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## CLARA LEZLA

Clara lezla is a visual artist and designer based in the Hague and originally from Bordeaux (France). She is part of the artist run space Trixie and is also its in-house designer alongside graphic designer Selina Landis. Her focus lean towards story telling and popular visual references rooted in fairy tales, myth and cinema. Through different experimental craft techniques she investigates the different ways in which language and words take shape into tangible locations and space. Looking at her work you could recognize the influence of video games, cartoon, and fun fair culture mixed with an interest for animism and rituals.

## WEBSITES

This my personal website, showcasing different projects I worked on.

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

Trixie is an artist-run space located in the Stationsbuurt, neighbouring the red light district of The Hague. Led by a diverse group of young artists, Trixie is an initiative that encourages artistic production through collaboration and exchange. With our diverse backgrounds we run a space which consists of 15 studio spaces – currently hosting 17 artists, a gallery and a workshop. Trixie runs a public programme, inviting diverse groups of artists to experiment with alternative presentation strategies and expand their practice, network and audience with the use of our space and resources. Through Trixie, we aim for a sustainable working structure and public programme, which is a valuable asset for its members, their professional development as well as the cultural landscape of The Hague and beyond.

[www.trixieth Hague.nl](http://www.trixieth Hague.nl)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.instagram.com/bouncy\\_beni/](https://www.instagram.com/bouncy_beni/)

## MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Trixie

## MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

Trixie the Hague

## EDUCATION

- 2016 - Graphic Design Den Haag, Koninklijke
- 2020 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma
- 2012 - BTEC Higher National Diploma in Graphic
- 2014 Design École publique Estienne ESAIG, Parijs diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

2022 De Grote Keramiek Show, 2nd Edition  
Sexyworld amsterdam, Netherlands  
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both the "outsider" art world and the  
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unique and talented.  
[www.outsiderland.nl](http://www.outsiderland.nl)  
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2022 De Braid Maastricht Institute of Art  
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Braid ('the braid') is a platform for all  
graduates from Maastricht Institute of  
Arts from 1823 to the future.  
Maastricht Institute of Arts is the  
educational institute for the arts in the  
south of the Netherlands and beyond  
and part of Zuyd University of Applied  
Sciences. Since 1823, it has committed  
itself to opening various courses in the  
(visual) arts to a broad, diverse and  
mixed population of students from the  
Netherlands and abroad. The Institute  
values the development of authorship  
with an emphasis on creating,  
developing concepts and the

## PROJECTS

2021 KABK Open Daag Royal Academy of Art The  
Hague The Hague [www.kabk.nl/open-dag/op-de-hoogte-blijven](http://www.kabk.nl/open-dag/op-de-hoogte-blijven) With graphic  
designer Selina Landis, I developed the  
entire identity campaign for the Open Day  
2022 of the KABK. (concept, development,  
execution). We gathered different types of  
elements and materials (scan, paintings,  
ceramics, plaster) to create the  
symbolic visual of a hatching egg. Our aim  
was to push the limit and expectation of  
what an identity is and to experiment with  
different types of mediums that I  
personally use in my practice. Hence the  
ceramic typeface.

continuous process of exploration and reflection. An open and dynamic curriculum with room for experiment, which takes into account changing society and professional practices, links the programs with recognizable Bachelor and Master exit profiles in disciplines and hybrid forms: Bachelors in Communication and Multimedia Design, Design | Architecture and Interior Design, Design | Design, Design | Visual Communication, Fine Art and Design in Education, Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts Masters in, Architecture, Interior Architecture, Fine Art and Design, Scientific Illustration [thebraid.nl/now/](http://thebraid.nl/now/)  
Duo

2021 Handing out Opinions weloveschool Vienna, Austria For her master's thesis at the Vienna University of Applied Sciences, together with the Association of Vienna Youth Centers (Bos5), Theresa Scherrer created a platform where the viennese youth could express their opinion freely. Scherrer used the simple but brilliant idea of the pizza box as a medium with the lid as a place for messages, to spread these opinions throughout the city. The entire collection of Pizzaboxes and the interview conducted were showed during an exhibition in October in the independent art space WelooveSchool in Vienna. [meinungausteilen.at](http://meinungausteilen.at)  
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2021 De architectuur van een wondere wereld Het Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Netherlands Walt Disney's fantasies have grown from temporary distractions on the cinema screen into defining influences on global pop culture. The cartoonist, along with the empire he founded, has won both praise – for his technological innovations and the apparent simplicity and recognisability of his storytelling – and notoriety. The ingenuity with which he seamlessly entwines fairy tales and reality is accompanied by a compelling and one-sided conception of what the resulting wonderful worlds – and their inhabitants – should look like. Walter Elias Disney (1901-1966) created on-

and off-screen fantasy worlds in which viewers and visitors can temporarily escape everyday reality. His “wonderful world” had a modest beginning in the 1930s with cartoons and animated shorts but, with the creation of full-length films, theme parks, resorts and cruise vacations, it mushroomed into a global media empire over the following decades. The staging of an alternative reality was not confined to the movies and the Disneyland parks. With every step in the development of the company, the image of Walt, and his Walt Disney Company, has been carefully cultivated and expanded. That constructed impression – of Disney as a carefree genius, the “father of the middle class”, whose company produces feel-good environments for the whole world – has a downside. With a blend of nostalgia, utopianism, simplification and cuteness, Walt Disney entices his audiences to immerse themselves in a world where reality and fiction merge. Inspired by European literature and architecture, Disney, known as the embodiment and champion of the American Dream, underlies a highly specific and limited type of cultural production. This propagates a largely uniform identity, with the traditional white family at its heart. The animated characters and storylines affirm and reinforce gender roles and racial stereotypes, helping to normalise discrimination and the exclusion of everyone who is “different”. As part of this project, Het Nieuwe Instituut and the curator are actively committed – including by providing work assignments – to making room for voices and perspectives that are insufficiently represented, or deliberately marginalised, in Disney’s oeuvre and legacy.

[wonderewereld.hetnieuweinstituut.nl/en](http://wonderewereld.hetnieuweinstituut.nl/en)  
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2021 F1 Flag Show Trixie The Hague The Hague, Netherlands For the F1 Flag Show, Trixie had an Open Call for creatives from and around The Hague to design their very own TRIXIE THE HAGUE flags. Each participant or group

of participants got a letter of our title TRIXIE THE HAGUE to develop into a flag design, which was going to be hang and on display for a month on the facade of the Trixie building. These flag symbolized the beginning of the new season program of Trixie.

[www.trixieth Hague.nl/events/f1-flag-show/](http://www.trixieth Hague.nl/events/f1-flag-show/)  
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- [www.outsiderland.nl/events/geweest/jan-hoek-bruin-parry/](http://www.outsiderland.nl/events/geweest/jan-hoek-bruin-parry/)  
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## COMMISSIONS

- 2021 HUNGER 2021/2022 RJM  
VANDERHEYDEN The Hague,  
Netherlands Artist musician RJM Van der Heyden asked artist Rebecca Joly (PARIS) to create the new visual for her record release. This project is seen as an artist's collaboration around Dungeon Synth music. Rebecca Joly and I joined our drawings and skills to illustrate Robin's universe. It was

## SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2021 Gnome Necromancer Private individuals  
Amsterdam My ceramic plate Gnome Necromancer has been sold during the exhibition show ; "De Grote Keramiek Show » in Sexy world, organized by Jan Hoek.

applied on a poster and on a long printed paper stripe insert in the tape case. The project will be released in January 2022.

[www.rjmvanderheyden.eu](http://www.rjmvanderheyden.eu)

- 2021     Handing out Opinions Theresa Scherrer  
Vienna For her master's thesis at the Vienna University of Applied Sciences, together with the Association of Vienna Youth Centers (Bos5), Theresa Scherrer created a platform where the viennese youth could express their opinion freely. Scherrer used the simple but brilliant idea of the pizza box as a medium with the lid as a place for messages, to spread these opinions throughout the city. With the young Viennese students, she created more than 50 designs from August to December 2020. Each of them represented a personal attitude, a story, or an appeal to society. She also asked different designers and artists (myself included) to illustrate some of these "life advices". The results of this collaboration were silkscreened on pizza boxes and, in cooperation with surrounding pizzerias, will be distributed throughout Vienna.  
[meinungasteilen.at](http://meinungasteilen.at) finished
- 2021     The Architecture of Staged Realities  
Het Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Netherlands I was commissioned by curator Saskia Van Stein to showcase my video work « Hypnosis of the Stolen Painting » in the exhibition « The Architecture of Staged Realities ». I decided to create another video work in the continuity of the first one. I was approached by Saskia during my graduation show exhibition at the KABK a year ago. More infos about the exhibition can be found in the exhibition section.  
[wonderewereld.hetnieuweinstituut.nl/en](http://wonderewereld.hetnieuweinstituut.nl/en)  
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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2022     Architecture of Staged Realities,  
Examines Disney's Lasting Cultural  
impact Hypebeast Shawn Ghassemitari

## REVIEWS

- 2022     Wxtch Craft Zine Magazine Program  
curator: Erika Sprey Design, art-direction  
and program advisor: Dayna Casey Den

[hypebeast.com/2022/1/het-nieuwe-instituut-disney-the-architecture-of-staged-realities](https://hypebeast.com/2022/1/het-nieuwe-instituut-disney-the-architecture-of-staged-realities)

2022 Wxtch Craft Zine - Spring 22 Book  
Studium generale Program curator:  
Erika Sprey Design, art-direction and  
program advisor: Dayna Casey Den  
Haag, Netherlands  
[www.instagram.com/wxtchcraftkabk/](https://www.instagram.com/wxtchcraftkabk/)  
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directed learning place to be owned up  
by students who may use it as a  
testing-ground and amplifier for their  
issues of concern.

2022 What is the social and cultural impact of  
Walt Disney's legacy? AEX  
[www.architecture-  
exhibitions.com/en/het-nieuwe-  
instituut/de-architectuur-van-een-  
wondere-wereld](https://www.architecture-exhibitions.com/en/het-nieuwe-instituut/de-architectuur-van-een-wondere-wereld)

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## SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2020 - -- Graphic Designer On-going

2019 - Artist Assistant for Kevin Bray  
2020





Legendes de la Citrouille, 2022  
Glazed Ceramic, 17cmx28cm



Lulu le Malin, 2022  
Glazed Ceramic, 24cmx24



SirButter Billy Wiggle, 2022  
Glazed Ceramic, 15cmx25cm



Wtch Craft Zine - Spring 22, 2022  
Scan Ceramic, A5







Hypnosis of the Stolen Painting- The Geographer, 2021  
Video Work (3R renders, animation, interview),  
1920x1080



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