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DIRK HARDY

“Stories help us understand other perspectives. By welcoming the viewer to a multitude of worlds I aim to increase our ability to connect and coexist.”

As a child, Dirk Hardy dreamed of becoming an architect—to design places and spaces for people to live in. He studied Architecture at Eindhoven University of Technology and turned to photography in 2010 at Willem de Kooning Academy. Today, as an artist, Hardy researches, constructs, and photographs imagined worlds within his studio. Hardy explores the complexity of life in an idiosyncratic and empathic way. His meticulously constructed and socially engaged tableaux shine light on human existence. In the creation of his worlds he fuses his imagination, personal memories and true events into ‘purposeful fiction’. Hardy lives and works in The Hague (NL). In 2019 at Photo Basel (Switzerland) Hardy had his first international exhibition showing Void. In 2021, after 3 years in the making, he exhibited Vivarium for the first time at the York Art Gallery (UK) as nominee for the Aesthetica Art Prize (UK). That same year Hardy was selected for Futures Photography, a European platform for young photography talent. Since then, Vivarium has been exhibited at various venues in the Netherlands, Germany, the UK and Luxembourg. Recent exhibitions include Art Rotterdam (2025), Photoville, New York City (2024), Unseen, Amsterdam (2023) and Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam (2022). Hardy’s work is part of various collections, including the collection of Museum LAM, Lisse (NL) and the AkzoNobel Art Collection (NL).

WEBSITES

portfolio

www.dirkhardy.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/dirkhardy/

MEMBER OF ARTISTS’ INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Maakhaven

EDUCATION

- 2017 - Didactic course Willem de Kooning
2017 Academie Rotterdam
- 2010 - BA Photography Rotterdam, Willem de
2014 Kooning Academie diploma
- 2007 - BA Architecture Technische Universiteit
2010 Eindhoven

EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Art Rotterdam - Unseen Rotterdam, Netherlands
Represented by Project 2.0 Gallery
[Solo](#)
- 2025 Art Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands Represented by
Rutger Brandt Gallery
[Group](#)
- 2025 This Art Fair Amsterdam, Netherlands
[Solo](#)
- 2025 New Photographers Gallery Project 2.0 Den Haag,
Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2024 Vivarium Photoville New York City, United States
photoville.nyc/exhibition/vivarium/
[Solo](#)
- 2024 Night Shift Heden Den Haag, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2024 300m2 Maakhaven Den Haag, Netherlands
[Group](#)
- 2023 Vivarium Nederlands Fotomuseum Rotterdam,
Netherlands

COMMISSIONS

- 2019 Vogel Kat op het spek, theaterproducties
Amsterdam Theater poster
www.dirkhardy.com/commissioned?itemId=f77bfg387b6o0valb4vjv87yrn9tqd-kbx2c finished
- 2016 Palm Springs Nieuwe de la Mar Theater,
Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands
Theater poster
www.dirkhardy.com/commissioned?itemId=edx5uyzh4537gecmz9jboxpjl1x1g-jvj4a finished

www.nederlandsfotomuseum.nl/tentoonstelling/dirk-hardy-vivarium/
Solo

- 2023 Vivarium Rutger Brandt Gallery Amsterdam, Netherlands
Solo
- 2023 Vivarium Unseen Amsterdam, Netherlands Represented
by Rutger Brandt Gallery
Solo
- 2023 Regenerate Society Noorderlicht, International Photo
Festival Groningen, Netherlands
Group
- 2022 Pink Edition Rutger Brandt Gallery Amsterdam,
Netherlands
Group
- 2022 Art Luxembourg Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
Group
- 2022 PAN Amsterdam Art Fair Amsterdam, Netherlands
Represented by Rutger Brandt Gallery
Group
- 2022 Vivarium Leica Gallery Konstanz, Germany
Solo
- 2022 Small is Beautiful XL Flowers Gallery London, United
Kingdom
Group
- 2021 Aesthetica Art Prize York Art Gallery York, United
Kingdom
Group
- 2021 BBA Photography Prize Kühlhaus Berlin, Germany
Group
- 2021 MOYA Museum Of Young Art Oosterhout, Netherlands
Solo
- 2019 Void Photo Basel Basel, Switzerland
Solo
- 2015 Ministry of Finance The Hague, Netherlands
Group
- 2015 Haagse Kunstkring The Hague, Netherlands
Group
- 2015 ROOT Gallery Rotterdam, Netherlands
Group
- 2014 Cokkie Snoei Gallery Rotterdam, Netherlands
Group
- 2014 New Dutch Photography Talent Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group

SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2024 Vivarium, Episode 1 - 11 Rädeler
collection Konstanz, Duitsland
- 2023 Vivarium, Episode 6, On Guard
AkzoNobel Art Foundation Amsterdam,
Nederland
- 2023 Vivarium, Episode 9, Free Delivery LAM
Museum Lisse, Nederland
- 2021 Libertas Henri Swagemakers collection
Nederland
- 2020 Vivarium, Episode 1, Pilot Germain

PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Void Book X Publishers/GUP, Amsterdam
Dirk Hardy Amsterdam, Netherlands
www.dirkhardy.com/shop/p/void-publication

Review of Art Basel that focuses on the exhibition of Dirk Hardy's Void at Photo Basel.

- 2017 I hissen med Hardy (In the elevator with Hardy) Magazine Fotografisk Magazine Stockholm, Sweden
issuu.com/fotografisktidskrift/docs/f_nr_1_2017_liten
Fotografisk Tidskrift, nr 1 2017, p. 28 - 33
- 2015 The municipality of Binnenmaas rejects 'offensive' art TV NOS Journaal Netherlands nos.nl/artikel/2012963-gemeente-binnenmaas-weert-aanstootgevende-kunst.html
- 2014 Students, Dirk Hardy TV Fotostudio de Jong Netherlands
www.vpro.nl/programmas/fotostudio-de-jong/1.html

REPRESENTATION

-- Project 2.0 Gallery Den Haag, Netherlands

SECONDARY ART-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2019 - 2020 Assistant, Desiree Dolron, Amsterdam, NL
- 2017 - 2020 Photography teacher, Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam, NL
- 2013 - 2020 Assistant and retoucher, Studio Pieter Henket, New York, USA



Residue City, But now I'm only falling apart, 2025
Archival pigment print, framed, 204 x 144cm



Residue City, Once upon a time I was falling in love, 2025
Archival pigment print, framed, 52 x 37cm



Residue City, But now I'm only falling apart, 2025
Archival pigment print, framed, 204 x 144cm



Residue City, Ride like the one eyed jack of diamonds, 2025
Archival pigment print, ingelijst, 216 x 132cm



Vivarium, Episode 12, Echo Down the Passage (part 1), 2025
Archival pigment print, window frame, 124 x 94cm



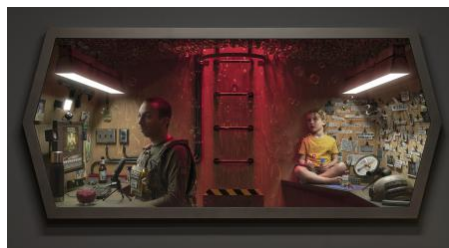
Vivarium, Episode 13, Echo Down the Passage (part 2), 2025
Archival pigment print, window frame, 124 x 94cm



Vivarium, 2023



Vivarium, Episode 11, Echo Chamber, 2023



Vivarium, Episode 11, Echo Chamber, 2023
Archival pigment print, window frame, 223,5 cm x 102 cm



Vivarium, Episode 11, Self-portrait, 2023

