

FRANS VAN HOEK

Building connection by exploring history and science in a humorous and participatory way.

Growing up in South Africa's Karoo desert, where fossils, satellite towers, and colonial musket rounds coexist casually, Frans van Hoek's practice explores the world by layering these different timescales. Drawing on a background in physics and psychology, van Hoek seeks to integrate such seemingly opposing forces, bridging large-scale currents in ecology, history and politics with the playful poetics of everyday life. His works use humour, participation, and well-known forms to make philosophical and political questions more accessible, reducing tension and making discussion and connection easier. Driven by Relational Aesthetics, his works seek to generate a collaborative understanding of our world as it moves between Finnish soldiers, Brabant primary-schoolers, Amsterdam climate-consultants, Estonian fishermen and Portuguese dock workers.

WEBSITES

fransvanhoek.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/franslucent/

EDUCATION

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| 2024 - | Master/Apprentice Program |
| 2024 | Kunstpodium T |
| 2020 - | Bachelor Fine Art Den Haag, Koninklijke |
| 2024 | Academie van Beeldende Kunsten
diploma |

EXHIBITIONS

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| 2026 | Salon Amsterdam Stigter van Doesburg
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Group |
| 2026 | Mad Meg Presents: Mad Meg Amsterdam,
Netherlands
Group |
| 2026 | Minor Moons: Lunar New Year De Besturing
The Hague, Netherlands
Group |
| 2026 | TROUBLEZONE Speechless Artspace The
Hague, Netherlands with Anka Hashin
Duo |
| 2026 | Wound Machine Mad Meg Amsterdam,
Netherlands fransvanhoek.com/wound-machine-(2026)
Solo |
| 2026 | Les Fleurs du Mal Thonk Tank Antwerp,
Belgium
Group |
| 2026 | Earthly Delights The Balcony The Hague,
Netherlands with Pippilotta Yerna
Duo |
| 2026 | So Far, So Good 38CC Delft, Netherlands
Bobbi's Summer School
Group |

2026	JACKPOT Erratum Projects Marseille, France Group
2026	Ground Zero C3 Rotterdam, Netherlands Group
2026	UNFAIR Editions UNFAIR Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2025	POWERPOLYP Kunstpodium T Tilburg, Netherlands Master/Apprentice Programme Group
2025	Post-Ludens TROEF Leiden, Netherlands Group
2025	Post Pollution Vriend van Bavink Gallery Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2025	't Jonge Tijgerpaard Het Resort Groningen, Netherlands Group
2025	Remnants II T Space Antwerp, Belgium Group
2025	BIG ART Het Slotervaart Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2025	Many Times, Many Ways Tin Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2025	LOKI MOW Museum Bellingwolde, Netherlands Group
2025	FreshCacao 2024 Cacaofabriek Helmond, Netherlands Cacaofabriek Best of Graduates Programme Group
2025	Carts Before Horses Stigter van Doesburg Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2025	Please RSVP the__servers The Hague, Netherlands Group
2025	Stigter van Doesburg & Martin van Zomeren (Le Plafond) ArtIsland IJmuiden, Netherlands Group

2024	In The Meantime, Kiekencentrale Antwerp, Belgium Group
2024	Meander Billytown The Hague, Netherlands Group
2024	De Wasstraat NAP+ Art Fair Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2024	Between the Lanes Het Resort Groningen, Netherlands Group
2024	Frans van Hoek & Sigrid Spierenburg Maldoror Gallery The Hague, Netherlands Duo
2024	Graduation Show 2024 Royal Academy of Art The Hague, Netherlands Group
2023	Nothing Happens Unless You Make It Happen NART Narva, Estonia NART Venice Embassy Residency Solo
2023	Hortus Conclusus Wintergarden KASK Antwerp, Belgium Group
2023	Everything That Grows Underground WEST The Hague, Netherlands Pregraduation Show Group
2023	I Still Care Eurocenter Zuidas Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2023	Grenzenloos Galerie Windows 47 Haarlem, Netherlands Group
2023	Hortus Colclusus KASK Wintergarden Antwerp, Belgium Group
2023	But s/he endorsed the sheen Vrij Paleis Amsterdam, Netherlands Group
2022	Mmmmmmmarshmallow Cube Exhibition Research Lab The Hague, Netherlands Group
2022	An Idle Escape NEST The Hague,

Netherlands

[Group](#)

2022 (Post)human Imaginaries National Archive
The Hague, Netherlands
[Group](#)

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2024 Örö Residency Programme, Örö,
Finland, artist in residence Oro, Finland
ORES Residency www.ores.fi/

2024 HET RESORT Groningen, Netherlands
Midseason Residency

2023 Narva Art Residency Narva, Estonia
NART Venice Embassy Residency
www.nart.ee/en/artists/frans-van-hoek-%E2%8E%9Cvenice/

2023 Ponte d'Arte Residency Ponte de
Mucela, Portugal

SALES/WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

2026 NorthFace Armour (2024) Dutch Ministry of
Foreign Affairs The Hague, Nederland

2026 Haribo Amulets (2026) LAM Museum Lisse,
Nederland

2026 Mad Meg Breastplate (2026) Private
Collection Antwerp, België

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2026 Stroom SPOT Documentation Grant
The Hague, Netherlands

2025 Mondriaan Fonds Artist Start Grant
Amsterdam, Netherlands

2023 INCO Aspire Social Entrepreneurship
Grant INCO Amsterdam, Netherlands



Kid Frans Neon (Colonial Soldier), 2026
Acrylic LED Neon, 70 x 55



Crime and Punishment Jenga, 2026
48 custom-format books, wood, 23 x 23 x 115



Globe Bowling, 2025
custom bowling ball, 22cm x 22cm x 22cm



Afterlife Lobby, 2025
print on ceramic, 225cmx26cmx18cm



Shooting Gallery, 2025
steel, wood, air rifle, lead BB's, plastic stars, safety glasses, playlist, 4m x 3m x 3m



World Order Badminton, 2025
steel, badminton rackets, shuttles, net, vinyl, 6m x 3m x 1.5m



Valid Until: 100,002,024, 2024
Museumkaart, pine resin, light, 17cm x 27cm x 15cm



NorthFace Armor, 2024
steel, etching, 80cm x 45cm x 170cm



ClimaCool (Harappa), 2024
polyester, badge, 2cm x 53cm x 75cm



Clarity Active, 2024
recycled polyester, silicone, variable