

DIRK HARDY

B. 1989 Boxtel, The Netherlands

Dirk Hardy explores the complexity of life in an idiosyncratic and empathic way. In the creation of his constructed tableaux, he draws from a web of personal observations, memory and imagination, and responds to both large and small events in the world.

Hardy's hyper-realistic and narrative working method creates a direct encounter between the viewer and the subject. For each Episode Hardy designs, builds and photographs another 'world' on a life-size scale in his studio and he shows his photomontages life-size, one-to-one, in a lightbox with a window frame.

Since hyperrealism and imagination are fully interwoven, the viewer is witness to a series of contemporary, mesmerizing fairy tales that not only astonish but also give food for thought. Each meticulously constructed diorama takes 3 to 4 months to complete. *Vivarium* is an ongoing project Hardy started in 2018.

Exhibitions & Art Fairs

- 2022 Solo exhibition: Vivarium, NFM Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam
Group exhibition: Small is Beautiful XL, Flowers Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Solo Exhibition: Vivarium, Leica Gallery Konstanz, Germany
PAN Amsterdam Art Fair, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Group exhibition: Laurent Germain Collection, Art Luxembourg, Luxembourg
EXPO Chicago Art Fair, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Group exhibition: The Pink Edition, Rutger Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2021 Group exhibition: Vivarium, BBA Gallery Photography Prize, Kühlhaus, Berlin, Germany
Solo exhibition: Libertas, Clay, Void, Vivarium, MOYA Museum of Young Art, Oosterhout, The Netherlands
Group exhibition: Vivarium, Aesthetica Art Prize Museum Exhibition, York Art Gallery, York, United Kingdom
Solo exhibition: Void, Timișoara, Romania
Solo exhibition: Void, Cluj Napoca, Romania
- 2019 Photo Basel Art Fair, solo exhibition, Basel, Switzerland
- 2015 Group exhibition: Void, Dutch Ministry of Finance, The Hague, The Netherlands

- Group exhibition: Clay, Binnenmaas Art Prize, Binnenmaas, The Netherlands
2014 Group exhibition: Clay, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Graduation show: Clay, Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2013 Group exhibition: Libertas, GUP New Dutch Photography Talent, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Education

- 2010-2014 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Photography, Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam, NL
2014 Minor in Critical Theory, Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam, NL
2007-2010 Architecture, University of Technology, Eindhoven, NL

Internships

- 2013 Pieter Henket, New York City, NY, USA
2013 Boom Productions Inc, New York City, NY, USA

Awards & Grants

- 2021 BBA Gallery Photography Prize, 2nd Prize, Berlin, Germany
Futures Photography, talent, 2021, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Aesthetica Art Prize, nomination shortlist, York, United Kingdom
Stokroos Foundation, grant.
Stroom Foundation, grant.
2020 Prix Photoforum, nomination longlist, Photoforum Pasquart, Bienne, Switzerland
2015 Art Prize Binnenmaas, 1st Prize, Binnenmaas, The Netherlands
Henri Winkelman Award, nomination, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2014 NEW Dutch Photography Talent, cover award, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Fontanel Dutch Design Talent, award, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Drempelprijs Graduation Show Award, nomination, Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam, NL