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## 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

[familyunitproductions.com](http://familyunitproductions.com)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

[instagram.com/rbvanheesch](https://www.instagram.com/rbvanheesch)

[soundcloud.com/user-487612110](https://soundcloud.com/user-487612110)

### EDUCATION

2020 - Clinical hypnotherapy, level 2 Life Practice  
2020 UK

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

2012 - Buddhism, Apprentice Kopan Monastery  
2012

2012 - Beeldende Kunst Den Haag, Koninklijke  
2016 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](#)

### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Residency Unlimited New York City, United  
States

2024 Byrdcliffe Art Colony Woodstock, United  
States

2024 Last Ship Khajuraho, India

- 2023 RIPENED ON A TREE Fitzrovia Gallery  
Londen, United Kingdom  
[fitzroviagallery.co.uk/myportfolio/ripened-on-a-tree/](http://fitzroviagallery.co.uk/myportfolio/ripened-on-a-tree/)  
Group
- 2022 The Amazing Stoner Movie Festival  
Cinema Oasis Bangkok, Thailand  
[amazingstonermovie.com/](http://amazingstonermovie.com/)  
Group
- 2021 PROSPECTS & CONCEPTS Art  
Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Group
- 2021 PAME INT. FILM FESTIVAL. Pokhara,  
Nepal [pamefestival.com/](http://pamefestival.com/)  
Group
- 2020 Onze Ambassade Festival West Den  
Haag, Netherlands  
[www.westdenhaag.nl/exhibitions/20\\_09\\_OnzeAmbassadeFestival](http://www.westdenhaag.nl/exhibitions/20_09_OnzeAmbassadeFestival)  
Group
- 2018 Passive Activists III Moose Space Den  
Haag, Netherlands  
[www.hoogtij.net/en/galerie/moose-space-2/](http://www.hoogtij.net/en/galerie/moose-space-2/)  
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](http://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](http://www.thelighthouse.co.uk/visit/exhibition/byob-bring-your-own-beamer)  
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- 2016 FILLER Groningen, Netherlands Visions  
and reactions on popular culture.  
[sign2.nl/events/filler/](http://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](http://www.filmhuisdenhaag.nl/agenda/event/uitgelicht)  
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- 2014 ReVersed Poetry Film Festival  
Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Film festival where artists explore the  
intersection between poetry and film.  
[pamefestival.com](http://pamefestival.com)  
Group

2024 Desert Ocean Book Self Published R.B van Heesch Khajuraho, India  
[rbvanheesch.bigcartel.com/](http://rbvanheesch.bigcartel.com/) DESERT OCEAN & OTHER POEMS Collection of poems (2018-2024) Printed in Khajuraho, India. Limited edition of 10 hand-numbered copies.

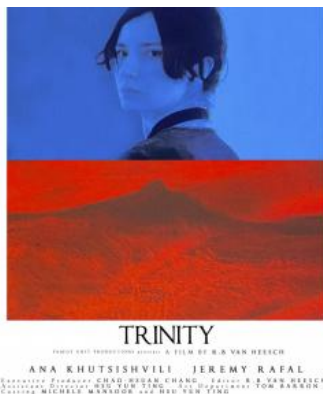
2022 Finalist European Cinematography Awards Amsterdam, Netherlands The European Film Award for Best Cinematographer, also known as Carlo Di Palma European Cinematographer Award, is an award given to cinematographers working in the motion picture industry by the European Film Academy.

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

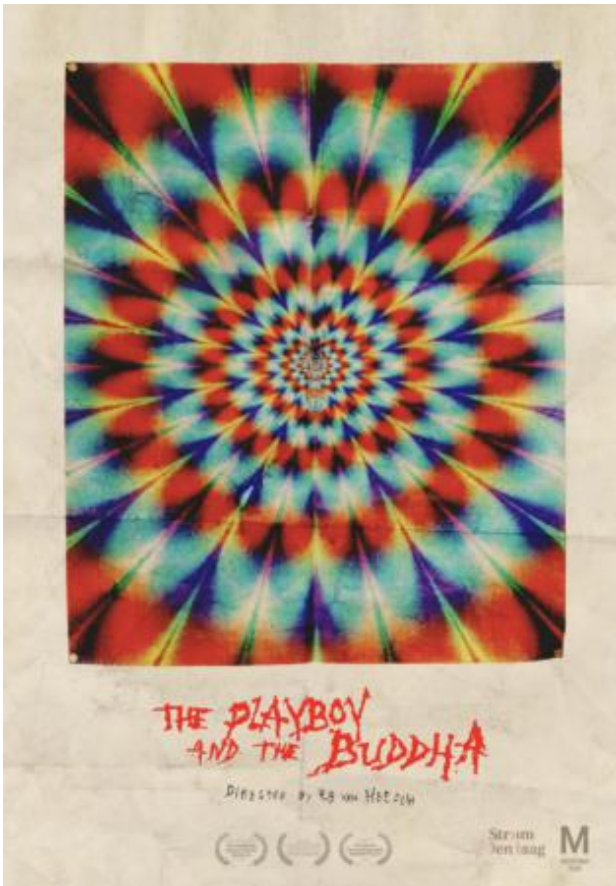
2017 Pro Invest (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Netherlands



Trinity, 2025



+/-, 2022  
 Video



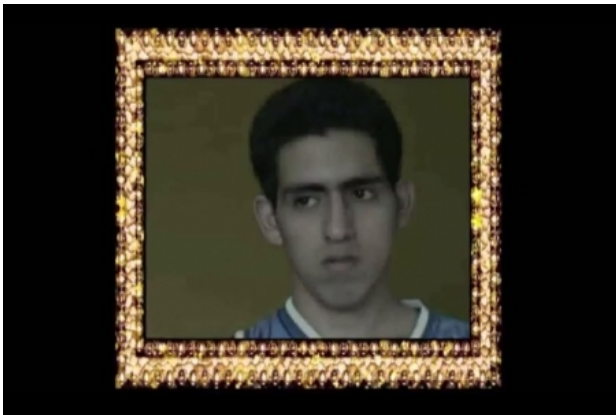
The Playboy and the Buddha, 2021  
Video en film



Eclipse, 2021  
Video



The Cheerleader {Prologue}, 2017  
video, 5 min



The Finger, 2016  
video, 2 min



The Transhuman, 2016  
film, 5 min

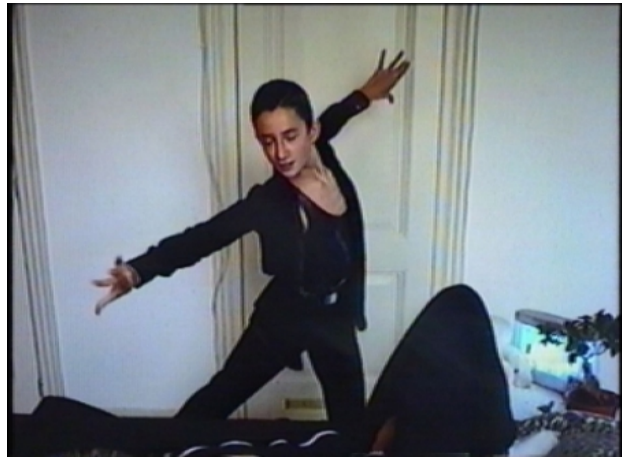


The Astronaut: Revisions of the Past, 2016  
video, 5 min



Dear Lord, I dream of a flower petal

The Mother, 2015  
video+super 8, 2 min



The Dancer, 2015  
video, 2 min