ROEL VAN HEESCH

R.B van Heesch (NL, 1991) creates films, poetry and photographs.
R.B. van Heesch (b. 1991) is a Dutch visual artist exploring the world of cinema through themes of spiritual transformation, identity, and the subconscious. By blending fiction with abstraction, his work breaks away from traditional storytelling, crafting immersive, dreamlike experiences. Working with both analogue and digital techniques, R.B. uses cinema as a medium for introspection, stripping away the layers of the self to examine personal and collective spiritual growth. His work challenges the boundaries between reality and perception, questioning how film can not only reflect but also evoke transcendent experiences.

WEBSITES

rbvanheesch.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

instagram.com/rbvanheesch
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EDUCATION

2020 - 2020 Clinical hypnotherapy, level 2 Life Practice UK

2016 - 2016 Buddhism, Retreat Dae Sung Shakya, Korean Temple

2012 - 2012 Buddhism, Apprentice Kopan Monastery

2012 - 2016 Beeldende Kunst Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

EXHIBITIONS

2025 Byrdcliffe Artist-in-Residence Show Kleinert/ James Center for the Arts Woodstock, NY, United States
Group

2024 THE HOUSE OF CONFLUENCE: BRICOLAGE RU House at Colonels Row, Building #404B on Governors Island New York, United States
Group

2023 RIPENED ON A TREE Fitzrovia Gallery Londen, United Kingdom
fitzroviagallery.co.uk/myportfolio/ripened-on-a-tree/
Group

2022 The Amazing Stoner Movie Festival Cinema Oasis Bangkok, Thailand amazingstonermovie.com/
Group

2021 PROSPECTS & CONCEPTS Art Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands
Group

2021 PAME INT. FILM FESTIVAL. Pokhara, Nepal
pamefestival.com/
Group

2020 Onze Ambassade Festival West Den Haag, Netherlands
www.westdenhaag.nl/exhibitions/20_09_OnzeAmbassadeFestival
Group

2018 Passive Activists III Moose Space Den Haag, Netherlands www.hoogtij.net/en/galerie/moose-

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Residency Unlimited New York City, United States

2024 Byrdcliffe Art Colony Woodstock, United States

2024 Last Ship Khajuraho, India

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Group

2017 Curse of the Dark Safeness Parkstraat 107 Den Haag, Netherlands Experimentele expositie evenement van één nacht op geheime locatie.
Group

2016 Who Am I? What's My Name? SID YOUNG ART INITIATIVE Glasgow, United Kingdom 'Who am I what's my name?' is the debut exhibition of the Sid Young artist initiative, featuring video works of Molly Haviland, Roel van Heesch, Katerina Sidorova and Debbie Young. Each dig to the very core of what is it to be human ; investigating language and narrative, for it is a passtime for solely the human species. The works presented deal with the matters of love but as an illness; choice but as a rollercoaster ride; skill as genetic memory and consciousness as the sign of insanity. www.sid-young.space
Group

2016 AS CLOSE TO BLACK AS BLUE CAN BE Megastores Groepsexpositie. Den Haag.
Group

2016 Bring Your Own Beamer The Lighthouse Glasgow, United Kingdom The Lighthouse is hosting our very own BYOB: Bring Your Own Beamer (Projector) with the theme Architecture! BYOB was created by the artist Rafaël Rozendaal in 2010 as a DIY open source, non-commercial exhibition idea. Since then over 350 exhibitions all of the world have taken the idea and created their own exciting events. This will be the third time it has been held in Glasgow. The Lighthouse has kicked off 2018 by opening up Gallery 1, our largest space, for 2 weeks (19th January – 2nd February 2018). We invited designers, architects, artists, and filmmakers to submit films and bring along their equipment to create projections and works responding to architecture in all forms.
www.thelighthouse.co.uk/visit/exhibition/byob-bring-your-own-beamer
Group

2016 FILLER Groningen, Netherlands Visions and reactions on popular culture. sign2.nl/events/filler/
Group

2014 Uitgelicht #28 Den Haag, Netherlands Film program with short films by students of the Royal Academy of Art (KABK), departments of Fine Arts. Ranging from animation to documentary, from funny to touching and from personal to political, these films reflect a broad spectrum of ideas and methods. All filmmakers are present to talk about their work.
www.filmhuisdenhaag.nl/agenda/event/uitgelicht
Group

2014 ReVersed Poetry Film Festivall Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands Film festival where artists explore the intersection between poetry and film.
pamefestival.com
Group

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Desert Ocean Book Self Published R.B van Heesch Khajuraho, India rbvanheesch.bigcartel.com/

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022 Finalist European Cinematography Awards Amsterdam, Netherlands The European Film Award for Best

DESERT OCEAN & OTHER POEMS Collection of poems (2018-2024) Printed in Khajuraho, India. Limited edition of 10 hand-numbered copies.

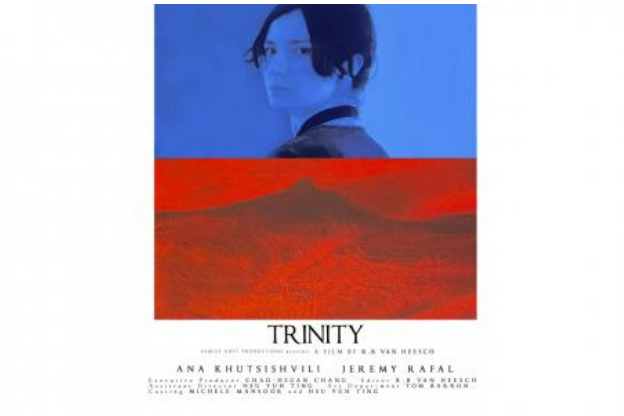
Cinematographer, also known as Carlo Di Palma European Cinematographer Award, is an award given to cinematographers working in the motion picture industry by the European Film Academy.

2021 Pro Research (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands

2021 Artist Project Grant Mondriaan Fonds (voorheen Fonds BKVB) Amsterdam, Netherlands

2019 STIPENDIUM FOR EMERGING ARTISTS Mondriaan Fonds (voorheen Fonds BKVB) Amsterdam, Netherlands

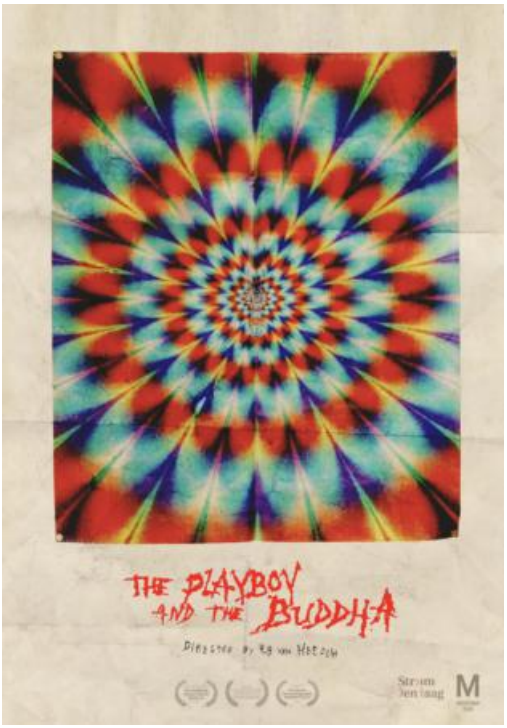
2017 Pro Invest (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands



Trinity, 2025



+/-, 2022
Video



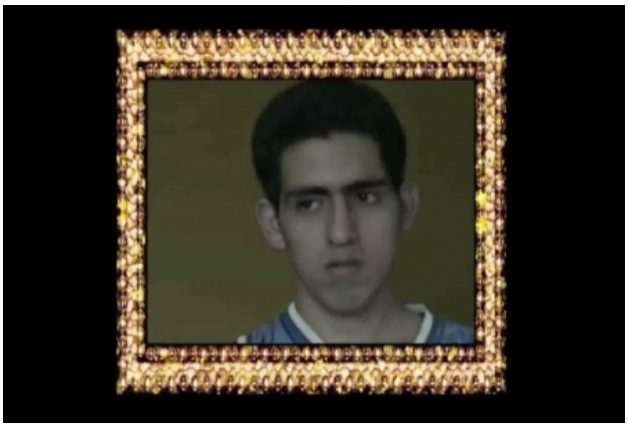
The Playboy and the Buddha, 2021
Video en film



Eclipse, 2021
Video



The Cheerleader {Prologue}, 2017
video, 5 min



The Finger, 2016
video, 2 min



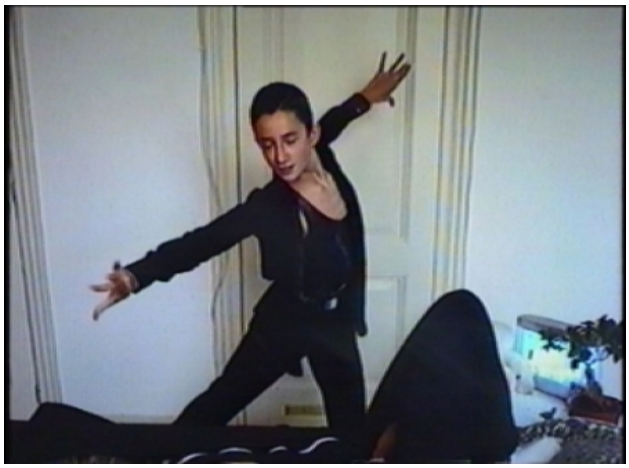
The Transhuman, 2016
film, 5 min



The Astronaut: Revisions of the Past, 2016
video, 5 min



The Mother, 2015
video+super 8, 2 min



The Dancer, 2015
video, 2 min