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KEES KOOMEN

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COLLABORATION

EX-MÊKH

WEBSITES

Personal Website

www.keeskoomen.nl

Artblog

chmkoome.wordpress.com/

Website artists initiative

www.ex-mekh.nl

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.linkedin.com/in/kees-koomen-348b9a1b/

keeskoomen.substack.com/publish/posts/published

www.instagram.com/malieveldinvites/?hl=nl

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

From 2006 onwards EX-MÊKH From 2013 onwards Malieveld From 2011 onwards Jegens & Tevens 2016-2017 Apprentice-Master Project, Kuntpodium T, Tilburg

MEMBER OF A PLATFORM, DIGITAL OR OTHERWISE

jegensentevens.nl

EX-MÊKH

MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

Platform BK

EDUCATION

2008 - Masterclass aquatint etching for painters
2008 Daglicht - Eindhoven

1981 - Painting, Philosophy, Literature CCAC-
1982 Oakland CA-USA diploma

1976 - Tekenen/Schilderen/Grafiek Den Haag,
1981 Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende
Kunsten diploma

EXHIBITIONS

PROJECTS

2025	Kijkdagen/benefietveiling De Aanschouw Het Wilde Weten Rotterdam, Netherlands Dagboektekst als beeld www.aanschouw.nl/ Group	2020	Soundhouse 222 Soundhouse Dordrecht, Netherlands soundhouse.org/ Soundproject of Nico Parlevliet
2025	You're so welcome Galerie Sophie Den Haag, Netherlands Werk dat ontstaat vanuit wandelingen naar het malieveld op zaterdagochtend galeriesophie.nl/galerie/ Group	2020	Libraries as gardens Antwerpen, Belgium supercluster.eu/projects/librariesasgarden/ Corona project over de natuur als bibliotheek .
2025	Same but Different/Equinox to Equinox Stadhuisplein Dordrecht, Netherlands Deelname Performancefestival met observaties in het hier en nu op scherftekeningen: een zelfportret op een plek en in een uur gemaakt. keeskoomen.nl/tag/222lodge/ Group	2018	Lezing Het Andere Gesprek Culturele Salon
2024	L'Anniversaire de l'art HOK Gallery Den Haag, Netherlands Fluxus anniversary of art in a group-show www.hokgallery.com/ Group	2017	P.S. Live in Ruiimtevaart/This is life @ The hague Youth Factory performance site Performance Project
2024	¿De Donde? Petit Palace Hotel Madrid, Spain Hybrid Art Fair 2024 during Semana de arte in madrid hybridart.es/fair/ Group	2016	Haagse Portretten grafische werkplaats Educatief Project
2024	on MÊKH-beach Platforms Project Athene, Griekenland, Greece Installatie over wat overblijft na een creatieve hausse, als na het terugtrekken van de branding in zee tijdens eb. platformsproject.com/ Group	2016	EX-MÊKH:Framed Divergence PlatformsProject@Art Athina Kunstbeurs
2024	Anonyme Zeichner*einnen Kunstraum Kreuzberg Berlijn, later ook in Erfurt en Hamburg, Germany Duitsland www.anonyme-zeichner.de/ Group	2012	chmkoome/KeesKoomen Kunstvlaai 2012 Analoog weblog met minimalistische tekeningen en werk bewonderde kunstenaars
2023	L'Anniversaire de l'art HOK Gallery The Hague, Netherlands Fluxus manifestation www.hokgallery.com/ Group		
2023	Equinox Hof van Dordrecht Dordrecht, Netherlands Performance festival because of the equinox Group		
2023	RUW #6, presentation and exhibition HOK Gallery Den Haag, Netherlands Presentation artists magazine RUW #6 with an exhibition of participating artists www.hokgallery.com/ Group		
2022	The Big RUW! show Hilbertraum Berlin, Germany Exhibition RUW! Magazine and it's contributors Group		
2022	Platforms Project 2022 Wormhole Athens, Greece Fair for independant Platforms platformsproject.com/ Group		
2022	RUW Magazine presentatie HOK Gallery Den Haag, Netherlands Presentation RUW Magazine #5 Group		
2022	Con alma Hybrid Art Fair Madrid, Spain Art Fair hybridart.es/fair/ Group		
2021	Stage Arousal Platforms Project NET 2021 Athens, GR, Greece Art fair for independant art platforms		

platformsproject.com/platforms-2021/
Group

- 2021 Les Idiolithes EP7 Paris, France EX-MÊKH was invited by KRAATZ, an international art platform to participate in video show and a performance weekend
chmkoome.wordpress.com/2021/09/03/les-idolithes/
Group
- 2021 Kees Koomen Het Bouwhuis Deventer A selection of portraits from Berlin and random encounters from the walks during the Corona period
hetbouwhuis.net/fine-art-2/
Solo
- 2020 PROBE A-Trans @ Haus der Statistik. Berlin, Germany EX-MÊKH project atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh-probe/
Group
- 2020 Overschilderschilderij De Aanschouw Rotterdam, Netherlands Layer 141 on the "Overschilderschilderij" of Daan den Houter
www.aanschouw.nl/overschilderschilderij/kees-koomen-1.html
Solo
- 2020 Facial Reflections Ruimtevaart Den Haag, Netherlands Solo exhibition with textworks
www.stichting-ruimtevaart.nl/programma.htm?
Solo
- 2020 FeMaler A-Trans, Schaufenster project Kleistpark U7 Berlin, Germany Exhibition Ellen Rodenberg who invited Maarten Schepers and me. Opening with performances of Ellen and me atrans.org/program/a-trans-feat-ellen-rodenberg-ex-mekh-femaler/
Group
- 2019 Equilibrium Platforms project 2019 Athens, Greece A joint installation by Maarten Schepers, Ellen rodenberg and me platformsproject.com/
Group
- 2019 MÊKH-web Quartair Contemporary Art Initiatives Den Haag, Netherlands Exhibition EX-MÊKH with three invited artists. Last weekend open call for everybody in our network. www.ex-mekh.nl
Group
- 2019 A weekend of Performance A-Trans @ Haus der Statistik Berlin, Germany Tsss K-bamm Live Performance with percussionist Yorgos Demetriades
atrans.org/archive/a-trans-feat-ex-mekh-probe/
Solo
- 2018 Anonyme Zeichner Galerie Im Körnerpark Berlin, Germany Exhibition of drawings www.anonyme-zeichner.de/home.html
Group
- 2018 Keepsake Kunstpodium T Tilburg, Netherlands Master (me) Apprentice exhibition kunstpodium-t.com/project/apprenticemaster/
Group
- 2017 Fresco et Fruttato Bcademie Rotterdam, Netherlands B-cademie@Kunstdagen Rotterdam
Group
- 2017 Réflexions Museum Waterland Purmerend Museum Waterland, Purmerend

museumwaterland.nl/wp/tentoonstellingen/

Group

- 2017 Don't miss this, it is live HYF, Hoogtij Den haag, Netherlands Performance "Donna mi prega" for P.s. @ HYF during Hoogtij
[Group](#)
- 2015 Augentausch A-TRANS, Berlijn (D) Berlin, Germany EX-MÉKH: AUGENTAUSCH, about Reciprocity
atrans.org/
[Group](#)
- 2014 10x7x52 n9, Ruimtevaart Den Haag, Netherlands 10 years chmkoome's blog chmkoome.wordpress.com/
[Group](#)
- 2014 Unnoticed Art Festival Public Space Haarlem & Dordrecht, Netherlands Performances during festival (summer) & Symposium (september)
[Group](#)
- 2014 Buro Rotterdam Fuck Focus! Rotterdam, Netherlands EX-MÉKH exhibition, finissage with performances
[Group](#)
- 2012 From the Diaries Galerie Lutz Delft, Netherlands Paintings after my diaries www.galerielutz.nl/
[Solo](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

- 2011 Madrid, Arco
- 2008 Vaucluse, Frankrijk
- 2006 Instituto Statale, Vittorio Veneto-Italie
- 2005 Institut de Teatro, Barcelona
- 2005 Institut de Teatro, Barcelona

COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Dreams of a young scientist Leuven, Belgium Portrait of Professor Harco Willems
www.kuleuven.be/kuleuven
- 2016 Laurens mevr. M. Folmer, Den Haag Den haag, Netherlands Portret zoon finished
- 2016 Portraits KC Den Haag Den haag, Netherlands Photographs finished
- 2003 Mr. and Mrs Kortekaas fam. Kortekaas, Katwijk Voorhout Portraits finished
- 2002 Pendants A. Molier en E. Brusse, Kloosterzand Den Haag Portraits finished
- 2002 GM Gerrit Jan de Rook, Den Haag NL drawing liber amicorum finished
- 2002 In the Air Mark Harperink, Leiden Leiden Design Music Score "In the Air" finished
- 2000 Wim Mevr. I. van Deventer, Rotterdam Rotterdam A portrait of Wim finished

SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- Artoteek Den haag/Heden Nederland Tbv uitleen
- Artoteken door het hele land Nederland Tbv collectie
- galerie kunstuitleen Bollenstreek Nederland Tbv uitleen
- Regelmatige aankoop door

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Brief Encounters Book Kees Koomen Assen, Netherlands defkaresearch.com/ Portraits from Corona diary with portraits from walks
- 2022 Ein Faden Book Kees Koomen Den Haag/Berlijn, Netherlands www.facebook.com/RUWBerlin/about Contribution to the artists magazine RUW
- 2021 The Lying Poet Book Kees Koomen Assen,

- 2021 Image of an artist Catalog Kees Koomen
Den haag, Netherlands luciuspax.com/
Essay on the art of Lucius Pax, artist from
Den Haag
- 2020 A Secret Alliance The Faculty of In-
Humanities Kees Koomen Den Haag,
Netherlands www.tonkruse.nl/issue-2.html
An autobiographical meditation on the
need for visibility of art and the artist
- 2019 Terug naar Black mountain College
Metropolis M, Amsterdam Kees Koomen
Den Haag, Netherlands
www.metropolism.com/nl/features/39920_kees_koomen_blac
Geschreven in het kader van onderzoek
naar vroege invloeden van auteurs werk.
- 2015 Baracca 10 jaar Baracca, Den haag
Jubileumuitgave met overzicht projecten
- 2015 Unnoticed Art Frans van lent Publicatie
n.a.v.performancefestival, Dordrecht 2015
- 2011 Twenty, 20 jaar galerie Maurits van de Laar
De Nieuwe Haagsche, Den Haag
galeriegeschiedenis
- 2009 weblog chmkoome, dagboek De Nieuwe,
Arti et Amicitiae-Amsterdam Essay
- 2007 Bureau voor Hedendaags Avontuur
Stichting Imponderabilia, Den Haag
Catalogus zomertentoonstelling
- 2006 Van liefde en leugens gal. Lutz Delft uitgave
bij 10 gouaches op een gedicht
- 2005 Het ondergewone, 55 kunstenaars uit Den
Haag STROOM, Den Haag overzicht
kunstenaars Den Haag
- 2004 Een stijlkamer in het nu Artoteek Den Haag
catalogus bij tentoonstellig over Galerie Den
Haag

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2014 PRO-onderzoeksbeurs Stroom Den
Haag
- 2008 PRO-onderzoeksbeurs Stroom Den
Haag

REPRESENTATION

- Galerie Lutz Delft

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2018 - Guest teacher KABK-ACPA
2018
- 2016 - -- Gastdocent Post-Academische
opleiding B-cademie, Rotterdam
- 2016 - Hoofdcurator Apprentice master
2017 Project, Kunstpodium T, Tilburg
- 2011 - -- Redacteur Jegens&Tevens On-going

- 2009 --- Redakteur de Nieuwe, kunstenaarsblad
Arti et Amicitiae On-going
- 2008 --- Essays en kritieken voor diverse bladen
over kunst en kunstenaars On-going
- 2007 --- Curator diverse tentoonstellingen On-
going
- 2007 --- Catalogusteksten voor diverse
gelegenheden On-going
- 2005 - lidmaatschap aankoopcommissie
2007 artoteek Den Haag
- 2004 --- kunstweblogger (
<http://blogger.xs4all.nl/chmkoome/>)
On-going
- 1990 --- medewerker School voor Jong Talent
On-going



Malieveld Invites-March 7, 2026, 2026
Oilpaint on stonepaper, A4



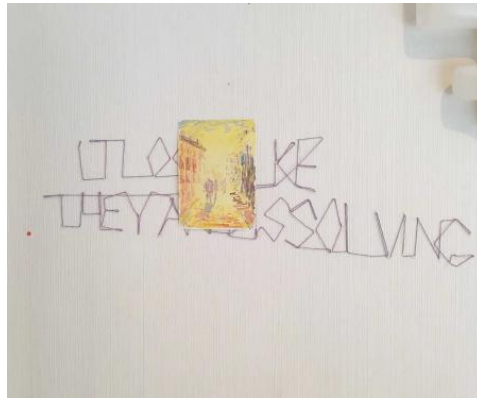
Well, that went well eventually!, 2026
Oilpaint on stone paper, A4



Solemn feathers, 2024
Oilpaint and oilpastel on canvas, 65x50 cm



Her spine moved like a snake, 2024
Wool on wall, 300x100 cm



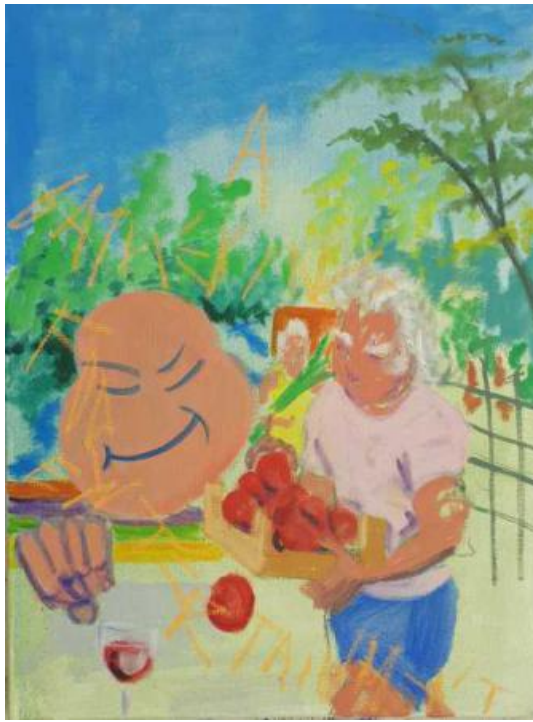
It looks like they are dissolving, 2024
Wool on wall textwork and oilpaint and colourpencil on stone paper, 80x30 cm



This is ideal, you have a good point there, 2023
Oilpaint on stonepaper, A4



Ik wil die ècht hebben, 2023
Oilpaint and colourpencil on stonepaper, A4



A gathering for entertainment, 2023
Oilpaint and oilpastel on canvas, 65x50 cm



Burning my biography, 2022
Video



Beauty is difficult, 2022
Oilpaint and charcoal on canvas, 65x50 cm