

## Wietse Eeken - biography

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1975 Born in Nijmegen, The Netherlands  
Lives and works in Rotterdam  
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### Education

1995 – 1999 Willem de Kooning Academy, Rotterdam

1999 – 2000 Piet Zwart Institute, Postgraduate Fine Art, Rotterdam

Wietse Eeken is a Rotterdam-based sculptor. His way of working has a strong traditional character, but the materials he uses are very contemporary. His work really shows a battle between tradition and radicalism. On the one hand it is about pure sculpture, the honesty of the process, the material and the shape. On the other, it is about the story behind the shape. This is not always subtle and nuanced. First, the work must be seen as an illustration of the story. It is a collection of references to literature and pop culture that is constantly changing shape. Stories come up and disappear again as the figures that tell the story take on new forms.

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### Solo exhibitions

2015 F\*cktotem, JOEY RAMONE, Rotterdam

2012 Dreaming of a Nuclear Family, JOEY RAMONE, Rotterdam

2010 Material Consequences, duo with Wouter Klein Velderman, Pictura, Dordrecht

2009 Wietse Eeken, HBgalerie, Rotterdam

2004 Galerie de Aanschouw, Rotterdam

2003 Object d Elite, Wietse Eeken & Robert Rosenau, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Kill your brother, BRUCE, Rotterdam.  
Werk, CUCOSA, Rotterdam

### Group exhibitions

2017 No Walls, North Sea Jazz festival Rotterdam  
Rotterdam Contemporary Art Fair, stand 5 & 46, WTC, Rotterdam

2016 Diep in het Bos, villa Zebra, Rotterdam  
Kaus @ LA, Santa Monica Airport, Santa Monica, USA

2015 GB5, Rhoon  
No Walls, Fenixloods Rotterdam

2013 Jezus Christ superstar, RDM, Rotterdam

2012 Attraction of the Opposites II, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Kunstvlaai 2012, Sint Nicolaas Lyceum, Amsterdam  
RAW Art Fair, JOEY RAMONE, Rotterdam

2011 Art Amsterdam, HBgalerie, Amsterdam

- Attraction of the Opposites I, CUCOSA, Rotterdam
- 2010 HBgalerie presenteert Schittering, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Galerie op de Rotte 2010, Rotterdam  
In the Flesh, Dek22, Rotterdam
- 2009 Kruithuis Bezet, Stok in het Kruithuis, Den Bosch  
Route du Nord, Zwaanshals, Rotterdam  
India Art Summit, HBgalerie, New Delhi, IN  
Stond held sterk, Villa Zebra, Rotterdam  
CUCOSA presenteert, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Wat zoekt Loer, Villa Zebra, Rotterdam
- 2008 Verstand van Smaak '08, TAC, Eindhoven  
Had Alice haast?, Villa Zebra, Rotterdam  
La Od Latest, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Route du Nord Rotterdam, Spam, Rotterdam  
Groepsexpositie, CUCOSA, Rotterdam
- 2007 Blanco, CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Heel Kapot, Villa Zebra & Beyond, Utrecht  
Artstore, Pictura, Dordrecht  
Heel Kapot, Villa Zebra, Rotterdam
- 2006 Inedible Marks, Galleria @ Erieview, Cleveland, USA  
Drop, AARTcorp, 2026Murray Hill Rd, Cleveland, USA  
Mensbeeld, Artstore, Groothandelsgebouw, Rotterdam  
Groepsexpositie, CUCOSA, Rotterdam
- 2005 Z.T., CUCOSA, Rotterdam  
Gb5, Graaf Bentinckstraat 5, Rhooon  
Verstand van Smaak, TAC, Eindhoven  
Exit???-Dirty Diana, Katendrecht, Rotterdam  
Curves, TENT, Rotterdam
- 2004 Highspot, Gil&Moti Homegallery, Rotterdam  
Group show with Henri Lammers and Dwight Marica, CUCOSA, Rotterdam.
- 2003 OberkanteUberlippen, Internationalen Gruppenausstellung, Koln, DE  
CUCOSA Lustrum, CUCOSA, Rotterdam
- 2002 Humanity, Voormalig Museum Schepen uit verre landen, Rotterdam
- 2001 Lauwseizoen expo, CUCOSA, Rotterdam.  
Importiert aus Berlin, CUCOSA, Rotterdam
- 2000 HEDAH Buiten, Maastricht
- 1999 Worm Salon, Rotterdam  
Graduation Show Willem de Kooning Academy, Kunsthal, Rotterdam

## **Publications**

- 2013 Attraction of the Opposites, ed. Kiki Petratou, Publication Uitgeverij Nadorst, ISBN 978-94-90338-00-8 NUR 604, 2013
- 2012 Oude Westen, Rijnhoutplein ademt kunst, p.9, April 2012  
What's Up magazine, Attraction of the Opposites, review by Martin Hoorweg, p. 56, February 2012
- 2011 De Grote Rotterdamse Kunstkalender 2012, Trichis Publishing, ISBN 978-94-9060-829-3, paperback, full color, 372 pp., November 2011  
Art Amsterdam, Exhibition Catalogue, Publication Amsterdam RAI, p.112-113, 2011
- 2010 Route du Nord, Exhibition Catalogue, Publication Stichting Caesar, cover & p.19, 2010
- 2009 Route du Nord, Exhibition Catalogue, Publication Stichting Caesar, cover & p.11, 56, 2009  
India Art Summit, Exhibition Catalogue, Publication India Art Summit, p.60-61, 2009
- 2008 VANTAC magazine, p.3, p.10, November 2008
- 2006 Artstore, Exhibition Catalogue, Publication Artstore Kunstambassade Rotterdam, p.13-14, 2006
- 2004 Open Issues no 1, Interview, May 2004
- 2000 Sites+Situations, Vallen en Opstaan; aantekeningen bij een cultuuromslag, Publication Piet Zwart Instituut, February 2000