events kabkmar.hotglue.me
Group
- 2021 The Hague Contemporary The Hague Contemporary Den Haag, Netherlands The winners of the KABK thesis department Awards will be able to show their thesis at the show.
thehaguecontemporary.nl
Group
- 2020 Manual for Rocks Eck der Raum für Kunst im Speck Aarau, Switzerland Solo exhibition in an artist-run space in Switzerland. I received funding for the exhibition by the NAB bank as well as the city council Aarau. www.kunst-im-eck.ch/archiv/leonie-brandner-gebrauchsanweisung-fur-felsen/
Solo
- 2020 Auswahl 20 Aargauer Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland The art museum 'Aargauer Kunsthaus' has a yearly open call for a group exhibition. I have been able to exhibit my work in it in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020.
www.aargauerkunsthhaus.ch/ausstellungen/2020/571
Group
- 2020 The Ongoing Conversation 1646 Den Haag, Netherlands final show of the first year Master Artistic Research students.
Group
- 2020 Auswahl 20 Aargauer Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland The art museum 'Aargauer Kunsthaus' has a yearly open call for a group exhibition.
www.aargauerkunsthhaus.ch

Group

- 2019 Marvellous Living BcmA Berlin, Germany I won an open-call by the artist-run space BcmA to have my own solo exhibition in the space. Alongside the exhibition I had two performance evenings.
[Solo](#)
- 2019 Slip: Joyrobix European Tour Tour across UK, Germany, Switzerland London, Birmingham, Berlin, Aarau and more, United Kingdom Joyrobix was performed in London, Bristol, Birmingham, Bradford, Newcastle, in Köln, Berlin and Aarau.
[Group](#)
- 2018 Almost Home Vitrine01 Berlin, Germany The exhibition space is a small vitrine on an underground station in Berlin.
[Solo](#)
- 2018 Auswahl 18 Aargauer Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland The art museum 'Aargauer Kunsthaus' has a yearly open call for a group exhibition. I have been able to exhibit my work in it in 2014, 2016 and 2018.
www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch/ausstellungen/rueckschau/2018/?showUId=483&cHash=4503109188a7b3c6f35ee87dab746b8b
[Group](#)
- 2018 Archipiélago Old British Embassy Madrid, Spain 'Archipiélago' was a week long residency and exhibition in the former British Embassy Building in Madrid. archipelago.space
[Group](#)
- 2018 Nature Morte Fringe Arts Festival Bath Bath, United Kingdom I won the open call to be part of the Fringe Arts Festival in 2018. www.fringeartsbath.co.uk
[Group](#)
- 2016 Auswahl 16 Aargauer Kunsthaus Aarau, Switzerland The art museum 'Aargauer Kunsthaus' has a yearly open call for a group exhibition. I have been able to exhibit my work in it in 2014, 2016 and 2018.
www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch/ausstellungen/rueckschau/2016/?showUId=361&cHash=279425edcbc8edcacfa6ca73c4ed0308
[Group](#)

2016 This Was The Future Barbican Conservatory London, United Kingdom
The Barbican organised a group for young emerging artist to weekly meet, do workshops, get introduced to people and eventually have an exhibition at the conservatory in the Barbican. I won an open call to be part of the group.
[Group](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2025 Artist in Residency bij Hotel Maria Kapel, Hoorn, Nederland Hoorn, Netherlands I am delighted to be invited for a residency in 2025 at the Hotel Maria Kapel to work on Water Neithers. www.hotelmariakapel.nl

2024 Forum Schlossplatz Aarau, Switzerland Residenz Residenz a two week residence living and working at the Forum Schlossplatz
www.forumschlossplatz.ch

2024 Borderland Residencies Kranenburg, Germany borderland-residencies.eu

2024 Sea Foundation Tilburg Tilburg, Netherlands artist in residence
www.seafoundation.eu

2024 EKWC - European Ceramic Workcenter, Oisterwijk, NL Oisterwijk, Netherlands artist in residence for 3 month ceramic residency ekwc.nl

2022 Rizoom online, Netherlands Instagram Take Over rizoom.art/Takeover-203-Leonie-Brandner

2018 Archipiélago Madrid, Spain Artist-run residency in the former British Embassy building. The result of the residency was a weekend of exhibitions and performances in the same building.
archipelago.space

COMMISSIONS

2021 If I can't Dance Amsterdam, Netherlands costume for a performance by Benny Nemer as part of Lisa Robertson's participation at If I Can't Dance ificantdance.org finished

2019 Joyrobix Berlin, Germany stage design for music pieces finished

SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

PUBLICATIONS

2020 Yellow Spoon Melbourne Architekten
Aarau, Zwitserland

2024 Three Becomes Two Becomes One
Becomes None Book Onomatopée,
Eindhoven Leonie Brandner Eindhoven,
Netherlands
www.onomatopée.net/product/three-becomes-two-becomes-one-becomes-none/ The mandragora plant is one of the best-recorded gynaecological herbal substances. It is also the only plant in the European context historically depicted as a half-human-half-plant-creature. The mandragora was, is and continues to be haunted by stories. Could its many stories hold a key to lure our minds off paths well-trodden? What if the mandragora holds the potential for new orders and for world-making; for a cosmopoiesis of mandragoras. Three Becomes Two Becomes One Becomes None explores the medicinal and magical mandragora plant, and the many stories that grew around it across history. Artist Leonie Brandner's writing moves from the beginning of recorded storytelling to ancient Egyptian and Greek mythology, tracing the lines the mandragora has left behind in medicinal books, folklore and eventually the impact the plant had in the hunt on so-called witches in the Middle Ages. Gently weaving her own perception and encounters with the plant through her rigorous historical research, Leonie Brandner creates a kaleidoscopic image of human-plant-imaginings across time.

2021 Dreaming in the Museum - Potted Plants as Indicators of Trauma in Museological Settings Book myself Leonie Brandner Den Haag, Netherlands This text portrays the triangular history of potted plants, museum displays and trauma diagnosis. It is a collection of stories across time in different places, gathered almost like a bouquet of flowers – stories of peoples' lives, stories of potted plants and stories about the way we account for the fragmenting effects traumatic experiences can have. But above all it is a story about hope, wonder, and joy – the joys of experience, and in particular the joys of being in the world together.

REVIEWS

2023 Six Questions Website Tique Art online,

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 ondersteuning van mijn residentie bij

	Netherlands tigue.art/six-questions/leonie-brandner/ Tique asks six questions to an artist about their work and inspiration.		EKWC Patronagefonds Basel, Switzerland Support of my ceramic residency at EKWC.
2022	Kultur - Meng Ouere si meng Aen Radio 100komma7 Luxembourg, Luxembourg www.100komma7.lu/podcast/384670 Radio Interview about the exhibition 'Woven in Vegetal Fabrics' at Casino Display Luxembourg	2024	publication moonhorn Het Cultuurfonds Amsterdam, Netherlands support of a accompanying publication to my moonhorn project.
2022	Interview Jungkunst Radio Radio Stadtfiler Winterthur, Switzerland soundcloud.com/stadtfiler/leonie-brandner?in=stadtfiler/sets/interviews-von-der-16-jungkunst Interview as part of the Jungkunst exhibition	2024	Pro Kunstprojecten (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Deen Haag, Netherlands Grant to print my book 'Three Becomes Two Becomes One Becomes None - cosmopoiesis of mandragoras' in collaboration with Onomatopee.
2022	Sleep Magazine Posthumanist London, United Kingdom theposthumanist.com The Posthumanist is a bi-annual English and German magazine featuring art, design, technology and writing. Each issue presents one theme from various more-than-human perspectives, inviting readers to imagine what living together on planet earth is and could be.	2024	Printing Contribution Jaap Harten Fonds Amsterdam, Netherlands Grant to print my book 'Three Becomes Two Becomes One Becomes None - cosmopoiesis of mandragoras' in collaboration with Onomatopee.
2022	Plant Magic, Poison and Remedy Magazine Hooops Magazine Berlin www.instagram.com/hooops.garden/ Magazine contribution	2024	project contribution Niarchos Foundation St. Moritz Support for my residency at the EKWC.
2022	Stroom Invest Interview / Leonie Brandner Website Indra Devriendt online, Netherlands jegensentevens.nl/2022/05/stroom-invest-interview-artist-leonie-brandner/	2023	Gwärtler Grant Gwärtler Basel, Switzerland The Gwaertler Grant supports work in the arts that seeks to make a concrete difference to the context in which it is presented. The grant is specifically geared towards practitioners in all of the arts who are getting started on a project and need support for a wide range of activities.
2021	Van Stuk Tot Museumstuk Magazine Metropolis M Amsterdam, Netherlands www.metropolism.com/nl/features/45662-van-stek-tot-museumstuk Feature Article written by Leonie Brandner	2023	Mandragora-Choir Medley Aargauer Kuratorium Aarau, Switzerland A project contribution to enable a Choir Production with large scale installation which will be performed in September 2024.
2021	Die Aargauerkunst treibt frische Blüten Newspaper Aargauer Zeitung Aarau, Switzerland www.aargauerzeitung.ch/kultur/die-aargauer-kunst-treibt-frische-bluten-ld.2213679 article about the group exhibition 'Auswahl 21'	2023	Godi Hertig Stiftung Godi Hertig Stiftung Aarau, Switzerland Printing cost contribution for my publication 'Three Becomes Two Becomes One Becomes None'
		2023	Project Contribution Elisabeth Weber Stiftung Zurich, Switzerland Project

2020	Kunst ist wie Spaghetti mit Tomatensauce Magazine Neujahrsblätter Aarau, Switzerland Artist Interview	Contribution to found the Mandragora Choir Medley in collaboration with Nina Guo
2023		Godi Hertig Stiftung Godi Hertig Stiftung Aarau, Switzerland a project support grant by the foundation Godi Hertig to cover the fees of the Big Art Fair
2022		Makersregeling City Council Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands A Grant to learn a craft which I used to learn how to dye with botanical inks in collaboration with the Grafische Werkplaats in den Haag.
2022		Godi Hertig Stiftung Godi Hertig Stiftung Aarau, Switzerland a project support grant by the foundation Godi Hertig to cover costs for my work at the Jungkunst
2022		Jungkunst Edith Suter Stiftung Aarau, Switzerland a project support grant by the Aarau based foundation Ruth und Edit Suter Stiftung.
2022		Three Becomes One Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands Makersregeling Grant to work with the Grafische Werkplaats in Den Haag and make a publication with Elisa Piazzi
2021		Nominee for Royal Academy Masters Award 2021 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands I was shortlisted for Royal Academy Masters Award 2021.
2021		Winner of the Master Artistic Research Department Thesis Award 2021 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands My thesis 'Dreaming inside the Museum' won the Master Artistic Research Department Thesis Award 2021
2021		Pro Invest (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands Pro Invest Grant for young Artists
2021		Experiment Pro Argovia Aarau, Switzerland Grant to fund the making of the Moss Opera in collaboration with Nina Guo.
2020		Corona Support Fund Stadt Aarau Aarau, Switzerland An exhibition of posters on the streets in Aarau as part of a Corona Support Fund Scheme for artists.

- 2020 Manual for Rocks NAB Kulturförderstelle Aarau, Switzerland A grant by the Neue Aargauer Bank Kulturförderstelle to support my solo exhibition 'Gebrauchsanweisung für Felsen'.
- 2018 Emerging Artist Grant British Council Germany Berlin, Germany A grant to support a piece to be made as part of British Council Germany's scheme for Emerging Artists.

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2024 - Masterclass KASK Ghent
2024
- 2022 - Jury Master artistic research, KABK
2022 application procedure
- 2022 - -- substitution ceramic workshop
assistant KABK On-going
- 2021 - studio assistant Benny Nemer
2022
- 2020 - Guest Tutor Chelsea College of Art
2020



If Only, 2024
sung performance, variable



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sung performance, variable



Three Becomes One Becomes None, 2024
Book, 20 cm x 15 cm



Three Becomes Two Becomes One Becomes None, 2024
book, 20cm x 15cm



Three Becomes One Becomes None, 2024
book, 20 x 15