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WEBSITES

Artist Page

www.danalamonda.com

MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Quartair

MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION

Pulchri Studio, Den Haag

EDUCATION

- 2023 - Street Photography, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2023 - Coaching by Magnum photographer Nikos Economopoulos
- 2016 - Kunst Algemeen, KUA,, Atheneum 6 Vavo
- 2017 - Rijnmond college, Rotterdam diploma
- 2015 - Photography coaching Theo Bos
- 2020
- 2012 - Masterclass Lydia Schouten & Diana Blok
- 2012 - Vrije Academie, Den Haag
- 2012 - Masterclass Theo Bos & Frederick Linck,

2012	Pulchri, Den Haag
2012 - 2012	Masterclass André Kruysen Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2012 - 2012	Masterclass Rachel Bacon Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2011 - 2011	Privé-les portretfotografie Jean Korff, Jean Korff, Rotterdam
2011 - 2012	Masterclass Gerard Holthuis, Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2010 - 2012	Masterclass Klaus Baumgärtne Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2010 - 2010	Masterclass Ton van Kints, Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2006 - 2012	Algemeen Vrije Academie, Den Haag
2003 - 2005	allround Styling Artemis Styling Academie, Amsterdam

EXHIBITIONS

2025	Can you hear me Howling Bosnian Cultural Center Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina 40th international Festival Sarajevo winter Group
2024	On the Road Rotterdam Photo 2024 Rotterdam, Netherlands Photography www.rotterdamphoto.eu/nl/ Group
2024	Being on the Way Spazio Punch Venice, Italy Parallel Exhibition to 60th Venice Biennale www.spaziopunch.com/ Duo
2024	Expo Metro Times Square 2023 Times Square New York City, United States Digital Media www.youtube.com/watch? v=8iAGJlrG4JA Group
2024	
2023	Bermuda Open Studios My Studio The Hague, Netherlands Art to make you

PROJECTS

2024	Being on the Way Spazio Punch Venice, Italy Performance with Mama Gloria at the gallery Spazio Punch during the finissage of the 60th Biennale
2023	Singing from the Dark Times Nine Dragon Heads Venice, Italy Workshop NDH 2024 Venice Biennale
2018	Little art package Klein pakje kunst Different city's in The Netherlands, Netherlands www.pakjekunst.com/ Photography, mixed media
2017	Participated Arab Film festival/ Quartair, Arab film festival project, Den Haag, Rotterdam Arab Film festival/ Quartair The Hague, Rotterdam, Netherlands arabfilmfestival.nl/nl/ installation
2016	Arab Film festival/ Quartair, Al Medina, Souq van Aleppo project, Rotterdam Arab Film festival/ Quartair Rotterdam , Netherlands arabfilmfestival.nl/nl/ installation

travel
bermuda.openthehague@gmail.com

- 2022 To infinity and Beyond Gallery in Space
Wallops, U.S.A, United States
Installation
www.youtube.com/live/EB2E3ZbdoYc?si=MKI0GQEEbd2m6mkd
Group
- 2022 24 Hours NYC Hok gallery The Hague,
Netherlands mixed media
www.hokgallery.com
Group
- 2022 Open/ during Hoogtij #68 Quartair The
Hague, Netherlands installation: Objet
Trouvé www.quartair.nl
Group
- 2022 Extreme Art, Pulchri Studio, "
Weissenbruch zaal, The Hague,
Netherlands Photography, www.pulchri
Group
- 2022 The Big RUW! Show HilbertRaum
Berlin, Germany Silkscreen
www.hilbertraum.org
Group
- 2022 To the Moon and Back and Back again
Felix Meritis Amsterdam, Netherlands
installation www.felixmeritis.nl
Group
- 2022 Back to Normal Quartair The Hague,
Netherlands Contemporary Art
Weekend
www.alternativeeartguide.com
Group
- 2022 Le Petit Salon Chateau de La Trousse
Ocquerre, France, France nstallation,
photography
Solo
- 2022 Voorjaars salon Pulchri
Studio,Voorhout galerie The Hague,
Netherlands Installation,"Objet trouve"
www.pulchri.nl/nl/tentoonstellingen/voorjaarssalon-jacob-hartog-prijs-2022/
Group
- 2022 ONSAEMIRO -Mobility Suwon
International Art project 111CM
(ComMunity) Suwon, Korea, Republic
of Korea Installation, photography

Suwon International Art project
ONSAEMIRO, Korea 2022
Group

- 2021 ISS Payload Gallery Gallery AIR Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation
InstallatION moongallery.eu
Group
- 2021 installation: " 21 Sachets d' Amour,"
Pulchri Studio, Weissenbruch zaal, The Hague, Netherlands Mixed media
www.pulchri.nl
Group
- 2021 PSYCHOPOLIS VRIJE ACADEMIE The Grey space in the Middle The Hague, Netherlands In juni en juli 2021 vond de Manifestatie Vrije Academie- Psychopolis plaats. Het unieke kunstonderwijs van TOEN – specifiek gericht op verbeelding en fantasie en toegankelijk voor iedereen – werd gekoppeld aan de actualiteit van kunst en kunstonderwijs van NU. www.va-psychopolis.nl/manifestatie/
Group
- 2020 "Papa René 2020,"456 caps Kunst centrum Haarlem Haarlem, Netherlands installation, photography,mixed media
www.sustainabilityart.nl
Group
- 2020 Time for you-pick up Art Sarajevo Winterfestival Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Photography
www.9dragonheads.com
Group
- 2020 Zone2Source the Glasshouse Amsterdam, Netherlands sculpture, photography, mixed media
www.moongallery.eu.
Group
- 2020 "One Minute," Hok Gallery The Hague, Netherlands Installation, photography,mixed media
www.hokgallery.com
Solo
- 2020 The Studio, Papa Rene in Retrospect Villa Grijpsheert The Hague, Netherlands Mixed media
www.danalamonda.com
Solo

- 2020 Linked Objects, Hoogtij #63 Quartair
The Hague, Netherlands Dia projection
www.quartair.nl/
Group
- 2020 Close Cosmos Old Observatory leiden,
Netherlands Sculpture, photography
www.moongallery
Group
- 2020 Geen bloem zonder wortel, Hoogtij#62
Quartair The Hague, Netherlands
Installation, photography,mixed media
www.quartair.nl/
Group
- 2019 Igluna habitat on ice Swiss space
center Zermatt, Switzerland
sculpture,photography,mixed media,
www.moongallery.eu
Group
- 2019 Moongallery at Quartair, during Hoogtij
#57 Quartair The Hague, Netherlands
Sculpture,photography,mixed media,
www.quartair.nl
Group
- 2019 Moon Habitat @Designblok
Designblok, Prague international
Design week Prague, Czech Republic
Sculpture, mixed media
www.designblok.cz
Group
- 2019 Forever is composed of Nows Pulchri
Studio The Hague, Netherlands
Photography, mixed media
www.pulchri.nl
Group
- 2019 Ventura Future Design Biennale Milano,
Italy Sculpture, mixed media
www.moongallery.eu
Group
- 2019 Ruw ! Korte Vijverberg The Hague,
Netherlands Presentation art magazine,
RUW !, Serendipity, during Hoogtij#55
[www.facebook.com/pages/category/Art/RUW-
269207976940056/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Art/RUW-269207976940056/)
Group
- 2019 Beweegredenen Pulchri Studio The
Hague, Netherlands Exposition and
Benefit
www.pulchri.nl/tentoonstellingen/beweegredenen

Group

- 2019 Moongallery Space ecpo Noordwijk, Netherlands www.moongallery.eu
Group
- 2019 SustainAbility Art Pulchri Studio The Hague, Netherlands twee kunstenaarscollectieven, Pulchri Studio en Amstelland Kunst (VAK), organiseren gezamenlijk het reizend kunstproject 'Sustainability Art'. In samenwerking met studenten van TU Delft maken 60 kunstenaars de complexe ontwikkelingen omtrent Sustainability invoelbaar. De tentoonstellingen komen o.a. naar Pulchri Studio, CBK Amsterdam Oost en Library van TU Delft.
www.sustainabilityart.nl
Group
- 2019 "Papa René 2019," 456 caps Centrum Beeldende kunst, Amsterdam, CBK Amsterdam, Netherlands installation, photography, mixed media
www.sustainabilityart.nl
Group
- 2019 Tiny Book, 6 Collectible cars TU Delft Delft, Netherlands Installation, photography, mixed media
www.sustainabilityart.nl
Group
- 2018 Instalation; 'Papa René 2018," Villa for sale The Hague, Netherlands 10 jarig bestaan van villa te koop, try out installatie Papa Rene. 2018
Solo
- 2018 Moongallery Estec /Esa Noordwijk, Netherlands www.moongallery.eu
Group
- 2017 The Orient 2.0 Pulchri Studio, during Hoogtij #51 The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.pulchri.nl
Group
- 2017 "The Velvet Zone 2017," exposition out of nomination; Van Ommeren- de Voogt price Hardenbergzaal, Pulchri Studio The Hague, Netherlands Installation, photography, mixed media The Velvet Zone The edges of society, the fringes, the real life, this is what intrigues me

and what I look for. Also in abandoned places where experiences which have taken place create a sphere one cannot see, only feel. During my search for the reality of life, I discover a brothel in Amsterdam. While discussing the project I hope to set in motion, the owner says: "Then you need to come and work here, build up trust with the girls. Only then will you be able to understand and draw a map about this life." I work nine months as assistant manager. Trust is established and I begin to photograph the rooms after the deed is accomplished. This is the nerve center of the brothel. I notice my photos contain more than the room alone. They capture the way life in a brothel is lived. As soon as a click is made between the girl and a client, the price paid and the key received, a new reality emerges. For one hour both are transported from daily life into a small isolated intimate space. The sole constant element is the ticking of the clock. When time is up, everything reverts back to the ordinary. Sheets are changed, a skirt is straightened, shoes are put on and life begins anew. It is a surreal world filled with theatrical moments and every time again I am surprised and full of wonder how this occurs. I experience it as a privilege to photograph this world. Everything I look for in my photography is contained in it: abstraction, impressionism, isolation. Although the nights are long, in the early morning when I return home I feel satisfied as I listen to the birds and review the images from the previous night. This in The Velvet World of the night. www.pulchri.nl

Solo

- 2017 Personal Relations: International
miniature portrait exhibition, Mirror
Gallery Vincenza, Italy Photography,
mixed media
Group

- 2016 Vanishing Point Nomination; Van
Ommeren-de Voogt Price 2016, Pulchri
Studio The Hague, Netherlands
Installation: "Vanishing Point"
www.pulchri.nl/tentoonstellingen/genomineerden-van-ommeren-de-voogt-prijs-0

Group

- 2016 Personal Relations: International miniature portrait exhibition The Cello factory, london. GB london, United Kingdom Photography, mixed media www.thecellofactory.com
Group
- 2016 Route du Nord The Noordsingel jail & Souterrain Zoho Rotterdam, Netherlands Try Out Installation "The Velvet Zone" www.routedunord.nl
Group
- 2015 Exit Gemak, All art is political Gemak The Hague, Netherlands Installation, photography, mixed media www.gemak.org
Group
- 2014 Stand out to Sea, "Harbor art" Havenmuseum Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands Photography www.portablecollective.com/stand-out-to-sea-2014/
Group
- 2012 Passing by Weissenbruch- / Hardenbergzaal The Hague, Netherlands Curated by Wim van Sinderen www.pulchri.nl/tentoonstellingen/in-t-voorbijgaan
Group
- 2012 The Fence Photoville Brooklyn Brigde park Brooklyn, New York , United States Photography fence.photoville.com
Group
- 2012 Fashion, Dandyisme and the Nightlife Pulchri Studio,Voorhout gallery The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.pulchri.nl
Group
- 2012 Open atelier route, Moving Art UP. Korte Voorhout KV20 The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.pulchri.nl
Group
- 2012 The Evolution of Arts Pulchri Studio,Klinkenberg gallery The Hague, Netherlands Photography

www.pulchri.nl

Group

- 2012 Pazazz Academie for liberal arts The Hague, Netherlands Photography
www.gemak.org
Solo
- 2012 Operandi, installation;"Studio Dana LaMonda," Gemak,Vrije academie, during Hoogtij #27 The Hague, Netherlands Retrospective, photography, mixed media
www.gemak.org
Solo
- 2011 A walk alone. Museum Muzee Scheveningen , Netherlands Installation, photography, mixed media
www.muzeescheveningen.nl
Group
- 2009 The Streets EVA Scheveningen Scheveningen, Netherlands Photography
Solo
- 2008 High voltage Sculpturepark de Pauw Wassenaar , Netherlands Installation Hoogspanning curator David Bade.
Group
- 2008 Ithaka, my house Theatre The Apple The Hague, Netherlands Installation,"the descriptive heart," curator Peter Otto
www.toneelgroepdeappel.nl
Group
- 2006 Sur La Route Hotel 't Centrum The Hague, Netherlands Installation, photography, mixed media
Solo
- 2005 A Chinese Dream Galerie Judy Straten & Markijke Raaijmakers Venlo, Netherlands mixed media
www.galeriejudystraten.com
Group

COMMISSIONS

- 2025 Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 NDH Passport Catalog Nine Dragon Heads Venice, Italy Parallel exhibition to 60th

	www.westdenhaag.nl finished		Venice biennale, Nomadic Party, presented by Nine Dragon Heads
2024	Several photo reportages Nine Dragon Heads Venice, Italy Photography, documenting for the press, Nine dragon heads finished	2022	Ready for take off Den Haag Centraal interview by Tanja Verkaik The Hague, Netherlands interviewde by Tanja Verkaik, publicatie DHC Moongallery testflight
2024	Piket kunstprijzen Piket Kunstprijzen The Hague, Netherlands finished		
2024	Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.westdenhaag.nl/ finished	2022	ruw magazine #5 ruw The Hague, Netherlands www.facebook.com/RUW-269207976940056/?ref=page_internal RUW! is an artist magazine in an edition of 50, with original prints
2024	Several photo reportages Stroom Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.stroom.nl finished	2017	"The Velvet Zone" Tijdschrift Pandora nr.6 The Hague Being interviewed by Ruud Vermeer
2023	Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.westdenhaag.nl/ finished	2017	"Velvet Zone 2017," Tijdschrift Pulchri nr.45 The Hague, Netherlands registratie van installatie
2019	Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.westdenhaag.nl/ finished		
2019	Several photo reportages Quartair The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.quartair.nl/ finished		
2018	Several photo reportages Nouvelles images The Hague, Netherlands Photography finished		
2018	Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.westdenhaag.nl/ finished		
2018	Several photo reportages Quatair The Hague, Netherlands Photography Diverse fotoreportages finished		
2018	Several photo reportages Pulchri Studio tijdschrift The Hague, Netherlands Photography finished		
2017	Several photo reportages Nouvelles images The Hague, Netherlands Photography finished		
2017	Several photo reportages Galerie West The Hague, Netherlands Photography www.westdenhaag.nl/ finished		
2017	Several photo reportages Arab Filmfestival/ Quartair The Hague and Rotterdam, Netherlands Photography arabfilmfestival.nl/nl/ finished		

REVIEWS

2020 Coronaproof peeskamertje in kleinste kunstgalerie Newspaper Tanja Verkaik den haag , Netherlands
www.denhaagcentraal.net/kunst/coronaproof-peeskamertje-in-kleinste-kunstgalerie-fotos/ Coronaproof peeskamertje in kleinste kunstgalerie (foto's) Niemand verwacht een peeskamer aan de Mauritskade, maar in HOK Gallery toont Dana LaMonda in passende sfeer haar bordeelfoto's.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2021 Nominated: Jacob Hartog Price Pulchri Studio The Hague, Netherlands

2016 Nominated; Van Ommeren- de Voogt Price 2016 Pulchri Studio, Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands Nomination 2016, Van Ommeren-De Voogt price Jury Rapport, Dana LaMonda with her installation Vanishing Point, This work shows a mysterious depth and gives a lonely and abandoned feeling. It draws attention and invites you to walk around it several times. The jury experiences an uncanny feeling, it exudes coldness but is luminous at the same time. The installation is completely aesthetic but agitates your thought process. It evokes questions and that is an important effect of art.

REPRESENTATION

-- Pulchri Studio The Hague, Netherlands
<https://www.pulchri.nl>

-- Stroom The Hague, Netherlands
<https://www.stroom.nl>

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

2021 - -- committee, Pulchri Studio, The Hague On-going

2021 - -- Jubileum committee, Pulchri Studio On-going

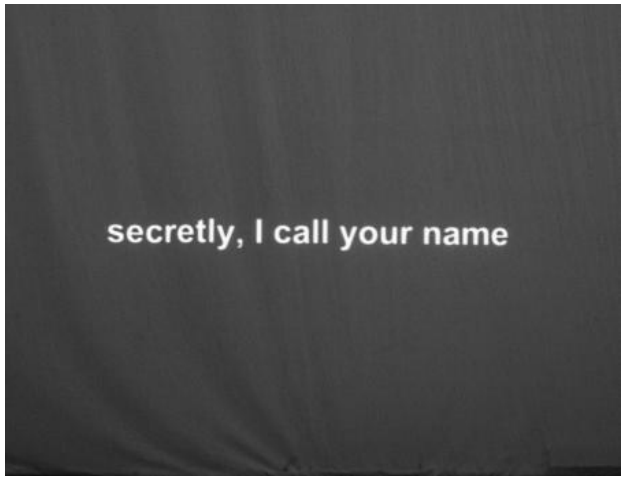
2019 - Curated; Moongallery at Quartair during
2019 Hoogtij 57

2019 - Jury, photo contest, TU Delft
2019

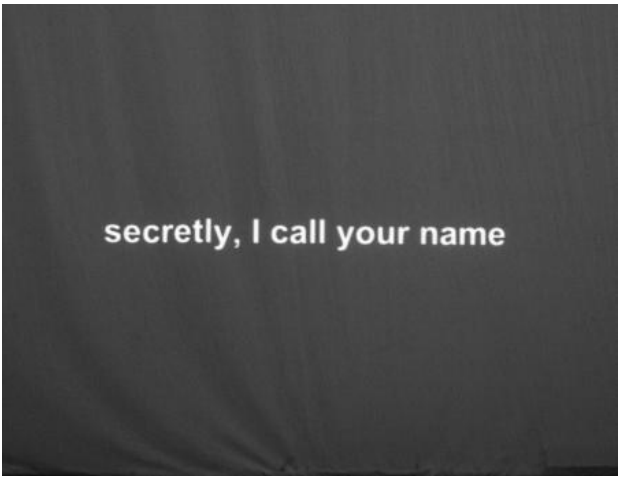
2019 - Artist in front of the classroom
2019

2019 - Image Advisor for the organisation,
2021 Manifestatie Vrije Academie-Psychopolis

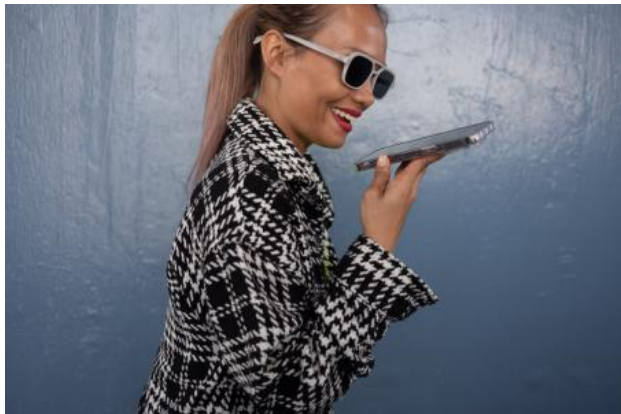
2012 - Exposition committee, Pulchri Studio, The
2014 Hague



Secretly, I call your Name, 2025
Mixed Media, Installation



Secretly, I call your Name, 2025
Mixed Media, Installation



Rotterdam Photo 2024, 2024
Photography



Rotterdam Photo 2024, 2024
Photography



Rotterdam Photo 2024, 2024
Photography



MOON GALLERY: TEST FLIGHT, 2022



Vanishing Point, 2022
Mixed Media, 75x200x5 cm



Books, 2021
installation



"One Minute," , 2020
installation, photography, mixed media



One Minute, 2020
installation, photography, mixed media

