

## Biography Iris Honderdos



As an artist, Iris Honderdos has her roots in several different backgrounds. After having worked in psychiatry, she started a study with the AVEK in Leeuwarden to become drama teacher, but she moved to the Academy of Fine Arts in Utrecht in 1986. Apart from three-dimensional work, she became fascinated by photography. As a freelancer she worked for several magazines. Apart from that, she searched for the 'third dimension': she wanted to escape the world of just points on paper, by combining it with other materials. She ended up creating large spatial installations.

In 1992 she was invited to take part in an international symposium in the former Czechoslovakia, just after the fall of communism. It was there she discovered the core of what would become so specific in her projects she carries out all over the world; Meeting people in new, unknown or difficult situations and translating those experiences into a work of art on the spot. She usually asks for a contribution like a word, picture or drawing. These 'tokens' play an important role in the final installation and make the process more personal, not only for the artist, but also to those directly involved.

*"...I go to places, without preparing myself. I walk around, observe and talk to the people, trying to discover what's living inside, what touches me. I look for a way to respond in a visual work that is connected with the people and the place I'm in. I have experienced that art can be a strong tool in mutual understanding and communication, especially when it concerns people in difficult situations..."*

# Iris Honderdos      Art on location

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## Training

Academy for Expression and Communication (AVEK), Leeuwarden  
Academy of Art (HKU), Utrecht

## Exhibitions

2014	"The making of Pim & Pom, Het Grote Avontuur"	film
2014	"Faces of Rosen", Bulgaria	film
2014	Art project Rosen, Bulgaria "Faces of Rosen"	installation
2014	Holland Doc radio " <i>Emmaus</i> "	radio documentary
2013	Promo Eiland8, City hall, Utrecht	film
2013	"Fiamah", Liberia	film
2013	Art project, Koudum, Friesland	installation
2012	Art project, Uganda "Rooted"	installation
2012	Art project, Sierra Leone	installation
2012	" <i>Traditional healers</i> " Meghalaya, India	film
2012	Art project, Meghalaya, India	installation
2012	Holland Doc radio " <i>Zinvol geweld mag</i> "	radio documentary
2011	1 Minuut, VPRO radio	radio documentary
2011	Selection of recent video's. Opening Building 1, De Kersenboomgaard, Utrecht and promotional video's for Kid'sArtpark	YouTube account ArtonLocation
2011	Art project, Yerevan, Armenia "With love from..."	installation
2011	Videoclip "Popstar" by The Mindless	videoclip
2010	"The making of" Pim and Pom, a Duch animation series	video
2010	Promotional video CU The exhibition	video
2010	Promotional video CU in Sophies AL	video
2010	TOT (Training of trainers) Hanoi, Ha Giang, Vietnam	training
2009	<i>Ik heb d'r niks mee</i> Holland Doc radio	radio documentary
2008	Art project Ekenas, Finland	installation
2008	Art project Ha Long, Vietnam	installation
2008	<i>Water</i> Experimental Film	film
2007	Art project Cao Bang, Vietnam	installation
2006	Videoclip rapsong by The Cactusblossems, VN	videoclip
2006	Art project Hanoi, Vietnam	installation
2006	Art project Thai Nguyen, Vietnam	installation
2005	<i>Klaproos/Poppy</i> (Nominated for the OneMinuteAward)	film
2005	Mayrau miners museum, Kladno, Czech	installation
2005	Art Studio, Kiev, Ukraine	installation
2004	Mayrau miners museum, Kladno, Czech	installation
2004	Public Library, Rotterdam, The Netherlands	installation

2004	City hall, Wijk bij Duurstede, The Netherlands	installation
2004	City hall, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands	installation
2003	City hall, Breda, The Netherlands	installation
2003	<i>Tros</i> , National TV, art project	sculpture
2003	City hall Utrecht. The Netherlands	installation
2002	Gallery 2000, St. Petersburg, Russia	installation
2002	<i>Chesta</i> , Tabor, Czech	installation
2001	Primary school, Novi Sad, Serbia	installation
2001	City hall, Subotica, Serbia	installation
2001	<i>Nyenrode</i> , The Netherlands	installation
2001	<i>Tivoli</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
2001	City hall, Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
2000	<i>Mala Loka</i> , Slovenia	installation
2000	<i>Mainland Sequoia</i> office, Nieuwegein, NL	installation
1999	<i>Int. Roadside Sculpture Symp.</i> , Korea	installation
1998	<i>Nine Dragon Heads Int. symposium</i> , Korea	installation
1998	Sarajevo, Bosnia	installation
1997	<i>SPD</i> office, Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
1997	<i>Faculty of Philosophy</i> , Belgrade, Serbia	installation
1996	<i>De Galerij</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
1996	<i>Novus</i> , Budapest, Hungary	installation
1996	<i>Watergalery</i> , Budapest, Hungary	drawings
1996	<i>Otok/Sponza</i> , Dubrovnik, Croatia	installation
1995	<i>Sophie's Palace</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
1995	<i>Vollgummi</i> , Int. Symposium, Austria	installation
1995	<i>Sophie's Palace</i> , Utrecht, The Netherlands	installation
1994	<i>Industrial Memorial</i> , Valencia, Spain	installation
1994	Varsseveld, Leerdam, The Netherlands	installation
1994	<i>ABC-Complex</i> , Hoorn, The Netherlands	installation
1993	<i>Stroomhuis</i> , Neerijnen, The Netherlands	group exhibition
1993	Gallery <i>Jedno Rozec</i> , Praag, Czech	duo
1993	<i>PAN-Festival</i> , Zaltbommel, The Netherlands	installation
1993	Gallery <i>Severka</i> , Praag, Czech	installation
1992	<i>Hermit</i> , International art symposium, Plasy, Czech	installation
1991	<i>Museum of Fine Arts</i> , Belgium	solo
1991	Gallery <i>Contact J</i> , Antwerpen, Belgium	solo
1990	Gallery <i>K61</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands	duo
1989	<i>Brakke Grond</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands	solo

### Articles, interviews

Omrop Fryslân	documentary	2013
Several newspapers Uganda	articles/photo's	2012
Several newspapers Meghalaya, India	articles/photo's	2012
YLE National TV Finland/Sweden	documentary	2008
Several newspapers Finland	articles/photo's	2008
Local and National TV Vietnam	presentation/interview	2006/07/08
Several newspapers Vietnam	article/photo's	2006/07/08
<i>Meer TV</i> Utrecht, NL	interview, film	2005
Local and national TV Ukraine	opening	2005
National TV NL " <i>The white coat</i> "	documentary	2004
Local and national newspapers, NL	installation <i>Refugees</i>	2003/04
TV Utrecht, NL	interview	2003
Radio Utrecht, NI	interview	2003
TV Utrecht, NL	documentary	2003

Radio Novi Sad	interview	2001
Radio Vojvodina, Serbia	interview	2001
Several newspapers, Serbia	article/photo opening	2001
<i>Utrechts Nieuwsblad</i> , NL	article/photo	2001
<i>Straatnieuws</i> (Streetnews), NL	article Wim v. Noort	2001
Newspapers en Artmagazine, Korea	article en photo's	1999
New wallpaper C.L. A'dam/Sarajevo	article J. Keesom	1999
<i>Internationale Samenwerking</i> , NL	article F. v.d. Veen	1998
MBC, national TV Korea	documentary	1998
Several newspapers Korea	articles, photo's, interv.	1998
Bosnian newspaper <i>Vecernje Novine</i>	article/photo opening	1998
KRO radio <i>Dingen die Gebeuren</i> , NL	interview K. Blonden	1997
Several newspapers Serbia	interviews	1997
BK TV news Serbia	speech for students	1997
Radio <i>INDEX</i> Belgrade, Serbia	several interviews	1997
Radio <i>B92</i> Belgrade, Serbia	several interviews	1997
<i>Utrechts Nieuwsblad</i> , NL	article M. Slagboom	1996
<i>Radio Dubrovnik</i> , Croatia	interview	1996
Spanish TV	art item	1994
Local and national newspapers, NL	installation Leerdam	1994
Film ' <i>BRAM</i> ' Dutch Film days	Joost Verhey	1993
Czech TV	art item	1993
Czech magazine ' <i>Fotografia</i> '	article, E. Mateju	1993
Czech TV	art item	1992
Magazine ' <i>FOTO</i> ', NL	article Wim Broekman	1991

### **Admissions and acquiries**

Film for Foundation Fiep Westendorp		2014
Installation for Beeldhouwcentrum Koudum		2013
Installation for KNOV, Sierra Leone		2012
Installation for Tropeninstituut, Uganda		2012
Installation and film for Tropeninstituut, Meghalaya, India		2012
Installation for MCNV Ha Long, Vietnam		2008
Installation for MCNV Cau Bang, Vietnam		2007
Installation for MCNV Thai Nguyen and Hanoi, Vietnam		2006
Installation for Foundation for Refugees, NL		2003
Installation for Survival Art Foundation, NL		2001
Installation for <i>SOL</i> , Nijenrode, NL		2001
Installation for the <i>Mainland Sequoia</i> building, Nieuwegein, NL		2000
Installation for the <i>SPD</i> building, Utrecht, NL		1997
Photographic works, acquired by the municipality, Utrecht, NL		1991
International and national private collections		

### **Financial Support**

Netherlands Embassy, Helsinki, Finland	2008
Netherlands Embassy, Kiev, Ukraine	2005
Yushenko Foundation 3000, Ukraine	2005
SISU, Utrecht, NL	2002
Royal Netherlands Embassy, Seoul, Korea	1998
Royal Netherlands Embassy Belgrade, Serbia	1997
Royal Netherlands Embassy Budapest, Hungary	1996