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## KEXIN HAO

I am a visual artist born in Beijing (1993) and based in The Hague. I have an interdisciplinary practice across art, design, and theatre with a focus on performance. I combine a variety of media including video, printed matter, choreography, and music, while borrowing archetypes in pop cultures such as aerobic workout, video games, online streaming, puppet theatre, aiming to provide the audience with playful, participatory, and on-site experiences. What lies at the core of my art making is the creation of experiences addressing history, society and cultural heritage through bodily engagement. I am interested in the human body in relation to collective memory and political propaganda, as well as the entanglement of human and pest in health and hygiene campaigns.

### WEBSITES

portfolio website

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

### SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.instagram.com/kexin\\_hao/](https://www.instagram.com/kexin_hao/)

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC8snYyfz92GsvHxqdxpiPrA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8snYyfz92GsvHxqdxpiPrA)

### MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

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## EDUCATION

- 2023 - artist in residency Maastricht, Jan van Eyck  
2024 Academie
- 2017 - Bachelor Design Den Haag, Koninklijke  
2021 Academie van Beeldende Kunsten diploma

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Museum Night Maastricht Jan van Eyck  
Academie Maastricht, Netherlands  
[Group](#)
- 2024 Open Studios Jan van Eyck Academie  
Maastricht, Netherlands  
[www.janvaneyck.nl/calendar/open-studios-2024](http://www.janvaneyck.nl/calendar/open-studios-2024)  
[Group](#)
- 2024 O Days Festival REFSHALEØEN

## PROJECTS

- 2024 Lewd Banquet Jan van Eyck Academie  
Maastricht, Netherlands  
[howkexin.com/project/lewd-banquet.html](http://howkexin.com/project/lewd-banquet.html)  
She chews, crunches, slurps, screams, sings, whispers, and moans.... Through an erotic, sensual, and visceral listening experience of compost plated on a banquet table, Kexin Hao unfolds intimate relationships and proximities between our bodies and the discarded residues of what we eat. Borrowing from ASMR mukbang—a

Copenhagen, Denmark

[Group](#)

- 2024 Lowlands Festival Biddinghuizen, Netherlands This summer, you won't only find us at NDSM, but we're also shaking things up in Biddinghuizen during Lowlands! Together with artists Mette Sterre and Kexin Hao, we've put together a series of specially developed performance programs. The dance lesson that stays in your body forever. When you hear music, you want to dance, and every music genre has its own movements. They knew this in Mao's China too. Political slogans were set to music, and specific maneuvers were paired with them. This way, the ideology literally imprinted itself on your body. China-born Kexin Hao explores in 'Total Body Workout' how muscle memory is shaped by the era you live in. Feel free to join in her aerobics class. You can always leave the class, but will the class ever leave you? Daily at 20:30 and 22:45 at X-Ray. [www.nieuwdakota.com/en/news/nieuw-dakota-goes-lowlands/](http://www.nieuwdakota.com/en/news/nieuw-dakota-goes-lowlands/)  
[Group](#)
- 2024 Ars Electronica POST City Linz [ars.electronica.art/hope/de/events/forceful-catering/](http://ars.electronica.art/hope/de/events/forceful-catering/)  
[Group](#)
- 2024 Come As You Are WORM Rotterdam, Netherlands [worm.org/production/worm-25-come-as-you-are-night-program-with-sado-opera-kexin-hao-and-more/](http://worm.org/production/worm-25-come-as-you-are-night-program-with-sado-opera-kexin-hao-and-more/)
- 2024 The Women Gather Het Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Netherlands Samen met Eat Your Feelings Cinema vieren we Internationale Vrouwendag met een uitgebreid multi-zintuiglijk programma van performances en screenings waarin je de architectuur en de ruimtes van het museumgebouw kunt verkennen, in een rijk gezelschap van feministische kunstenaars. [nieuweinstituut.nl/events/women-gather](http://nieuweinstituut.nl/events/women-gather)  
[Group](#)
- 2024 On Point Of Climax Instrument
- genre of online eating show in which a host consumes food and amplifies the sounds of eating and drinking to trigger a viewer's autonomous sensory meridian response— Hao immerses visitors in a four-course meal and guides them into a world where guts morph into worms and tongues fondle soil. Titled Lewd Bouquet, here the human digestive system, culinary routines, and sexual rituals intermingle with decomposing processes and compost organisms. The aural feast culminates in a toast: "Canon of Filth," a song composed by Hao where haunting waves of melodies imitate, follow, and delay one another. As staggered voices harmonize over one another, the canon begins to resemble layers of compost and the synchronization between our intestinal and the extrinsic realms. Touring in rounds of dissonance, it celebrates the unwholesome and brings us ever closer to the dead, the rotten, and the underground, where we make life, where we make love.
- 2023 Forceful Catering Worm, Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands [howkexin.com/project/pound-it.html](http://howkexin.com/project/pound-it.html) "Forceful Catering" is a choreographic and musical performance growing out from the East/Southeast Asian tradition of preparing sticky rice cakes (mochi). The rice pounding utensils become experimental percussion instruments to produce bass beats to the electronic music; the pounding movements develop along the increasing viscosity of the rice. Inspired by the traditional Chinese folklores and rice pounding work songs, this project tries to expand the rice pounding song to contain new narratives reflecting our current urgencies: can a woman's body become, contrary to a recipient, a giver of forces and penetration? What if fierce acts don't direct to violence and harm, but a process leading to nourishment and care? How does the transformation of rice translate the cycle and entanglement of birth and death, fertility and decay? The performance brings out a clubbing experience and a catering service to the audience. "Forceful Catering" thrives on feeding the ones who treasure beats and intimacy. supported by: The work was titled "Pound it!" and was developed during Summer Session residency 2022, supported by V2\_Lab for the Unstable Media. For this version, I collaborated with

Inventors Initiative The Hague, Netherlands The ideologies we live in creep into the core of our beings and direct how we activate our bodies, where we address attention and how we perceive ourselves and the world around us. Human senses are biased: they are reflections of our conscious and unconscious understandings of our existence in the environment. Curated by Elena Apostolovski. Julia Sterre Schmitz's documentary film Come Here, Come Here invites (self)discovery of a 12cm organ left out of anatomy books and science discourse, as well as the general knowledge, until 1998. Stephanie Pan develops a feminist manifesto containing vocal gestures, discovering How To Not Know she suggests ways of being and creating while trusting the body, leaning on intuition and celebrating emotionality, vulnerability, and empathy. Kexin Hao with Forceful Catering transforms the rice-pounding utensils into experimental percussion instruments that produce bass beats to electronic music; while blending the public and domestic space she reclaims the act of penetration. A Women's Day program that honours and encourages intuition, action, and (self)discovery. Which sensations do we allow ourselves to have and how to express them, which knowledge do we lean on? It is a challenge to navigate what inputs to trust among scientific books, classical paintings, pop songs or Instagram ads. On Point of Climax searches for tactics and tools art can offer to explore female bodies and extend the ways of how the body can be activated.

Duo

2024 Zefir7: Kexin Hao and Marthe Prins Stroom The Hague, Netherlands Zefir7: Kexin Hao and Marthe Prins Tuesday 19 March 2024, 20.00 hrs (doors open 19:30 hrs) Location: Stroom, Hogewal 1-9, The Hague Entrance: free (BNO members get a free drink) >> Join facebook event >> Instagram: @zefirseven Zefir7 is the Monthly Designers Café in collaboration with BNO. This time with presentations by Kexin Hao and Marthe Prins. Kexin Hao

2023

Rachwill Breidel on the music and Tingyi Jiang on the performance. "Forceful Catering" is evolved from "Pound it!" and is a project developed during WORM x Amarte residency 2023. For this version, I collaborated with 10\_r3n on the music and Marie Komatsu on the wood installation.

Liminal Wild: live CBK Rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands [howkexin.com/project/liminal-wild-live.html](http://howkexin.com/project/liminal-wild-live.html) The research focuses on bats (in the coronavirus crisis) and sparrows (in the "eradicate 4 pests" hygiene campaign in China's Great Leap Forward) as carriers of symbolism and materials for personification in relation to political narratives in national health agenda, and how it reflects our understanding of ecology and immunity. The outcome is a performance combining music, spoken words, singing (rap) and movements encrypting the research outcomes and using human bodies as sites for metaphors to reenact the bodies of bats. Once a villainized creature, this bat has become a role model, a pop star, and a spokesman of our ecological and political emergencies. In the post-Covidian times when we have moved on from the pandemic, we should still think about the conflicts the pandemic had directed us to and left us in: conflicts between nation state and people; between countries; and between ideologies. Certain narratives are created to serve people's need for an enemy. In this work, through embodying bats and sparrows, I found a good entry to the political engagement as an artist and researcher. These species provide materials to understand the causes, potentials, dangers, and damages of the hero-villain narratives. And they are the new materials which host resistance of a divided society and the lurking autocracy. The body of the bat, the place embedding so much about liminality, is where we find resolutions to the increasingly polarised world.

2022

Future Dance of Nostalgia iii / Instruments inventors initiative The Hague, Netherlands [howkexin.com/project/future-dance-of-nostalgia-new.html](http://howkexin.com/project/future-dance-of-nostalgia-new.html) Through the research on work songs in which singing/chanting helps choreograph the repetitive manual labour, the artist tries to trace out how our moving bodies used to cooperate in the

(CN, 1993) is a visual artist and designer born in Beijing and now based in the Netherlands. In her recent work, Kexin explores themes of the body, rituals, health and collective memory. Noa-Marthe Prins is an artist and writer based in Amsterdam. With her lively and humorous approach, she explores the relationships between productivity and the performative aspects of work. Tuesday 19 Mar '24 Doors open at 19:30 hrs, presentation starts at 20:00 hrs Stroom Den Haag, Hogewal 1-9, The Hague Entrance: Free [www.stroom.nl/activiteiten/lezing\\_symposium.php?l\\_id=1330922](http://www.stroom.nl/activiteiten/lezing_symposium.php?l_id=1330922)  
Duo

2024 Amarte Wonderland Theater De Krakeling Amsterdam Amsterdam, Netherlands Amarte Wonderland, een viering van de kunst, de makers en 5 jaar Amarte.  
Group

2024 Museum Night Maastricht Jan van Eyck Academie Maastricht, Netherlands  
Group

2023 Sugar Pop Institute presents: Future Dance of Nostalgia, Boring Festival Philharmonie | Stairs, Haarlem Haarlem, Netherlands  
[instrumentinventors.org/agenda/kexin-hao-at-boring-festival/](http://instrumentinventors.org/agenda/kexin-hao-at-boring-festival/)

2023 Post Design Tangle: Community Huset-KBH Copenhagen, Denmark  
[post.design/community/](http://post.design/community/)  
Group

2023 FIBER Festival Birrificio Oedipus Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[fiberfestival.nl/kexin](http://fiberfestival.nl/kexin)  
Group

2023 Evidence in Motion #5: Empty Orchestra The Hague, Netherlands An exploration of intercultural and interspecies understandings through karaoke and visual storytelling. How do we communicate across the boundaries of one's own understanding? This is what Kexin Hao, Maja Simišić, Tuana Inhan, Gabi Dao aim to uncover during Evidence in Motion #5: Empty Orchestra through using karaoke and

extinct activities of production. From here she questions: how do we preserve the body movements and restore our moving bodies as the living archives? Can we restore it on this body of you and me, now and here? Future Dance of Nostalgia is a dancing game which invites audience to perform the choreography that extracts and abstracts the movements found in the pre-industrial, heavy physical labour, and work songs. Motion tracking technology allows the body movements to be quantified, measured, and evaluated. Historical archives of work songs provide the inspiration for the music that renders the old tales and melodies into clubbing beats that lead the dance. Through ethnographic research into work songs and the moving body, the project draws much needed attention to alternative historical archives of our times. The gaming technology, visual, and music, bring people closer to the past through a tangible and modern experience. The work also brings fun and togetherness to audience through public participatory dance sessions and interactive gameplay.

2021 Portrayed Landscape The Hague, Netherlands  
[www.instagram.com/portrayed\\_landscape/](http://www.instagram.com/portrayed_landscape/)  
A landscape is portrayed, fantasied, longed for and impulsed, at the same time being expelled from the urban space. "Portrayed Landscape" is an online gallery collecting artificial image of nature in urban space from cities around the world.

2021 Total Body Workout Royal Academy of Art The Hague The Hague, Netherlands  
[howkexin.com/project/total-body-workout](http://howkexin.com/project/total-body-workout)  
Total Body Workout leads you through a 'total body' experience in which history unfolds not in chronological order but in a head-to-toe sequence. How is our body scripted and shaped by the times it lives in? How are national agendas and political ideologies woven into bodily semiotics? How does one's body memory become an integral part of hegemonic historical narratives? And how do we inhabit a historical and totalised body? Based on nationwide physical exercise routines and mass gymnastic performances in Asia, the Eastern Bloc and the United States, Total Body Workout proposes a recomposition of the existing corporal movements and a

visual storytelling and time-based media as a way to create multi-layered narratives that connect us with our environment. Within their works, the artists give our favourite cringe-worthy pastime a makeover, by using it as a vessel to tell stories that bridge intercultural and interspecies boundaries. Through reappropriating the aesthetics of singing, dance, and strange background videos, they create interactive experiences that allow us to change our own perspective. Empty Orchestra creates a stage for these explorations to come to life and amplify the voice of “the other”. Creating a safe space to express and change perspectives, that embraces the imperfect just as karaoke does. Inspired by pop cultural references, the artists are revealing the stigma of being a pest from bats and follow their journey as an endangered species, to exploring the peculiar connections that humans have to house plants as aesthetic objects in artificial environments, to creating platonic pseudo love songs for immigration lawyers. Reimagining the project space of iii as a otherworldly and multifaceted karaoke club for everyone – human and more-than-human.

[instrumentinventors.org/post/evidence-in-motion-5-photos/](https://instrumentinventors.org/post/evidence-in-motion-5-photos/)  
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2023 Synergy Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.stichtingsynergy.com/artists/kexin-hao](https://www.stichtingsynergy.com/artists/kexin-hao)  
Group

2023 #WITCHESWANTED, Clubhuis Het Huis Utrecht Utrecht, Netherlands  
[hethuisutrecht.nl/Nieuws/122/line-up-club-huis-witcheswanted](https://hethuisutrecht.nl/Nieuws/122/line-up-club-huis-witcheswanted)  
Group

2023 AFFECT, final presentation WORM x Amarte Residency WORM Rotterdam, Netherlands The four month residency started out through an open call for developing a site-specific, interdisciplinary project. Three makers (individual or collective) were selected, each developing on preexisting ideas, and using the space to expand the

reconfiguration of the past in the present. Here and now, we work out the total body. Tutors: Ruben Pater x Thomas Buxo Photography & cinematography: Helena Roig x Pedro Gossler Music: Dima Ibrahim Make up: Mijs Goosen Fitness supervisor: Leon Lapa Pereira Performers: Leon Lapa Pereira x Ella Wang Olsson x Tom Šebestik x Tingyi Jiang Exhibition design: Luã Su-íng x Arthur Cordier

2020 TRANCE Zine TRANCE Zine Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.instagram.com/trancezine/](https://www.instagram.com/trancezine/) Trance is a platform for urgent, visceral and cathartic literature. It treats writing as a practice of purification and exploration of the unconscious. I am the graphic designer of the magazine. With two editors and one web developer, we have launched three issues, organized events in The Hague and Amsterdam. Trance team has organized: Trance Zine Pavilion Launch Trance Magazine Launch + Open Call

2019 Royal Nail Salon The Hague, Netherlands  
[howkexin.com/project/royal-nail-salon](https://howkexin.com/project/royal-nail-salon) The idea of Royal Nail Salon is to bring the “non-art”, the “mundane” and “service” to an art environment and context and to break the boundaries. And I want to build an “immediate” community and a platform for storytelling, intimacy and queerness with people. Royal Nail Salon has grown big and into different collaboration. Me and Yusuf invented our special service “Tarot and Nails”. We ask our customer to pick 10 cards by their 10 fingers. Yusuf read the cards and I painted the nails of the fingers according to my interpretation of the reading. Colour, glitter and pattern have become metaphorical and esoteric. Royal Nail Salon / Tarot and Nails have (co-)hosted / participated in: Royal Nail Salon Rietveld Flea Market ?????????? ?????????? ?????????? ?????????? Pisswife #3 Launch Party Cinema Underexposed Film Festival! Roller Disco / Basement Beach Club X Note To Self After Party CinemAsia presents : Live in between vol. 2: Trans-dialogue MOONMOON Trip

-- Revolution is a Dinner Party Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[howkexin.com/project/revolution-is-a-dinner-party.html](https://howkexin.com/project/revolution-is-a-dinner-party.html) "Revolution Is a Dinner

possibilities inherent in their creative practices. October 14th, the public had the opportunity to witness these projects, in a continuous flow from one space to the other. Starting at S/ash gallery, moving onto the foyer and finishing at UBIK, each project made use of site-specific conditions of WORM becoming a collaboration between the artist and the possibilities of the space. AFFECT invites the audience as witness to the ongoing journey of these projects. As we pass through the multiple spaces of WORM, we reflect on our body, senses and collective presence in the room. The artists have worked separately throughout residency period, but the final coming together of these works marks the emergence of new thematic connections and artistic entanglements.

[worm.org/2023/11/14/worm-x-amarte-lookback-affect/](https://worm.org/2023/11/14/worm-x-amarte-lookback-affect/)  
Group

2023 Embassy of Inclusive Society, Dutch Design Week 2023 Van Abbemuseum Eindhoven, Netherlands  
Homohooligaan-sjaals en Total Body Workouts In de tentoonstelling zijn werken te zien die verschillende lichamelijke interacties en beeldvorming mogelijk maken, terwijl andere een verschuiving in perspectief bieden. Agenderende werken, zoals Homohooligan van multidisciplinair ontwerper Davy de Lepper. Hij ontwierp een Homohooligaan-sjaal om te laten zien dat je supporter bent van de LHBTIQA+ community én het vergroot de zichtbaarheid van de gemeenschap. Meer verkennend is de Total Body Workout van visueel ontwerper Kexin Hao. Haar workout is gebaseerd op Chinese ochtendworkouts waar ze zelf als kind elke ochtend op school aan deelnam. Het laat je anders kijken naar je bestaande lichamelijke bewegingen. Bewegingen die gevormd zijn in de tijd waarin je leeft.  
[www.worlddesignembassies.com/topics/embassy-of-inclusive-society-op-ddw23/](https://www.worlddesignembassies.com/topics/embassy-of-inclusive-society-op-ddw23/)  
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2023 UNFAIR 2023 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Party” is a puppet performance that reimagines Mao Zedong’s phrase “Revolution is not a dinner party” as an invitation to reflect on food and inter-species intimacy. The play stages an afterlife dialogue between a sparrow and a rat. Drawing from Mao’s “Smash Sparrows” campaign and the “Great Hanoi Rat Massacre,” the two debate class conflict. A silverfish interrupts, revealing that all three characters are parts of one body and guiding them toward a revolution in which boundaries between self and others dissolve through the act of eating.

Unfair, an artist-led art fair, was founded in 2012 by three artists who wanted to improve the cultural infrastructure in the Netherlands. We have been dedicated to promoting emerging contemporary artists for over a decade, working with over 250 artists in more than 30 events. Our collaborations with these artists form the backbone of our platform, which aims to create connections, curate and promote the next generation of leading artists. By putting the artist first, we strive to create a fair art community where people can discover and buy art directly from the maker. We have received praise from artists, cultural professionals, collectors, curators, and writers for our approach, which is based on collaboration rather than competition. [unfair.nl/kexin-hao/](https://unfair.nl/kexin-hao/)  
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2023 KOORTSDROOM / Feverdream Frans Hals Museum Haarlem, Netherlands Vrijdag 24 november vond het openingsevenement van Koortsdroom. Versmelting van mens en dier plaats. Na welkomstwoorden van Frans Hals Museum directeur Lidewij de Koekkoek en conservator Hedendaagse kunst Manique Hendricks, gaf Kexin Hao een performance getiteld 'Liminal Wild'. Vervolgens bezochten gasten de tentoonstelling en dansten ze op beats van Slimfit. Het uitgangspunt van de tentoonstelling is het nieuwe, niet eerder vertoonde videokunstwerk Beast and Feast van de Prix de Rome-genomineerde Josefin Arnell. Het Frans Hals Museum combineert Beast and Feast met een unieke mix van hedendaagse kunst die de relatie tussen mens en dier behandelt. [www.franshalsmuseum.nl/nl/fotoverslag-opening-koortsdroom/](https://www.franshalsmuseum.nl/nl/fotoverslag-opening-koortsdroom/)  
Group

2022 Rewire Festival: Proximity Music, Sensing After Thought Theatre Amare The Hague, Netherlands Kexin Hao is a young artist originally from Beijing and based in The Netherlands where she graduated in 2021 from the Royal Art Academy of The Hague. Her graduation work Total Body Workout, investigates

through joyful group exercise the authoritarian image of the healthy body. For Sensing After Thought she has been commissioned a new work, FutureDance of Nostalgia, combining ethnographic research, rhythmic choreography and gaming. Taking the form of classic dancing videogames such as Just Dance, the work invites visitors to perform a choreography based on gestures related to pre-industrial, heavy physical labour. Historical archives of work songs provide the inspiration for the music by Rachwill Breidel, who renders the old tales and melodies into clubbing beats that lead the dance. Visitors can experience the work by playing the videogame as well as by joining group dance sessions taking place daily in the foyer of Amare. FutureDance of Nostalgia is created in collaboration with Leonardo Scarin (game design), Ludmila Rodrigues (choreography). [www.rewirefestival.nl/artist/kexin-hao](http://www.rewirefestival.nl/artist/kexin-hao)

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2022 TecArt Boomgaardsstraat Rotterdam, Netherlands TEC ART presents an action-packed program with groundbreaking art by leading international artists and young Dutch talents, electronic music, creative technology, and a spectacular cyberpunk arena. At TEC ART, visitors can experience Future Dance of Nostalgia by Kexin Hao by playing the video game as well as joining group dance sessions outdoors. Future Dance of Nostalgia is a work commissioned by iii(instrumentinventors.org) and created in collaboration with Leonardo Scarin (game design), Ludmila Rodrigues (choreography), Rachwill Breidel(music), Pedro Gossler (videography, 3D). [instrumentinventors.org/agenda/tec-art-rotterdam-featuring-kexin-hao/](http://instrumentinventors.org/agenda/tec-art-rotterdam-featuring-kexin-hao/)

Group

2022 Never Ready – A Congress on the Visuality of the Internet HFBK University of Fine Arts Hamburg Hamburg, Germany [never-ready.hfbk.net/speakers/kexin-hao/](http://never-ready.hfbk.net/speakers/kexin-hao/)

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- 2022 L.E.V Festival Matadero Madrid, Spain  
KEXIN HAO: FUTURE DANCE OF  
NOSTALGIA VORTEX. Virtual Reality  
Experiences and VR Cinema September  
22-25 Nave 17. Matadero  
[levfestival.com/22/en/lev-  
madrid/kexin-hao-future-dance-of-  
nostalgia/](http://levfestival.com/22/en/lev-madrid/kexin-hao-future-dance-of-nostalgia/)  
Group
- 2022 Turning Towards Fluidity: A  
Tournament of the Unknown W139  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[w139.nl/turning-towards-fluidity-  
public-program-nl/](http://w139.nl/turning-towards-fluidity-public-program-nl/)  
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- 2021 PIP Expo PIP The Hague The Hague,  
Netherlands Wake up—make the bed—  
drink chlorophyll water or celery juice,  
one cup of detoxication, good organ  
and lymphatic release—take vitamins,  
get dressed—read the news with a  
green tea face mask on—get ready for:  
twists, squats, and stretches, lunges,  
punches, and crunches—warm up the  
core and glutes—jumping jacks for the  
final burn—control your breath—  
regulate your pulse—ice bath for the  
total cooldown. Keep in mind: 20 sets,  
10 rounds each, 3 bucks of ice for 10  
mins of cold therapy. Now, every inch of  
your skin is greeted: Good morning. On  
Friday September 24th, for ONE  
evening, together with Diana  
Gheorghiu, we present our 'Morning  
Routines' at PIP Den Haag PIP Expo. I  
am so happy coming back to PIP—the  
place with so many good memories—  
this time with my work and  
performance! At the same time I am  
thrilled imagining what will happen in  
this amazing but undefined space—art?  
gym? night club? LETS MAKE  
EVERYTHING HAPPEN!!! PIP Expo |  
18:00~0:00 Organised by Alex Webber  
& Laura Snijders Artists: Kexin Hao &  
Diana Gheorghiu graphic design by  
Kexin Hao Photography: Helena Roig  
[pipdenhaag.nl/events/pip-expo/](http://pipdenhaag.nl/events/pip-expo/)  
Duo
- 2021 GGOBOT Festival Enschede,  
Netherlands  
Group
- 2021 BARTALK#25: Control The Grey Space

in The Middle The Hague, Netherlands  
[bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk25-control-physical-event/](https://bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk25-control-physical-event/)  
Group

2021 STIFF Student International Film  
Festival Rijeka, Croatia  
Group

2021 Body Building: On the Formation of the  
Individual, Political, and Empowered  
Self Stroboskop Space Warsaw, Poland  
"Body Building: On the Formation of the  
Individual, Political, and Empowered  
Self" is a conversation with Kexin Hao,  
Jessica Dudziak and Sebastian Winkler  
on the body as site and vessel through  
which personal experiences of power,  
marginalization, sublimation, and  
cultural, gendered, and social pressures  
are negotiated. [stroboskop-space.pl/Body-Building](https://stroboskop-space.pl/Body-Building)  
Group

2021 Graduation Show Royal Academy of Art  
The Hague The Hague, Netherlands  
[graduation2021.kabk.nl/students/kexin-hao](https://graduation2021.kabk.nl/students/kexin-hao)  
Group

-- Design Bond 中国 | China Calling 2022  
Eindhoven  
[ddw.nl/en/programme/7173/design-bond-china-calling-conference-at-ddw](https://ddw.nl/en/programme/7173/design-bond-china-calling-conference-at-ddw)  
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## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Jan van Eyck Academie Maastricht,  
Netherlands The Jan van Eyck  
Academie is committed to exploring the  
agency, roles, and civic significance of  
art, design and other creative practices  
in relation to the climate crisis,  
environmental breakdown, and their  
manifold effects. This institutional focus  
opens up a wide discourse and creates  
a framework that embraces a diversity  
of practices and allows for a multitude  
of voices.  
[www.janvaneyck.nl/participants/kexin-hao](https://www.janvaneyck.nl/participants/kexin-hao)

## COMMISSIONS

2025 City Artist Gemeente Den Haag The Hague,  
Netherlands Sinds 2023 heeft Den Haag  
een Stadstekenaar. De Stadstekenaar  
bekijkt de stad en tekent gebeurtenissen en  
situaties in Den Haag. De Stadstekenaar  
maakt tekeningen vol verhalen en gezichten  
en geeft daarmee een eigen kijk op de stad.  
De Haags Stadstekenaar is een project van  
de gemeente, Bibliotheek Den Haag, het  
Haags Gemeentearchief en kunstruimte  
Nest. [howkexin.com/project/stadstekenaar-2025.html](https://howkexin.com/project/stadstekenaar-2025.html) finished

2025 Spill Your Guts iii - instrument inventors  
initiative The Hague, Netherlands Spill Your  
Guts is a performative card game developed

- 2023 worm rotterdam Rotterdam, Netherlands WORM & Amarte Foundation team up to provide an amazing opportunity for Netherlands-based creatives who are interested in an interdisciplinary way of working! Residency is about site specific work in one of our three spaces: our black box theatre space, UBIK, our white cube gallery space, WORM Gallery or our radio station, Radio WORM. We support artists who either create new work or whose work is in a development stage. This opportunity supports musicians, writers, audio-visual makers, tik tok producers, make-up artists, photographers, designers, producers, performers, choreographers, teachers, activists and digital artists, installation makers, radio makers and others who are ready to make site specific work using WORM's facilities. We welcome any artistic practice who is ready to combine disciplines. Interdisciplinary: Professional makers combining different disciplines within the project. The disciplines represented in the project have an equal artistic position. This means a fusion of disciplines takes place in which a new artistic language is jointly developed.  
[worm.org/2023/09/21/kexin-hao/](http://worm.org/2023/09/21/kexin-hao/)
- 2022 Artist-in-residence v2\_/Summer Sessions, Rotterdam / Buenos Aires Rotterdam, Netherlands Summer Sessions The Summer Sessions are short-term international art and technology residencies for emerging artists and designers. A network of cultural organizations all over the world sponsors and hosts the residencies. Every summer the Summer Sessions organisations offer early-career artists and designers support so they can take part in production residencies abroad. The selected artists will gain an opportunity to work in a highly productive atmosphere with support, feedback and expert supervision. Each Summer Sessions residency lasts approximately eight weeks and takes place between July and September. During this period the artists will develop a project from concept to presentable work, ready to show.
- for the networking event of Proximity Music. It was designed to encourage interaction among creative professionals through a playful system of card exchange.  
[howkexin.com/project/spill-your-guts.html](http://howkexin.com/project/spill-your-guts.html) finished
- 2024 Chinees-Indisch Restaurant Stickeralbum Benjamin Li Rotterdam, Netherlands It was my pleasure to design the "Chinees-Indische Restaurant Stickeralbum", a project of Benjamin Li about his ethnographic research on Chinees-Indisch restaurants in the Netherlands, its development and disappearance, entangled with his personal history and family archive. Having worked on this project for one year and half, I was not only touched by Benjamin's love, nostalgia, and passion on the topic, but also his daring approach gluing the societal with the personal, the persistence and dedication in his methodology, and eventually the playfulness in the artistic presentation. With "Chinees-Indische Restaurant Stickeralbum", you can browse through Benjamin's family archive, read about his research and thoughts, collect, exchange, and play with the stickers that contain a unique selection of the dishes he photographed from over 1200 Chinees-Indische restaurants he visited throughout the years. work credits: Concept, photography and text: Benjamin Li Research and editorial: Benjamin Li & Ka-tjun Hau Text edit and English translation: Renske Vos Chinese translation: Yen-ting Kuan Book design: Kexin Hao Webdesign: Xiaoyuan Gao & Marie Madonna Assistance: Junhao Xiang, Tyler Chan & Lianne Smit Printing: NPN Drukkers [www.chinees-indisch-restaurant-stickeralbum.nl/](http://www.chinees-indisch-restaurant-stickeralbum.nl/) finished
- 2024 Not Rocket Science Stroom Den Haag The Hague, Netherlands "Not Rocket Science" invites contributors who use their practice to complicate, reimagine, or reflect on the scientific method. The event is connected to Agustina Woodgate's exhibition More Heat than Light, which uses the principles of quantum communication to build a communications system based on temperature. Not Rocket Science expands this focus, presenting imaginations of what the sciences are after quantum mechanics. This programme is part of Entangled Codes,

	<p>Selected 2022 Summer Sessions Residents Kexin Hao &amp; Rachwill Breidel (V2_) Pablo M. Garrido (Tabakalera) David Bastos (MuseuZer0) Tony Mijaç (Metamedia) Francesco Luzana (Sardegna) Erica Gargalione &amp; Chaeyoung Kim (Sardegna) Daniel Simu (V2_) Anaïs Borie (V2_) Giulia Fuel (V2_) Gökay Atabek (V2_) Francesco Luzzana (V2_) Michelle O'Higgins (Goethe Institut) Swaeny Nina Kersaan Brianna Leatherbury <a href="https://v2.nl/blog/summer-sessions-residents-announced">v2.nl/blog/summer-sessions-residents-announced</a></p>		<p>Stroom's exploration of the body as a medium for technology, with particular attention to accessibility in the digital world. Besides the graphic identity for the event, I also brought out a game for the audience. <a href="https://howkexin.com/project/not-rocket-science.html">howkexin.com/project/not-rocket-science.html</a> finished</p>
<p>2022</p>	<p>iii (Instrument Inventors Initiative) The Hague, Netherlands iii commissioned a new work for Kexin Hao's residency, 'Future Dance of Nostalgia', which explores ancient human activities of production in the form of an interactive dance game and as an investigation into the human body as an archive. Through the research on work songs in which singing/chanting helps choreograph the repetitive manual labour, the artist tries to trace out how our moving bodies used to cooperate in the extinct activities of production. From here she questions: how do we preserve the body movements and restore our moving bodies as the living archives? Can we restore it on this body of you and me, now and here? Future Dance of Nostalgia is a dancing game which invites audiences to perform the choreography that extracts and abstracts the movements found in the pre-industrial, heavy physical labour, and work songs. Motion tracking technology allows the body movements to be quantified, measured, and evaluated. Historical archives of work songs provide the inspiration for the music that renders the old tales and melodies into clubbing beats that lead the dance. Through ethnographic research into work songs and the moving body, the project draws much needed attention to alternative historical archives of our times. The gaming technology, visual, and music, bring people closer to the past through a tangible and modern experience. The work also brings fun and togetherness to audience through public</p>	<p>2023</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2021</p> <p>2021</p>	<p>campaign design for KABK Graduation Show &amp; Open Day 2023 KABK, The Royal Academy of Arts in The Hague The Hague, Netherlands In 2023 me and Daniele Formica designed the campaign for 2023 Graduation Show and 2023 Open Day at Royal Academy of Art The Hague. We facilitated a one-day drawing workshop for students to gather and draw collectively a centipede that could represent the identity of their academy. This centipede then evolved into a butterfly for the Open Day campaign. I want to share our design and more importantly the process behind it. We liked the design, but we loved more the mess we made! Design can be so much about collective hands that flap the butterfly's wings. <a href="https://howkexin.com/project/kabk-campaign.html">howkexin.com/project/kabk-campaign.html</a> finished</p> <p>Nr. 39 met Rijst Showroom MAMA Rotterdam, Netherlands Package design, merchandise design for Benjamin Li's artwork series "Nr. 39 met Rijst". <a href="https://howkexin.com/project/puzzle-box">howkexin.com/project/puzzle-box</a> finished</p> <p>website Hgtomi Rosa Hgtomi Rosa The Hague, Netherlands Website design, development &amp; maintenance for the artist collective / art space Hgtomi Rosa. <a href="https://www.hgtomirosa.com/">www.hgtomirosa.com/</a> finished</p> <p>Fake Chinese Isabel Wang Pontoppidan Amsterdam, Netherlands "Fake Chinese" is the thesis of Isabel Wang which forms the central and theoretical body of her work. It's been such a fruitful, collaborative and intense process since I got on the journey of making the publication. I am glad that we could learn from each other, not only from the artistic practices, but also from our own (overlapping, conflicting, interestingly intertwined) identities and personal experiences. Using the strokes in Chinese characters to construct English letters, patterns, and re-construct Chinese, the design attempts to form a mockery of the daily cultural appropriation we've seen, but</p>

participatory dance sessions and interactive gameplay. Collaborators: Leonardo Scarin (game development), Ludmila Rodrigues (choreography), Rachwill Breidel (music), Pedro Gossler (videography, 3D), and Dima Ibrahim (sound mixing). Supported by: Creative Industries Fund NL the Creative Europe program of the European Union Stroom Den Haag Rewire Festival 2022 [instrumentinventors.org/project/future-dance-of-nostalgia/](https://instrumentinventors.org/project/future-dance-of-nostalgia/)

- 2020 has evolved into something of a bitter-sweetness. [howkexin.com/project/fake-china.html](https://howkexin.com/project/fake-china.html) finished
- 2020 It is very difficult to be an island of perfection in a sea of misery, but please do not doubt our sincerity W139 Amsterdam, Netherlands The group exhibition initiated by Simon Wald-Lasowski for W139 explores themes of digestion, bodily cravings, erotic grotesque nonsense, sex as a matrice of power and the commodification of pleasure. The design is a resolution to my cravings on commodified design, overdosing found styles and elements, obsession of hoarding and displaying, and an unleashed show-off on the excess. [howkexin.com/project/w139](https://howkexin.com/project/w139) finished
- 2020 MOONMOON Trip WORM Rotterdam, Netherlands Motion Graphic Design for offline + online campaign. [howkexin.com/project/moonmoon](https://howkexin.com/project/moonmoon) finished
- 2019 B for Bisexuality JIP Haaglanden The Hague, Netherlands B for Bisexuality is a photography project by Daphne Oude Geerdink. It was exhibited at Den Haag City Hall. There were also lectures held in high schools around this topic, supported by JIP Haaglanden. I designed the identity for the exhibition and the lectures. [howkexin.com/project/b-for-bisexuality](https://howkexin.com/project/b-for-bisexuality) finished

## SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

- 2024 Diary of Compost Creatures Maastricht, Nederland During my residency at Jan van Eyck academy, I was taking care of the compost bin. I was very interested in the behaviours of the decomposers and other creatures I found there, such as fruit flies, slugs, and springtails. These are the anthropomorphized portrayals of these three characters.
- 2023 A House of Our Own private collection The Hague, Nederland "A House of Our Own" is a painting I produced in late 2023 and exhibited at UNFAIR 23' in Amsterdam. It illustrated the scene: Home pests have inhabited a human house. Browsing through the interior

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Dutch designers Yearbook '21: Kexin Hao Total Body Workout Catalog BNO Amsterdam, Netherlands [www.bno.nl/dd-yearbook](http://www.bno.nl/dd-yearbook)

catalogue, they imagine a house of their own.

- Creep's Garden of Eden Maastricht  
What do you see if you zoom in onto the canvas' corners of the classical depiction of Garden of Eden? You see insects, undergrowth, all kinds of crawlies creeping under the creatures above. This drawing imagines that these "creeps" are the main characters of Garden of Eden. It is also an amplified impression of my life and friends at Jan van Eyck academy as I am, through immersing and inspiring myself day by day in the garden, embodying the horny fly, the ecstatic mouse, and, a pink little flower feeling so ready to squirt my pollen and then crunched dead by the snail on a same day! The drawing has been adapted into a poster for the Jan van Eyck party under the series of "Dragana Bar" organised by Warsaw-based Collective Kem.

## REVIEWS

- 2024 NEGOTIATING VALUES, NEURAL 73 Magazine Neural Magazine Italy  
[neural.it/issues/neural-73-negotiating-values/](https://neural.it/issues/neural-73-negotiating-values/)
- 2023 Future Dance of Nostalgia, preserving history through dance Magazine Neural Magazine Italy  
[neural.it/2023/03/future-dance-of-nostalgia-preserving-history-through-dance/](https://neural.it/2023/03/future-dance-of-nostalgia-preserving-history-through-dance/) There is a whole history of dancing as a competitive game, from the early 'Dance Dance Revolution' to the popular 'Just Dance', where a machine is quantifying and then evaluating players' moves. The physical involvement of the player and the use of memory to store the sequence of moves is what dance has always been about. In Future Dance of Nostalgia, Kexin Hao develops a dancing game where players have to re-enact the movements of 'pre-industrial, heavy physical labour, and work songs'. The body becomes then a place for memory, where the re-enacted

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2025 3Package Deal AFK Amsterdam, Netherlands Al ruim 10 jaar stimuleert het AFK jonge internationale kunstenaars. Met de 3Package Deal faciliteren we een ontwikkelbudget, betaalbare woon- en/ of werkruimte en een netwerk voor toptalenten uit de hele wereld. Een programma dat past bij een internationale stad als Amsterdam, met haar 192 nationaliteiten. Het AFK stelt samen met Bureau Broedplaatsen per kunstdiscipline coalities samen van gerenommeerde kunstinstellingen uit Amsterdam. Deze instellingen selecteren en begeleiden de toptalenten gedurende één jaar. Het is niet mogelijk jezelf aan te melden. In september start elk jaar een nieuwe lichting. De talenten ontvangen vanuit het AFK een budget van € 25.000 om aan hun portfolio te werken. Als afsluiting van het jaar geven de kunstenaars, tijdens het International Art Talent Festival, een eindpresentatie die hun ontwikkeling laat zien aan alle Amsterdammers. Iedereen is welkom om naar het gratis festival te komen en te kijken naar de optredens, exposities

	movements preserve an important and easily forgotten social history. Commissioned by iii, the work performs public gestures, and the performance enables mechanisms close to oral culture, mediating and personally recording information, to be shared in the future.		en presentaties van de jonge makers.
		2023	O&O (Research & Development) grant CBK Rotterdam O&O grant Rotterdam, Netherlands
2023	Heroes and Villains: Performance Art And Social Stigma Website Bethany Rigby Copenhagen, Denmark <a href="https://post.design/heroes-and-villains-performance-art-and-social-stigma/">post.design/heroes-and-villains-performance-art-and-social-stigma/</a> After we'd cooled off from her Total Body Workout280 in Copenhagen, we chatted with designer Kexin Hao on her upcoming work, and how she embodies different characters through performance.	2021	Winner BA Graphic Design Department Award 2021 Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague The Hague, Netherlands The Royal Academy Awards are made possible thanks to Stichting tot Steun.
		2021	Nominee iii Research Residency Award iii The Hague This year for the first time iii awards the iii Research Residency Award to a fresh graduate of the Royal Academy of Art. The winner will be invited for a 4 week residency at iii workspace, which includes a fee of €2000 and a production budget of €1000. iii is an artist run, community platform supporting new interdisciplinary practices linking performance, technology and the human senses. Founded by alumni of the ArtScience Interfaculty and Institute of Sonology in 2013, iii has been supporting new graduates each year from the start. Since 2021 iii has obtained recognition from the Municipality of The Hague and the Creative Industries Fund NL in the form of structural funding and is therefore able to offer stronger support to artists undergoing the delicate transition between studies and profession. We see strong potential for future development in the work of Cemre Kara that we are eager to support through the residency program of iii. We also need to mention the two other nominees for the award, Kexin Hao with Total Body Workout for bringing joy to the authoritarian image of the healthy body at a time in which it is very much needed, and Leonardo Scarin for taking two things we don't usually like, a VR headset and quarantining, and combining them in the poetic and beautiful experience that is Variations on a Remote Room.
2022	Movement, SPREAD MAG issue 5 Magazine SPREAD Mag Rotterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CdVtRDwILZa/">www.instagram.com/p/CdVtRDwILZa/</a>		
2022	REWIRE 2022 IN TIEN HOOGE PUNTEN Website Marc Puyol-Hennin The Hague, Netherlands <a href="https://www.gonzocircus.com/recensies/rewire-2022-in-tien-hoogtepunten">www.gonzocircus.com/recensies/rewire-2022-in-tien-hoogtepunten</a> Het Proximity Music-programma georganiseerd door Instrument Inventors Initiative zit tjokvol installaties en terugkerende performances. Als we er eentje moeten uitlichten, dan is het toch wel dat van de Chinese artieste Kexin Hao. De opzet van 'Future Dance of Nostalgia' alleen al is het vermelden waard: een parodie op het videospel Just Dance, compleet met bewegingssensor om te registreren of je het wel goed doet. Dat heet: repetitieve bewegingen zoals ramen lappen, rijst oogsten en ander Modern Times-esk bandwerk. Trouw aan de thematiek brengt Hao zelf ook drie keer daags haar performance live, waarbij het publiek fanatiek meedanst. 'Future Dance of Nostalgia' levert zodoende een mooie juxtapositie van keiharde realiteit en onschuldig plezier op.	2021	Nominee GGOBOT Youngblood Award GGOBOT Youngblood Award Enschede, Netherlands
2021	The Next Generation 2021 continued... Website Jyni Ong London, United Kingdom <a href="https://www.itsnicethat.com/features/the-">www.itsnicethat.com/features/the-</a>		

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Every year we receive hundreds of brilliant applications from emerging creatives as part of our annual showcase highlighting fresh talent, The Next Generation (formerly known as The Graduates). We were so impressed, we've decided to celebrate an extra 19 candidates as part of a longlist of creative excellence. Below, you'll find a myriad of stories from all over the world and across a range of disciplines. It's the cherry on top of The Next Generation 2021, meeting those who were just a stones throw away from the showcase. That being said, it's worth mentioning that this list is just a handful of exceptional creative talent we witnessed this year and there were many more people we would have loved to spotlight. From investigative documentary photography to tongue-in-cheek Juicy Couture urns, a self-taught illustrator expressing her depression, sculptural dolls exploring nightlife as a queer person and much, much more; meet The Next Generation continued.



Lewd Banquet, 2024  
audio-visual performance, multi-channel installation,  
drawing



Revolution is a Dinner Party, 2025  
6:07



Lewd Banquet, 2024  
water colour, colour pencil, charcoal, A4, A3



Lewd Banquet, 2024  
video projection, 5 channel sound installation



Lewd Banquet, 2024  
audio-visual performance



Future Dance of Nostalgia, 2024  
interactive media, performance



Total Body Workout, 2024  
performance



Lewd Banquet, 2024  
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Total Body Workout, 2024  
performance



Creep's Garden of Eden, 2024  
water colour, colour pencil, charcoal, A3