



# STUDIO DRIFT

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Dutch artists Lonneke Gordijn (1980) and Ralph Nauta (1978) founded DRIFT in 2007. With a multi-disciplinary team of 64, they work on experiential sculptures, installations and performances.

DRIFT manifests the phenomena and hidden properties of nature with the use of technology in order to learn from the Earth's underlying mechanisms and to re-establish our connection to it.

With both depth and simplicity, DRIFT's works of art illuminate parallels between man-made and natural structures through deconstructive, interactive, and innovative processes. The artists raise fundamental questions about what life is and explore a positive scenario for the future.

All individual artworks have the ability to transform spaces. The confined parameters of a museum or a gallery does not always do justice to a body of work, rather it often comes to its potential in the public sphere or through architecture. DRIFT brings people, space and nature on to the same frequency, uniting audiences with experiences that inspire a reconnection to our planet.

DRIFT has realized numerous exhibitions and projects around the world. Their work has been exhibited at Victoria & Albert Museum (2009, 2015); Met Museum (2010); Stedelijk Museum (2018); UTA Artist Space (2019); Garage Museum (2019); Mint Museum (2019); Biennale di Venezia (2015); Pace Gallery (2017) amongst others. Their work is held in the permanent collections of the LACMA; Rijksmuseum; SFMOMA; Stedelijk Museum; and Victoria & Albert Museum. In 2014, Drift was awarded the Arte Laguna Prize, Venice.

## AWARDS

### 2019

*Deezen Awards: Designer of the Year* | Winner with the work Franchise Freedom.

### 2015

*Dutch Design Awards* | Nominated with Shylight.

### 2014

*Best piece of Arte Laguna* | Arsenale – Venezia (Flylight).

*Artist in Residence 'ART STAYS'* | Part of the Premio Arte Laguna Art Prize (Flylight).

### 2012

*Finest light sculpture / interieur* | Kortrijk (Fragile Future 3).

### 2011

*1st Prize 'ZomerExpo' / Gemeentemuseum* | Netherlands (Fragile Future 3.5).

### 2010

*The Moët Hennessy Pavilion of Art and Design London Prize 2010* (Concrete Chandelier).

### 2008

*International Design Prize 'Lights of the future'* | German Design Council (Fragile Future).

### 2006

*Art prize 2006* | 1st Prize Stichting ArtiParti (Fragile Future).

*Young Talent Award* | Stichting MS Research (Fragile Future).

## PERMANENT COLLECTION

### 2010

Victoria & Albert Museum: Fragile Future Concrete Chandelier

### 2014

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. Shylight Rijks 7, permanent installation.

## EXHIBITIONS

### 2015

*New York Inaugural Show* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | New York, US.

*Glasstress 2015 Gotika* | Venice Biennale with the Hermitage Museum Saint Petersburg and Berengo foundation | Venice, Italy.

*What is Luxury* | The Victoria and Albert Museum | London, UK.

*125 years inspiration* | Noord Brabants Museum | 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

*Hands Off* | The Museum of Craft & Design | San Francisco, US.

The Particle Plan, Luzern Kapellbücke Commission. Permanent Installation, Switzerland.

### 2014

*Metamorphosis by Modern Alchemists* | Tokyo, Japan.

*Sao Paulo Biennale* | Brazil.

*Dining Room* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | London, UK.

*Organic* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Paris, France.

*Wallpaper Handmade Exhibition* | New York, US.

*Wallpaper Handmade Exhibition* | Milan, US.

*Arte Laguna* | Arsenale | Venezia, Italy.

*Useful + Beautiful: contemporary design for the home* | Geffrye Museum | London, UK.

### 2013

*Subversive Design* | Brighton Museum & Art Gallery | UK.

### 2012

*Finest light sculpture / Interieur* | Kortrijk (Fragile Future 3)

*Space Oddity* | Grand Hornu museum | Belgium

*A Better World* | Collateral exhibition at La Biennale di Venezia | Venice, Italy.

*Luminale* | Frankfurt, Germany.

*Art and Design for all* | The Victoria & Albert Museum – Showing in KAH | Bonn, Germany.

*Curious Minds* | The Israel Museum | Jerusalem, Israel.

*Nieuwe Energie in Design en Kunst* | Boijmans van Beuningen | Rotterdam, Netherlands.

**2011**

*ZomerExpo* | Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, Netherlands.

**2010**

*Vitra Design Museum* | Domaine de Boisbuchet park 'Luminous Times' | Lessac, France.

*Death or Alive* | Museum of Arts and Design | New York, US.

**2009**

*In Praise of Shadows* | Victoria and Albert Museum | London, UK.

*Design High* | Louise Blouin Foundation | London, UK.

**2008**

*New Dutch Design* | Mars Centre of Contemporary Arts | Moscow, Russia.

*Becoming Dutch / Eindhoven Caucasus* | Van Abbemuseum | Eindhoven, Netherlands.

**FAIRS**

**2015**

*Art Geneve* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Geneve, Switzerland.

*Design Miami / Basel* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Basel, Switzerland.

*Design Beijing* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Beijing, China.

*Design Days Dubai* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Dubai, UAE.

*Design Shanghai* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Shanghai, China.

*Masterpiece London* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | London, UK.

**2014**

*Design Days Dubai* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Dubai, UAE.

**2013**

*Design Miami* | Miami, US.

*Interieur* | Kortrijk, Belgium.

*The Salon: Art + Design* | New York, US.

*PAD* | London, UK.

*Masterpiece London* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | London, UK.

*Design Miami / Basel* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Basel, Switzerland.

*Design Days Dubai* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Dubai, UAE.

*Abu Dhabi Art Fair* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | UAE.

**2012**

*Design Miami* | Miami, US.

*Abu Dhabi Art Fair* | Abu Dhabi, UAE.

*The Salon: Art + Design* | New York, US.

*26e Biennale des Antiquaires* | Grand Palais | Paris, France.

*Masterpiece* | London, UK.

*Design Days Dubai* | Dubai, UAE.

**2011**

*Pavilion of Art & Design* | New York, US.

*Design Miami* | Miami, US.

*SuperDesign* | London 2011 | UK.

*Liberation of Light* | Beijing Design Week | Beijing, China.

*Design Miami / Basel* | Basel, Switzerland.

*FOO-Flight of Objects* | Ventura Lambrate – Salone del Mobile 2011 | Milan, Italy.

**2010**

*Design Miami/* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Miami, US.

*Make Me* | MOSS Gallery | New York, US.

*Dutch Design Week* | Eindhoven, Netherlands.

*World Expo Shanghai* | BIE, 'Better city, better life' | Shanghai, China.

*Pavillon des arts et du Design* | Jardins des Tuileries | Paris, France.

*Bologna Art Fair* | Bologna, Italy.

**2009**

*Dutch Design Week* | Eindhoven – Eat drink design | Netherlands.

*Design Act* | Moscow, Russia.

*Design Miami/Basel* | With Carpenters Workshop Gallery.

*Salone del Mobile* | Milan, Italy.

*Pavillon des Arts et du Design / Jardins des Tuileries* | Carpenters Workshop Gallery | Paris, France.

*Surface* | Schnittstelle Kunst/Design – Kuenstlerhaus Dortmund/Heimatdesign | Cologne, Germany

**2008**

*Tokyo Design Week* | Design Tide | Tokyo, Japan.

*Material Sense* | IF | Hanover, Germany.

*Light+Building 2008* | Lights of the future – German Design Council | Frankfurt, Germany.  
*Family of Form* | Designhuis Eindhoven | Netherlands.

#### 2007

*No Windmills, Cheese or Tulips* | 100% Design Tokyo | Japan.  
*NAT* | Design Week Eindhoven – MU | Eindhoven, Netherlands.  
*Exploring new Identities* | Art Partner – Post CS Gebouw W139 | Amsterdam, Netherlands.  
*Salone del Mobile* | Milan, Italy.  
*Bright + Light* | European Parliament | Brussels, Belgium.  
*Art Rotterdam* | For gallery Mart House | Rotterdam, Netherlands.

#### 2006

*Fleurs et Lumières* | International Design Biennale | Saint Etienne, France.  
*Post Mortem* | Salone del Mobile | Milan, Italy.  
*Graduation 2005* | Design Academy Eindhoven | Netherlands.

## BOOK PUBLICATIONS

#### 2014

21st Century Lighting Design, Bloomsbury Publishing (ISBN: 978-14-7250-3138)  
Think Dutch, DAAB and Frame Publishers (ISBN: 978-94-91727-24-5)

#### 2013

Ja Natuurlijk: How Art Saves The World, Nai uitgevers (ISBN: 978-94-6208-0638)  
Designing Interior Architecture, Birkhauser (ISBN: 978-3034606806)

#### 2012

Hands on Dutch Design, Wbooks (ISBN:978-9-08910-297-3)

#### 2011

ZomerExpo 2011, Gemeentemuseum, d'Jonge Hond (ISBN: 978-90891-02638)

#### 2010

Dead or Alive, Museum of arts and design (ISBN: 978-1-89038-520-0)  
Design, 28 April 2010, catalogue Philips de Pury

#### 2009

Furnish II, Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-89955-176-1)  
Limited Edition, Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-7643-8895-9)