BERNICE NAUTA

The practice of Bernice Nauta (b. 1991, Netherlands) consists of painting, drawing, filmmaking, installations, objects and stories. Central to her work is the instability of identity and the question of what it means to be a person. Her work explores themes of doubling, mimicry and transformation, drawing from literary sources, mythologies, and scientific studies. From the myth of Echo and Narcissus to contemporary sci-fi narratives, Nauta weaves stories in which anything can become someone. Each painting or installation is a reconfiguration: a new attempt at form, a speculative fiction about personhood. Treating the frame behind the canvas as a skeleton, she transforms her canvases into characters, blurring the boundaries between object, image and body. Often beginning from her own experiences, Nauta develops works that unfold like fragmented narratives. Next to her individual practice, she collaborates with a variety of people.

WEBSITES

www.cargocollective.com/bernicenauta

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/bernicenauta/

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

It is part of an ensemble

EDUCATION

2024 - 2024 Schrijverworkshop perdu Amsterdam

2020 - 2022 F For Fact Amsterdam, Sandberg Instituut

2009 - 2013 Beeldende Kunst, schilderen Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

2008 - 2009 Introductiecursus BK WDKA, Rotterdam

EXHIBITIONS

2025 IKOB Museum Eupen, Belgium Feminist Art Prize 2025
Group

2025 m.simons Amsterdam
Solo

2023 The Plantiarchy Hotel Maria Kapel Hoorn
Duo

2023 Plantiarchy Marres
Group

2023 Photokabine At Sunset Den Haag
Solo

2021 Superweakness Den Haag
Group

2021 Bitte/Suche METAcopy Hannover, Germany
Group

2021 Adventures from Underground Quartair Den Haag, Netherlands
Group

2021 Art Bar Kippy Amsterdam
Duo

2021 Zinnober NIKI Hannover, Germany
Group

2021 RSVP Billytown Den Haag, Netherlands
Group

PROJECTS

2023 The Plantiarchy - Hotel Maria Kapel Hoorn, Netherlands Hotel Maria Kapel

2023 Platiarchy - Marres Maastricht, Netherlands

2023 Creating the commons - VU Art Science Gallery Amsterdam, Netherlands

2023 Sunflower Soup - Galerie Onrust Amsterdam

2023 amsterdam, Netherlands Sandberg graduation show - former courthouse Amsterdam

2023 arnhem, Netherlands de ins - stichting plaatsmaken. duo show with Hannah van binsbergen

2023 amsterdam, Netherlands editions - the green room Amsterdam

2023 hoorn, Netherlands the plantiarchy - hotel Maria Kapel - duo show with GC Heemskerk

2023 amsterdam, Netherlands creating the commons - vu art science gallery

2023 arnhem, Netherlands altered breath - group show

2023 maastricht, Netherlands plantiarchy - sunflower soup

2023 amsterdam, Netherlands I am carried along down the stream - personeelskamer

2022 Metropolis M Netherlands Podcast - Stervelingen in de eeuwige herhaling. I.s.m. Gijsje Heemskerk

2020 WHOmanity Amsterdam Ferry Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group

2020 ROOMS Quadro 21 Gallery Cluj Napoce, Romania
Duo

2019 Dovetailing: the postdigital perspective Galerie Rianne Groen Rotterdam, Netherlands
Group

2019 Der Rausch Arti et Amicitiae Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group

2019 Kompromiss Lab Kalkhorst Kalkhorst, Germany

2019 Original Copy ALTA Malmo, Sweden
Group

2019 Cigarettes and Cookies Martin van Zomeren Amsterdam
Group

2018 De Eucalypta Kunstplatform de Apotheek Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group

2018 I'm not an island, I'm a body of water JosedelaFuente Gallery Santander, Spain
Group

2018 From the closet ABC Klubhuis Antwerpen, Belgium
Group

2018 solo booth JosedelaFuente Gallery Poppositions Brussel , Belgium
Solo

2017 Billytown, Den Haag Ach ja
Solo

2017 8.Salon, DE Die Welle
Group

2017 Galerie b_2, Leipzig, DE We come in peace you're welcome
Group

2017 Art Rotterdam Prospects & Concepts
Group

2017 La Nariz El faro de Cabo Mayor Santander, Spain
Solo

2017 Imaginary Studio (Ondertussen) Stroom Den Haag, Netherlands
Solo

2016 Spinnerei, Leipzig, DE Herbstrundgang
Group

2016 Teken de tijd, Groningen Imaginary Studio
Solo

2016 Billytown, Den Haag Can't do nothing
Group

2013 1646, Den Haag Fast is good for us
Group

2013 CC Strombeek, Brussel Inside Hive
Solo

2013 KABK, Den Haag Eindexamententoonstelling
Group

-- Longtime Nosea gelijk is ongelijk Marken
Solo

-- A spider named Feather has a lot to say but has no ears Galerie Blok C Groningen, Netherlands

-- den haag, Netherlands land of the few and the far in between - billytown

Solo

-- Encounters M Simons Gallery Amsterdam

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2023 Stichting Plaatsmaken Arnhem Altered Breath (curated by Wouter Venema)

2023 Artist in Residency bij Hotel Maria Kapel, Hoorn, Nederland Hoorn

2023 Hoorn, Netherlands Hotel Maria Kapel

2021 NIKI Hannover, Germany

2019 Lab Kalkhorst Kalkhorst, Germany www.instagram.com/labkalkhorst/?hl=nl

2017 Orbital Residency, Santander, ES

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2014 Ampelhaus, Oranienbaum

REVIEWS

2023 In expositie 'Plantiarchy' mag iedereen helpen om met papier-maché de mens te onttronen Newspaper Hester van Santen Amsterdam, Netherlands www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2023/08/01/in-expositie-plantiarchy-mag-iedereen-helpen-om-met-papier-mache-de-mens-te-onttronen-a4170981?itm_content=mijn-nieuws-voorpagina&itm_term=Beeldende%20kunst

2023 Het Plantiarchaat komt er aan Magazine Emma Wiersma Den Haag, Netherlands Metropolis M

2019 'Missing /Vermist: Benny Snouta' - Studio visit #6: Bernice Nauta Magazine Jorik Galama Amsterdam, Netherlands www.metropolism.com/nl/features/39309_studio_visit_6_bernice_

-- Zeg maar U tegen de Algen Magazine Joke de Wolf Amsterdam, Netherlands www.groene.nl/artikel/zeg-maar-u-tegen-de-algen De Groene Amsterdammer

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2017 Pro Invest (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands

2016 WJT Mondriaan Fonds Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands

2014 genomineerd Buning brongersprijs

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2015 - -- Billytown, making program for The Kitchen On-going



The Plantriarchy, 2025



If it is true that I am someone, I want to be a Bee Orchid, 2025



Stringfoot (Microphone), 2025



Stringfoot (Misty), 2025



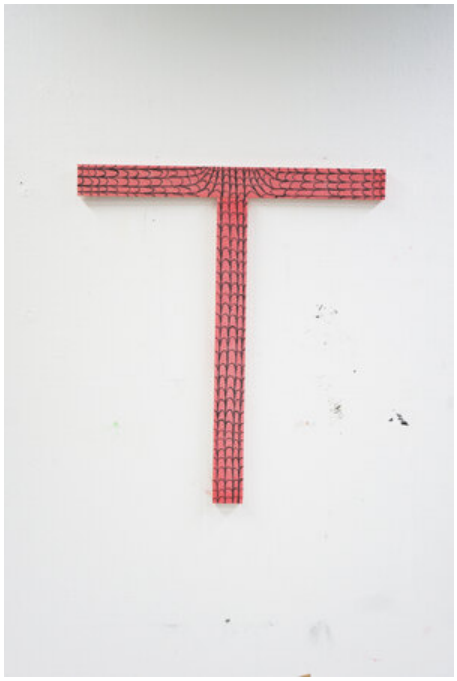
Spidey me 4, 2020



If it is true that I am someone I want to be an Atalanta, 2020



If it is true that I am someone I want to be Uma Thurman , 2020



If it is true that I am someone I want to be Spiderman, 2020



Ridder me, 2020



Glazendoek, 2020