

**Esther Janssen**

**B.1976**

**Based in Maastricht, Netherlands**

## Introduction

Dutch artist Esther Janssen examines themes of extreme cultivation, alienation and the conflicting psychology of our most profound spatial needs. She takes our familiar Western standardised environment as her subject and makes it unfamiliar, radiant, enchanting, yet permeated with a subcutaneous threat. Janssen uses artificial leather to create her works, which she paints over, cuts out and sews into elaborate scenes that represent lush yet strictly ordered neighbourhoods and gardens.

## Education

2000 BFA, Design Academy Eindhoven, Eindhoven, Netherlands

## Solo Exhibitions

2021 *Silence*, Unit London, London, UK

2019 *A Potential Disaster*, LABOR Projektgalerie, Cologne, Germany

2016 *Chroma Key*, Alx 51 Gallery, Maastricht, Netherlands

2013 *Extreme MakeOver*, Alex51 Gallery, Maastricht, Netherlands

2012 *Esther Janssen*, Museum Helmond, Helmond, Netherlands

2010 *Swell*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2008 *Esther Janssen*, Sergio Tossi Arte Contemporanea, Florence, Italy

2007 *Esther Janssen*, DSM Kunstcollectie, Heerlen, Netherlands

2004 *Modelworld*, Homeworks, Maastricht, Netherlands

## Group Exhibitions

2020 *Limburg Biënnale*, Marres center for Contemporary Art, Maastricht, Netherlands  
*F R E Q U E N C Y*, Philipp von Rosen Galerie, Cologne, Germany

2017 *In het land van Maas en IJ*, Provinciehuis, Haarlem, Netherlands  
*Conversations #1*, Buitenplaats, Wijkre, Netherlands

2016 *Bronsgroen Eikenhout*, Bureau Europa, Maastricht, Netherlands

2014 *Chamber Collection no. 1*, Chamber Gallery, New York, USA  
*It's a Miracle!*, Anton Beeke and 10 of his students, Piet Hein Eek Gallery, Eindhoven, Netherlands

2012 *Jongeren als curator*, Purmerends Museum, Purmerend, Netherlands  
*Art Rotterdam*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2011 *Changing Places*, Van Kranendonk Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands

2010 *Art Basel*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Miami, USA

2009 *Art Rotterdam*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery Snoei, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2008 *The Digital View 6.20*, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Art Rotterdam*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
*Art Athina*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Athens, Greece

2007 *Muskee, Waterschoot, Tollens, Janssen: It's a sex issue*, Flatland Gallery, Utrecht, Netherlands

2006 *Art Cologne*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Cologne, Germany  
*Welkom in Hedonia*, Artotheek Rotterdam / (CBK), Rotterdam, Netherlands  
*Met Stip*, GEM, Municipal Museum The Hague, Netherlands

2006 *Art Rotterdam*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2005 *Opacity*, Cokkie Snoei Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2003 *SMLXL*, Galerie MAMA, Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Press (selected)**

2020 July  
'Living in times of the Virus', Strapazin

2017 September  
'Limburgse kunst in Haarlems provinciehuis', Haarlems Dagblad

2017 'Verstikkende droomhuizen als inspiratie', Dagblad De Limburger

August  
'Buitenplaats #3 Wijlre', MetropolisM

2016 'Een anti-utopie van skai en papier', De Limburger

March  
'Chroma Key', Esther Janssen Catalogue, Alex 51 Gallery

2014 September  
'Chamber Collection No. 1', Catalogue Chamber Gallery New York

2012 'Een triest maar noodzakelijk beeld', Eindhovens Dagblad  
'Swell', tentoonstellings informatie, NRC

2008 'Esther Janssen', Evergreen&Mistyrose, Catalogue  
'Esther Janssen Sognando Mistyrose', Arte

2007 'Over lust, verlies van onschuld, verlangen, religie en rollenpatronen', Kunstbeeld no.11

2005 'Esther Janssen', Kunstbeeld

2005 'Bordkartonnen geluk van Esther Janssen', AD Rotterdam

December  
'Onheilsparadijs', NRC Handelsblad

2004 'De wrede modelwereld van Esther Janssen', Dagblad de Limburger

**Collections**

Studio Job, Private Collection, Antwerp, Belgium

Bruls architect, Private Collection, Maastricht, Netherlands

Chamber Collection, New York, USA

Municipal Museum Helmond, Helmond, Netherlands

DSM Art-Collection, Heerlen, Netherlands

Province of Limburg, Maastricht, Netherlands

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands

Fine Arts Center Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Fine Arts Center Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands