

Some information on this page is only available in Dutch

## JUN ZHANG

My artistic practice, which I describe as 'Imaginal Ethno-Cosmology', intersects anthropological and ethnographic research while engaging in the reimagination of worldmaking.

My artistic practice, which I describe as 'Imaginal Ethno-Cosmology', intersects anthropological and ethnographic research while engaging in the reimagination of worldmaking. I work through comparative readings of myths, folklore, alternative medicine, and local customs, seeking to uncover indigenous cosmologies and alternative knowledge systems that have been marginalised by colonial and capitalist modernity. Through these cross-cultural investigations, I examine how the colonial expansion of human activity into natural domains has generated shifting complex entanglements with the nonhuman entities and the preternatural. I am especially drawn to sites where landscapes, stories, and material practices record these encounters, exposing moments of negotiation, resistance, and mutual transformation rather than a one-sided narrative of domination. Working across installation, sculpture, ceramics, and archival fiction, I create speculative ethnographies and natural histories that give presence to the nonhuman actors—animals, spirits, geological forces—that continue to shape our shared environment. Through this practice I aim to challenge anthropocentric perspectives and invite viewers to imagine a world in which human, nonhuman, and preternatural agencies remain in dynamic relation rather than fixed hierarchy.

## WEBSITES

[jun-zhang.com/](http://jun-zhang.com/)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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

## EDUCATION

2025 - --

2019 - Studio for immediate spaces Amsterdam,  
2021 Sandberg Instituut diploma

2018 - jewellery -- linking-bodies Amsterdam,  
2019 Gerrit Rietveld Academie

## EXHIBITIONS

2026 Ontogenesis in the Liminal Heat of Remains ACEC(Apeldoorns Centrum voor Eigentijdse Cultuur) Apeldoorns, Netherlands  
[Solo](#)

2025 Larnaca Biennale - Along Lines and Traces Larnaca Biennale Larnaca, Cyprus [biennalelarnaca.com/](http://biennalelarnaca.com/)

## PROJECTS

2025 Vita Nova Doolhoven Netherlands stems from an in-depth study of doolhoven, a unique cultural heritage site from the 17th-century Dutch Republic. Combining archival and in-situ research, Vita Nova Doolhoven seeks to explore and revive the spatial structure and sociohistorical context of doolhoven, thereby uncovering its forgotten cosmologies and social functions. By

	Group		integrating diverse cultural perspectives on life and nature, Vita Nova Doolhoven aims to reconstruct a ritualistic space that shares diverse cosmologies. The project not only studies historical issues such as religious oppression, urban expansion, and immigration policies in 17th-century Amsterdam, but also explores a series of social and ecological issues caused by the dualism of nature and culture. This project commits to reimagining life transmutation and queer futurity through artistic practice, responding to current challenges related to cultural identity, immigration, and ecological issues while fostering transcultural understanding and community engagement.
2025	RE_NATURE 2025 Ruigoord Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://re-nature.org/events/lu-offerings-ritual-walk/">re-nature.org/events/lu-offerings-ritual-walk/</a> Group		
2025	Secret Spaces, Borders Art Fair 2025 Palazzo Albrizzi-Capello Venice, Italy <a href="https://www.itsliquid.com/call-secret-spaces-venice-2025.html">www.itsliquid.com/call-secret-spaces-venice-2025.html</a> Group		
2025	Art Rotterdam, Prospect 2025 Rotterdam Ahoy Rotterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://www.artrotterdam.com/">www.artrotterdam.com/</a> Group		
2025	Rolling Snowball-Threshold Folds Powerlong Art Center Xiameng, China <a href="https://www.ceac99.org/">www.ceac99.org/</a> Group	2024	Blubber Town Netherlands <a href="https://jun-zhang.com/Blubber-Town">jun-zhang.com/Blubber-Town</a> is an ongoing project, that delves into the history of Dutch whaling between the 17th and 20th centuries. It traces the centuries-long natural colonization of the Arctic region by Dutch whalers. But long before whaling grew into a bloody commercial industry by colonial powers, whales were seen as magical creatures. Worldwide, countless legends and folk tales exist, in which magic powers were attributed to the bones and whale oil. These pluralistic knowledge systems have been increasingly marginalized amidst the global expansion of colonialism. By intertwining the documented history of whaling with marginalized knowledge systems related to whales, this project seeks to reimagine the narrative of Blubber Town from the perspectives of decolonizing nature and envisioning ecological futures. It aims to construct speculative scenarios of symbiosis between marine life and posthuman worlds.
2025	Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata Garnalenkerk Amsterdam, Netherlands Solo		
2025	erfgoedsepektakel Missie museum Steyl, Netherlands <a href="https://erfgoedsepektakel.nl/">erfgoedsepektakel.nl/</a> Group		
2025	AIR in Zuidoost #2025 CBK Zuidoost Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://www.cbkzuidoost.nl/tentoonstellingen/nu-en-verwacht/air-in-zuidoost-2025/">www.cbkzuidoost.nl/tentoonstellingen/nu-en-verwacht/air-in-zuidoost-2025/</a> Group		
2024	Limburg Biennal Marres & Oda Park Maastricht & Venray, Netherlands <a href="https://marres.org/limburg-biennale/">marres.org/limburg-biennale/</a> Group		
2024	Unimaginable: Clarion Caals From Rising Seas Bradwolff Projects Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://www.climateimagarinesatsea.org/festival-program-2024-2/">www.climateimagarinesatsea.org/festival-program-2024-2/</a> Group	2023	Cavern of Saline Genesis Netherlands <a href="https://jun-zhang.com/Cavern-of-Saline-Genesis">jun-zhang.com/Cavern-of-Saline-Genesis</a> researched salt extraction in the Overijssel area. This project explores decolonizing the body through investigation of local beliefs and folk medicine knowledge related to salt and fertility, as well as new technology of using salt caverns for energy storage in the Netherlands. Many countries in Asia and Europe, particularly in East Asia, are currently facing an unprecedented population crisis. Such a crisis often leads
2024	WITTE GOUD CAMPIS Assen, Netherlands <a href="https://www.campis.nl/">www.campis.nl/</a> Group		
2023	NNN Fair 2023 Framer Framed Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="https://nnnfair.com/fair/nnn02/">nnnfair.com/fair/nnn02/</a>		

	Group		to human rights violations against women and sexual minority groups. Whereas the research of salt offers an alternative solution for such a crisis.
2023	Springboard Art Fair Werkspoorcathedraal Utrecht, Netherlands <a href="http://springboardartfair.nl/artist/jun-zhang/">springboardartfair.nl/artist/jun-zhang/</a> Group	2022	Nomadic Washerwomen Netherlands <a href="http://jun-zhang.com/nomadic-washerwomen">jun-zhang.com/nomadic-washerwomen</a> is based on the artistic research about the "openbare wasplaats" as well as its derived folklore and Dutch soap industry. Through video and site-specific installations, this project tries to re-create the narrative of night washerwomen legend under post-COVID context, so as to correct the discrimination and stigmatization to washerwomen and Asian female. Through a supernatural being with divine powers intervening in the life-and-death transformation process of mundane life, this project attempts to think about local ecosystems from a folklore perspective. It explores how the supernatural is intertwined with the local environment through belief narratives and ritual performances so as to participate in reconstructing local ecosystems.
2023	Breath 2023 CICA Museum Gimpo, Republic of Korea <a href="http://cicamuseum.com/">cicamuseum.com/</a> Group		
2023	Covted III Kaiser Gallery Cleveland, United States <a href="http://www.kaisergallery.com/past-exhibitions.html">www.kaisergallery.com/past-exhibitions.html</a> Group		
2023	Tale of Tales NEVERNEVERLAND Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="http://www.nevernever.nl/">www.nevernever.nl/</a> Solo		
2023	Apprentice / Master exhibition Kunst Podium T Tilburg, Netherlands <a href="http://kunstpodium-t.com/projects/apprentice-master">kunstpodium-t.com/projects/apprentice-master</a> Group	2021	Respiration <a href="http://jun-zhang.com/respiration">jun-zhang.com/respiration</a> is a speculative scenario situated in the context of the climate crisis and respiratory epidemic. This work is composed of exhaling devices, lime plaster objects, and fiction. Based on the research of Dutch shell lime industry and lime-related culture, tries to integrate western material science(shell lime industry) with eastern occult science(soul transmigration belief), to speculate a future planetary atmosphere and a new species whose life system could adapt to such atmosphere. takes the human body as a medium and the planet's atmosphere as a trigger to construct a post-Anthropocentric ecosystem.
2023	DNA kunstexpeditie 2023 Streekmuseum Kalk Oven Dedemsvaart, Netherlands <a href="http://kunstexpeditie-dedemsvaart.nl/archief/">kunstexpeditie-dedemsvaart.nl/archief/</a> Group		
2022	Calm before the Storm: A Shelter in the Anthropocene Radius Delft, Netherlands <a href="http://www.radius-cca.org/en/exhibitions/underland-chapter-4-calm-before-the-storm">www.radius-cca.org/en/exhibitions/underland-chapter-4-calm-before-the-storm</a> Group		
2022	DU 2022 De Heilig Hartkerk Venlo, Netherlands <a href="http://www.destinationunknown.nu/jun-zhang-2/">www.destinationunknown.nu/jun-zhang-2/</a> Group		
2022	ARE residency show XPO Enschede, Netherlands <a href="http://edwindertien.nl/xpo/uncategorized/jun-zhang-witte-goud/">edwindertien.nl/xpo/uncategorized/jun-zhang-witte-goud/</a> Group		
2022	Ambition West Bund Dome Shanghai, China Group		

2022 Roots and wings Het Hem Zaandam,  
Netherlands [hethem.nl/](http://hethem.nl/)  
Group

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

2026 Longyearbyen, Norway OCA/Artica  
Svalbard Residency upcoming  
[www.articasvalbard.no/future-residents/jun-zhang-and-yindi-chen](http://www.articasvalbard.no/future-residents/jun-zhang-and-yindi-chen)

2025 Amsterdam, Netherlands Bijlmair  
Residency  
[amsterdamart.com/en/locations/bijlmair/](http://amsterdamart.com/en/locations/bijlmair/)

2022 Enschede, Netherlands ARE Holland  
[areholland.com/artists/jun-zhang/](http://areholland.com/artists/jun-zhang/)

2022 Venlo, Netherlands Destination  
Unknown  
[www.destinationunknown.nu/jun-zhang-2/](http://www.destinationunknown.nu/jun-zhang-2/)

## REVIEWS

2025 tubelight picks art rotterdam 2025 Website  
Veerle Driessen Netherlands  
[www.tubelight.nl/tubelight-picks-art-rotterdam-2025/](http://www.tubelight.nl/tubelight-picks-art-rotterdam-2025/)

2025 Tique six-questions interviews Website  
Welmer Keesmaat & Jun Zhang  
[tique.art/interviews/six-questions/jun-zhang/](http://tique.art/interviews/six-questions/jun-zhang/)

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2025 Kunstenaar Project Mondriaan Fonds,  
Amsterdam (NL) Netherlands

2024 Project grant Het Cultuurfonds  
Netherlands

2022 Kunstenaar Start Mondriaan Fonds  
Amsterdam Netherlands

2022 ontwikkelbijdrage voor Beeldend  
kunstenaars Amarte Fonds  
Netherlands

2022 Mijn Eerste Aanvraag grant AFK,  
Amsterdam Netherlands



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Hortus of Heterodox Phantasmata, 2025  
ceramic | textile | gypsum plaster | | foam | silicone |  
sound pieces, mutiple dimensions



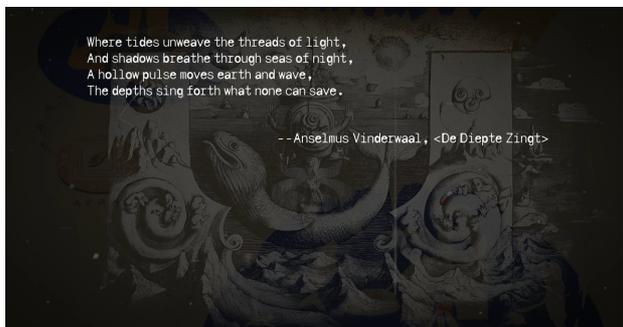
Vita Nova Doolhoven - Lu offering ritual walk, 2025  
ceramic | PLA plastic | PU foam water pump | video,  
multiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Lu offering ritual walk, 2025  
ceramic | PLA plastic | PU foam water pump | video,  
multiple dimensions



Vita Nova Doolhoven - Lu offering ritual walk, 2025  
ceramic | PLA plastic | PU foam water pump | video,  
multiple dimensions



Blubber Town, 2024