

# ABOUT **DRIFT**

2020



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## 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.

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## STUDIO DRIFT

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## LONNEKE GORDIJN

**Born:** 17-03-1980, Alkmaar (NL)  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Education:** 1999 - 2005 Design Academy Eindhoven,  
Man and Wellbeing, Cum Laude  
**Internship:** 2004 Studio Tord Boontje, London

## RALPH NAUTA

**Born:** 30-08-1978, Swindon (UK)  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Education:** 1999 - 2005 Design Academy Eindhoven,  
Man and Leisure  
**Internship:** 2004 Studio FAT Architects, London

## SELECTED MEDIA

Wallpaper: [“Drones flock, concrete hovers and lamps bloom as Studio Drift reimagines science and nature”](#)  
Whitewall: [“The Fragile and Fierce ‘Coded Nature’ of Studio Drift”](#)  
Elephant: [“Dreams of Nature and Concrete with Studio Drift”](#)  
The New York Times: [“In Miami, It’s a Bird. It’s a Plane. Its... a Flock of Drones?”](#)  
Freunde von Freunden: [“Studio Drift are advancing AI technology in the arts by simulating nature”](#)  
CNN: [“Swarm of Drones illuminates the night sky”](#)  
Artnet: [“Five Star Artworks That Stole the Show at the Inaugural Frieze Los Angeles”](#)  
Colossal: [“Everyday Consumer Goods Are De-Produced Into Rectangular Prisms of Raw Materials”](#)  
Artnet: [“Two Years After Studio Drift’s Floating Monolith Dazzled the Armory Show, It’s Back and It’s Bigger Than Ever”](#)

## SELECTED SPECIAL PROJECTS

Burning Man Festival, Black Rock Desert, Nevada (USA) | Franchise Freedom with 600 drones, 2018  
‘Syntopia’ - a collaboration with Iris van Herpen for her ‘Syntopia’ collection, Paris Couture Week (FR), 2018  
Franchise Freedom - a flying sculpture of 300 drones in collaboration with BMW, Art Basel Miami Beach (USA), 2017  
Concrete Storm, Armory Show (NY), for Artsy and Microsoft Hololens, 2017  
Semblance, CitizenM Tower Hill, London (UK), 2016  
The Portal, Lichtparcours Braunschweig (DE), 2016  
The Particle Plan, Lucerne (CH) | Winning project, 2014

## MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

LACMA (USA)  
Atlanta High Museum of Art (USA)  
Victoria and Albert Museum London (UK)  
Rijksmuseum Amsterdam (NL)  
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (NL)  
San Francisco MOMA (USA)  
Carnegie Museum Pittsburg (USA)  
The Museum of Fine Arts Houston (USA)  
Museum Voorlinden (NL)  
And numerous private collections

**SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2020 Solo exhibition with **Carpenters Workshop Gallery**, St. Joseph Church, San Francisco (USA)  
Solo exhibition with **Pace Gallery**, New York (USA)
- 2019 Solo exhibition - **Studio Drift: Elemental**, Amos Rex, Helsinki (FI)  
Solo exhibition - **Immersed in Light: Studio Drift at The Mint**, Charlotte, North Carolina (USA)  
**Dark Fantasy**, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, UTA Artistspace, Los Angeles (USA)  
**Trees of Life, narratives of a damaged planet**, Frankfurter Kunstverein (DE)  
**Tamin Y/Our Passion**, Aichi Triennale 2019 (JPN)  
**Biennale di Venezia**, 'Dysfunctional', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Galleria Franchettie Alla Ca' d'Oro, Venice (IT)  
**The Garage Museum of Contemporary Art**, Moscow (RUS)  
**Nature in Motion**, Hong Kong (HK)  
**Newfields Museum of Art**, Indianapolis (USA)  
**Museum Franz Mayer**, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Neo Baroque Exhibition, Mexico City (MEX)
- 2018 Solo exhibition **Studio Drift: Coded Nature**, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (NL)  
**Franchise Freedom**, European Premiere, Amsterdam (NL)
- 2017 **FOG Fair**, solo with PACE Gallery, San Francisco (USA)  
**Armory Show**, solo with PACE Gallery, New York (USA)  
**Art Basel Miami Beach**, Franchise Freedom World Premiere (USA)
- 2016 **Dream Out Loud**, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (NL)  
**Lichtparcours Braunschweig**, Braunschweig (DE)  
**Lightopia**, Vitra Design Museum, Lisbon (PT)
- 2015 **DaVinci: Codex**, Seoul (KR)  
**Art Light**, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York (USA) + Paris (FR)  
**Glassfever**, DordtYart, Dordrecht (NL)  
**Campaign for Art**, MoMA San Francisco (USA)
- 2014 **What is Luxury**, Victoria & Albert Museum, London (UK)  
**Pavilion de l'esprit nouveau 2.0**, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York (USA)  
**THING NOTHING**, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven (NL)  
**Glasstress 2015 Gotika**, Palazzo Franchetti / Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere e Arti, Venice (IT)
- 2013 **Made by Brazilians**, Cidade Matarazzo, Sao Paulo Biennale (BR)  
**Wallpaper - Handmade**, New York (USA) + Milan (IT)  
**Arsenale**, Venice (IT)
- 2012 **Lightopia**, Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein (DE)  
**Ja Natuurlijk**, Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag (NL)  
**Space Oddity**, Grand Hornu, Boussu (BE)
- 2011 **Curious Minds**, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem (IS)  
**Nieuwe Energie in Design en Kunst**, Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam (NL)  
**ZomerExpo**, Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag (NL) | First prize  
**Flight of Objects**, Salone di Mobile, Milan (IT)
- 2010 **Better City, Better Life**, World Expo Shanghai (CN)  
**Death or Alive**, Museum of Arts and Design, New York (USA)  
**Design Miami/**, Carpenters Workshop Gallery (USA)
- 2009 **In Praise of Shadows**, Victoria and Albert Museum, London (UK)  
**Design High**, Louise Blouin Foundation, London (UK)  
**Pavillion of Art + Design**, Jardins des Tuileries, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris (FR)
- 2008 **Tokyo Design Week**, Design Tide, Tokyo (JPN)  
**Lights of the Future**, German Design Council, Frankfurt (DE)  
**Becoming Dutch**, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven (NL)
- 2007 **NAT, MU**, Eindhoven (NL)  
**Art Rotterdam**, Gallery Mart House, Rotterdam (NL)

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