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## ELLEN RODENBERG

About being and doing About the social and individual About the emotional and rational About places and unconsciousness  
Reading, listening, with a sense of rhythm and moods Working on the soul in the age of rage Working on beauty which  
leads me to the unknown.

To express my idea of life as a complex weaving of experiences (working in my body), I use all kinds of drawing and painting materials, layering them on top of each other, and create large and small drawings, books, installations, and performances. In recent larger drawings, I layer one on top of the other and draw and paint until I see effects of colour, transparency and line patterns emerge in moving organisms/creatures (in relation to each other) that show me something of what lives consciously and unconsciously in my mind and body. The paper I use can be of all kinds and ages, from dust sheets to high-quality watercolour paper. It can be new or previously used, contain traces of previous paintings or be damaged; it fits my idea of a body that has lived, aged and remembers. In the sketchbooks (see the link write draw book), writings and drawings interact. All this is done to express and draw the invisible and unspeakable aspects of mutual influence.

### WEBSITES

personal website

[www.ellenrodenberg.nl](http://www.ellenrodenberg.nl)

website collective

[www.ex-mekh.nl](http://www.ex-mekh.nl)

website collective

[www.art-s-cool.nl](http://www.art-s-cool.nl)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

[mastodon.social/@exmekh](https://mastodon.social/@exmekh)

[pixelfed.social/ellen-rodenberg](https://pixelfed.social/ellen-rodenberg)

[@ellenrodenberg](https://www.instagram.com/ellenrodenberg)

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### MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

EX-MÊKH, Art-S-Cool

### MEMBER OF A PLATFORM, DIGITAL OR OTHERWISE

Stroom

arteventura

PlatformsProject

### EDUCATION

1992 - Painting, Drawing, Lithography Den Haag,  
1994 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende  
Kunsten diploma

1974 - Biology, Drawing Pedagogische Academie,  
1977 Amsterdam diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Brota el Pueblo The area Puerto Gil Corteconcepción, Spain Initiated by Ellen Rodenberg and Maarten Schepers, an art event was organised on 28 June by Arteventura and Hybrid\_arte in the Puerto Gil neighbourhood. see for a report [www.ellenrodenberg.nl](http://www.ellenrodenberg.nl) Over de tentoontelling: Brota el pueblo resignifies the square, hermitage, lavaderos and other points of Corteconcepción with adapted works that play with the representation of nature and the inclusion of this in the process of creation. Nature acquires a spiritual dimension : the hermitage, a place of devotion and prayer, will be interpreted by the artists adding their works inspired by the environment and leaving them in this special space as relics of their own artistic practice. Water, fluidity, emergence and emanation are concepts that cross transversally the installations, as well as the memory of a people and the reinterpretation of its places from new perspectives. Seven international artists collaborate with three local to see what is and highlight what is new, and thus make the village sprout. Arteventura & Ana Sanfrutos - Hybrid Art [www.ellenrodenberg.nl/l%20Brota%20el%20pueblo%20Corteconcepci%C3%B3n.%20Arteventura%20Ana%20Sanfrutos%20Group](http://www.ellenrodenberg.nl/l%20Brota%20el%20pueblo%20Corteconcepci%C3%B3n.%20Arteventura%20Ana%20Sanfrutos%20Group)
- 2024 On Mêkh beach / Reversing the Tide Tobacco Factory Athens, Greece the collective EX-MÊKH jointly created a presentation depicting a beach with surf. Drawings and objects we had washed up daily or gave back to the sea. The last day in the form of exchange to the public. [platformsproject.com](http://platformsproject.com) Group
- 2024 ¿De dónde? Characters Hotel petit Palace Santa Barbara Madrid, Spain For Hybrid Art Fair 2024, EX-MÊKH created the installation "Con Alma" in hotel room 217. We received visitors during the day and slept there at night. All other rooms were also temporarily occupied and transformed by art initiatives. inhabited and transformed. In this room we asked ourselves: Where from? And with this question I made a drawing installation in the bathroom. Title: Characters see the exmekh site for pictures. [www.ex-mekh.nl/](http://www.ex-mekh.nl/) Group
- 2022 CON ALMA Hotel Petit Palace Sante Bárbara, Madrid Madrid, Spain For Hybrid Art Fair 2022, EX-MÊKH created the installation "Con Alma" in hotel room 110. We received visitors during the day and slept there at night. All other rooms were also temporarily occupied and transformed by art initiatives. inhabited and transformed. [ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/con-agma](http://ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/con-agma) Group

## PROJECTS

- 2023 EQUINOX\_SAME BUT DIFFERENT 222lodge, Dordrecht Dordrecht, Netherlands [unnoticedart.com/equinox-same-but-different/](http://unnoticedart.com/equinox-same-but-different/) Equinox – same but different is an international event for public action for freedom for all people. Every year on the Equinox (around 20 March and 21 September), the duration of day and night is roughly equal around the world. In the spirit of cosmic equality, the event is a global connection for people performing together in public space. This sharing of time and space brings us closer together, as a temporary (global) community to encourage, through performance art, non-violent expressions for locally specific conditions. There will be no programme of consecutive performances but everything takes place simultaneously, collaborations can arise spontaneously.
- 2016 PARALLELSHOW#6 Unnoticed Art Festival Delphi, Greece [theparallelshow.com/?page\\_id=630](http://theparallelshow.com/?page_id=630) performance prepared and executed in Delphi, Greece
- 2016 EPILODGE 222citylodge, Dordrecht Dordrecht, Netherlands [222lodge.nl/index.php/home-of-lots-of-stuff/](http://222lodge.nl/index.php/home-of-lots-of-stuff/)
- 2015 CITYLODGE Dordrecht, Netherlands [222lodge.nl/index.php/home-of-lots-of-stuff/](http://222lodge.nl/index.php/home-of-lots-of-stuff/)
- 2012 MALIEVELD Den Haag, Netherlands [www.ellenrodenberg.nl/P\\_Malieveld\\_2012.htm](http://www.ellenrodenberg.nl/P_Malieveld_2012.htm) from 2012 to 2014 we met every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon with a number of artists at Malieveld. We made and documented art and then left again.

- 2022 WORMHOLE "Nikos Kessanlis" Exhibition Hall of the Athens School of Fine Arts Athens, Greece The paintings of SCRIPT are part of the installation WORMHOLE which the collective EX-MÊKH ( Ellen Rodenberg, Maarten Schepers, Kees Koomen) made for the independent Art Fair for Platforms Project in Athens. [ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/wormhole](http://ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/wormhole)  
Group
- 2021 STAGE AROUSAL (2) EP7 Paris Paris, France The exhibition on the facade of EP7 Paris (KRAATZ invited artists group Ex-Mêkh) is accompanied by a weekend of performances, workshops, and an official curatorial ceremony around the opening.  
Group
- 2020 FE\_MALER Vitrine U Berlin, Germany A project 'Femmes City' by A Trans for showcases of Metro station 'Kleistpark' Fe- Maler was performed in installations and performances by EX-MÊKH during the month of September 2020. [atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ellen-rodenberg-ex-mekh-femaler/](http://atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ellen-rodenberg-ex-mekh-femaler/)  
Solo
- 2019 MÊKH\_WEB LIVE Quartair Den Haag, Netherlands EX-MÊKH is a collaboration in making exhibitions by Ellen Rodenberg, Kees Koomen, Maarten Schepers. In Mêkh-web live, they invited several artists to participate.  
Group
- 2019 CQUENSE Culture Centre, Athens Athens, Greece The video CQUENSE was made during the Covid pandemic. The video shows performances performed on the Malieveld in The Hague. [ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/cquence](http://ex-mekh.keeskoomen.nl/cquence)  
Group
- 2019 EX MÊKH\_PROBE Haus der Statistik Berlin, Germany 8.12. — 31.12.2019 | Open Hours permanently In this exhibition EX-MÊKH will show their inspiration and working method, the themes that have always been important to the collective. The preceding acts together with the collective of KRAATZ during the performance weekend will be used as fertilizer for the process that will eventually result in an exhibition about the creating of an exhibition. [atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh-probe/](http://atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh-probe/)  
Group
- 2019 AS\_IF... Ruimtevaart Foundation Den Haag, Netherlands [www.stichting-ruimtevaart.nl/archief.htm](http://www.stichting-ruimtevaart.nl/archief.htm)  
Solo
- 2015 AUGENTAUSCH ATRANS, Berlijn Berlin, Germany In the gallery of Atrans in Berlin, EX-MÊKH created the exhibition "Augentausch" At the beginning and at the end of the period, performances were performed. [atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh/](http://atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh/)

## Group

- 2015 EDGED Ruimtevaart Foundation Den Haag, Netherlands An exhibition by Pietertje van Splunter and Ellen Rodenberg in the exhibition series Edged. [www.stichting-ruimtevaart.nl/images/media/1510071.jpg](http://www.stichting-ruimtevaart.nl/images/media/1510071.jpg)  
Duo

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2023 arteventura Corteconcepción, Spain I worked in a studio of arteventura from the 2nd to 30 of October 2023  
[arteventura.eu/](http://arteventura.eu/)
- 2011 Artist in residence, Post 15, Pécsbagota, Hongarije Pécsbagota, Hungary Artist in residence  
[www.elizabethdevaal.nl/air-pecsbagota](http://www.elizabethdevaal.nl/air-pecsbagota)
- 2008 Heden, Cemeti Art House Yogyakarta, Indonesia Artist in residence program, Landing Soon #7  
[rkd.nl/en/explore/library/198869](http://rkd.nl/en/explore/library/198869)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 EX-MEKH Catalog EX-MÊKH The Hague, Netherlands Small brochure consisting of personal work from the artists from EX-MÊKH and collaborated exhibition work from the collective.
- 2024 PlatformsProject 2024 Catalog PlatformsProject Athens, Greece  
[www.platformsproject.com](http://www.platformsproject.com) A catalog of the presented platforms. Each platform has a page in full colour in the catalog.
- 2022 Art at Work Book eigen beheer- ellen rodenberg ellen rodenberg Den Haag, Netherlands [nl.blurb.com/b/11052552-ellen-rodenberg-art-at-work-2003-2021](http://nl.blurb.com/b/11052552-ellen-rodenberg-art-at-work-2003-2021)  
An artist's book in which a photographic overview relates works, collaborations and performances performed between 2003 and 2021.
- 2008 Ellen Rodenberg Catalog Cemeti/ Heden Sujud Dartanto Yogyakarta, Indonesia  
[rkd.nl/en/explore/library/198869](http://rkd.nl/en/explore/library/198869) The catalog consists of an overview of all activities in the 3 month residence period of Ellen Rodenberg in Cemeti Art House in Yogyakarta

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Fe-Maler Atrans, Berlin Berlin, Germany see the description of the project Femme\_City

## SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2019 - 2022 initiatiefnemer en uitvoerder van het educatieve programma tijdens de Atheense PlatformsProject.
- 2019 - 2022 educatie WEST Den Haag
- 2012 - -- Docent ART-S-COOL On-going
- 2007 - 2016 Docent, co-teacher beeldende kunst kinderen/ volwassenen/ leerkrachten SKVR Rotterdam



part of the exhibition Brota el Pueblo, 2025  
 acrylic, marker, pencil on cardboard, each 178x122 cm



Character meetings, 2024  
 Drawing materials, acrylic on paper, cotton canvas, shirt, a bathroom



On Mèkh beach / Reversal of the Tide, 2024  
 Coated cardboard, local founded materials, drawings, paintings with local earth as pigments, collage, 400x150x250cm



Ronflonflon, 2024



Schoonschrift Beeldvuil 21.7.2024 Pag. 3.38 boek 3 Page 3.38  
 book 3, 2024  
 schrijven en tekenen in een notitieboek





self-portrait as a painter, working on beauty, 2024  
wall floor installation, 250x170x50cm



Posing, 2024  
studio wall installation



Whence DH Series: Whence No.6, 2024  
Pencil, multi-coloured pencil, oil pastel crayon, marker on a sheet of watercolour paper weathered by nature and art. 81x61cm, 81x61cm



Doll, 2024



Then everything comes along..., 2024  
watercolour, colourpencil, biro, gouache, graphite pencil on  
watercolour paper 300 grms, 81x61cm