

ABOUT **DRIFT**

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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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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

Financial Times: [Drift and Superblue offer experiential art at Design Miami/Basel](#)
Wired Magazine: [300 Drones Illuminate the Sky to Honor Health Care Workers](#)
Whitewall: [How Studio Drift Wants to Reconnect Us with Nature](#)
New York Times: [In Miami, It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's ... a Flock of Drones?](#)
Artnet: [Superblue Will Flood the World's Art Capitals With Climate Change-Themed Immersive Art Experiences This Fall](#)
Hypebeast: [DRIFT to Unveil "Moments of Connections" at MK&G](#)
CNN: [Swarm of Drones Illuminates the Night Sky](#)

SELECTED SPECIAL PROJECTS

Times Square Midnight Moment, New York (USA) | Drifters on over 90 billboards all throughout December from 11:57 till midnight, 2021
Drifter Performance in the McCourt Space, New York (USA) | 5 Drifters form an aerial performance under a soundtrack by Anohni, 2021
Franchise Freedom Rotterdam, Rotterdam (NL) | Franchise Freedom performance to thank essential care workers during the global pandemic, 2020
Franchise Freedom for NASA, Kennedy Space Center, Merrit Island, Florida (USA), 2019
Burning Man Festival, Black Rock Desert, Nevada (USA) | Franchise Freedom with 600 drones, 2018
Burning Man Festival, Black Rock Desert, Nevada (USA) | Tree of Ténéré, responds to heartbeats and brainwaves, 2017

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

- 2021 Solo exhibition DRIFT: **Fragile Future**, The Shed, New York (USA)
 Solo exhibition DRIFT: **Past, Present, Future**, Pace Gallery, New York (USA)
 Solo exhibition DRIFT at Carré, Royal Theatre Carré, Amsterdam (NL)
 Solo exhibition with **Superblue**, Superblue, Miami (USA)
Shy Synchrony, Art Basel (CH)
Waste Age, Design Museum London (UK)
Night Light, Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center, Newport News (USA)
Electrifying Design: A Century of Lighting, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (USA)
- 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 Franchetti 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)
FAIRS: Art Basel (HK) / TEFAF (NL) / FRIEZE Los Angeles (USA)
- 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)
West Coast Pop Up, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, San Francisco (USA)
Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)
Art Light, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London (UK)
Dwell on Design, Short films program, Los Angeles (USA)
Cuypershuis, Exhibition Limburg Design Award (NL)
FAIRS: Art Basel Miami Beach (USA) / Design Miami (USA) / Zona Maco México Arte Contemporáneo (MEX) / Art Basel (CH)
- 2016 **Dream Out Loud**, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (NL)
Lichtparcours Braunschweig, Braunschweig (DE)
Lighttopia, Vitra Design Museum, Lisbon (PT)
10 Years of Collectible Design, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London (UK) + Mity Mory (FR)
Berlage, Godfather of Dutch Design, Amsterdam (NL)
FAIRS: PAD London (UK) / Design Miami (USA) / Seattle Art Fair (USA) / Zona Maco México Arte Contemporáneo (MX)
- 2015 **DaVinci: Codex**, Seoul (KR)
Feira Internacional del Libro de Bogotá, Colombia (COL)
GLOW Festival, Kazerne Eindhoven (NL)
Dutch Design Week, Kazerne Eindhoven (NL)
Torenkamer Festival, Amsterdam (NL)
Architecture Film Festival, New York (USA)
Art Light, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York (USA) + Paris (FR)
Glassfever, DordtYart, Dordrecht (NL)
Electro Craft, London (UK)
Campaign for Art, MoMA San Francisco (USA)
The Next Best Thing is Not a Thing, Maastricht (NL)
Annual Showcase Dutch Creative Industry, Ministry of Education, Culture & Science, Den Haag (NL)
FAIRS: The Armory Show (USA) / Design Shanghai, Shanghai, (CN)
- 2014 **What is Luxury**, Victoria & Albert Museum, London (UK)
New York Inaugural Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery (USA)
Hands off, San Francisco Museum for Arts & Crafts (USA)
Berlage, Godfather of Dutch Design, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam (NL)
Art Months, Conservatorium Hotel, Amsterdam (NL)
Pavilion de l'esprit nouveau 2.0, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York (USA)
THING NOTHING, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven (NL)
Dutch Design Awards, Eindhoven (NL)
Plants out of Place, London (UK)
Glasstress 2015 Gotika, Palazzo Franchetti / Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere e Arti, Venice (IT)
Open World, Kazerne Eindhoven (NL)
Vormgevers ontmoeten Van Gogh, Het Noordbrabants Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch (NL)
FAIRS: Design Miami/Basel (CH) / World Expo Milan (IT) / Salone del Mobile (IT) / Design Show Shanghai (CN) / Art Genève (CH) / Masterpiece London (UK) / Design Beijing (CN) / Design Dubai Days (UAE)
- 2013 **Lighttopia**, Design Museum Gent (BE)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS DRIFT

- Tokyo Design Week**, Tokyo (JPN)
Open Mind, De Kazerne, Eindhoven (NL)
Belgrade Design Week, Serbia (RS)
Made by Brazilians, Cidade Matarazzo, Sao Paulo Biennale (BR)
Dining Room, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London (UK)
Organic, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris (FR)
Wallpaper - Handmade, New York (USA) + Milan (IT)
Arsenale, Venice (IT)
Useful+Beautiful, Geffrye Museum, London (UK)
- 2012** **Design Days Dubai**, Dubai (UAE)
Lightopia, Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein (DE)
Subversive Design, Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Brighton (UK)
Wit, Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam (NL)
Flower Salon, Kasteel Keukenhof, Lisse (NL)
Ja Natuurlijk, Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag (NL)
Space Oddity, Grand Hornu, Boussu (BE)
26e Finest Light Sculpture / Interieur, Kortrijk (BE)
A Better World, 13th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice (IT)
Art and Design for all, The Victoria & Albert Museum, showing in KAH, Bonn (DE)
Curious Minds, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem (IS)
Nieuwe Energie in Design en Kunst, Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam (NL)
Luminale, Frankfurt (DE)
OBJECT, Rotterdam (NL)
FAIRS: DesignMiami/ (USA) / The Salon: Art + Design (USA) / Pavillion of Art + Design (UK) / Masterpiece (UK) / Salone del Mobile (IT) / Pavillon of Art + Design (FR) / Abu Dhabi Art Fair (UAE) / DesignMiami/ (USA) / The Salon: Art + Design (USA) / Biennale des Antiquaires (FR) / Masterpiece (UK) / Design Miami/ Basel (CH) / Design Days Dubai (UAE)
- 2011** **Curious Minds**, The Israel Museum, Jerusalem (IS)
Nieuwe Energie in Design en Kunst, Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam (NL)
SuperDesign, London (UK)
Liberation of Light, Beijing Design Week (CN)
ZomerExpo, Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag (NL) | First prize
Flight of Objects, Salone di Mobile, Milan (IT)
Every Day Dutch, Selfridges, London (UK)
FAIRS: Pavillion of Art and Design (USA) / Design Miami/ (USA) / Design Miami/ Basel (CH)
- 2010** **Make Me**, MOSS gallery, New York (USA)
Luminous Times, Vitra Design Museum, Domaine de Boisbucht park, Lessac (FR)
- Dutch Design Week**, Eindhoven (NL)
Better City, Better Life, World Expo Shanghai (CN)
Death or Alive, Museum of Arts and Design, New York (USA)
FAIRS: Pavillion of Art + Design (FR) / Bologna Art Fair (IT) / Design Miami/ (USA)
- 2009** **Glow Festival**, Eindhoven (NL)
Eat Drink Design, Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven (NL)
In Praise of Shadows, Victoria and Albert Museum, London (UK)
Maison et Objet, Paris (FR)
Design Act Moscow, Moscow (RUS)
Design High, Louise Blouin Foundation, London (UK)
Gallery Karena Schuessler, Berlin (DE)
Salone del Mobile, Milan (IT)
Pavillion of Art + Design, Jardins des Tuileries, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris (FR)
Surface Schnittstelle Kunst / Design, Kuenstlerhaus Dortmund Heimatdesign, Cologne (DE)
Object, Galerie VIVD, Rotterdam (NL)
Diseño Holandés. En la calle como en casa. Binnen/Buiten, Vigo (SP)
Responsive, Material Sense, CeBit Fair, Hanover (DE)
FAIRS: Design Miami/Basel (USA)
- 2008** **GHOST Collection**, solo exhibition, Salone del Mobile, Milan (IT)
Tokyo Design Week, Design Tide, Tokyo (JPN)
New Dutch Design, Mars Centre of Contemporary Arts, Moscow (RUS)
Material Sense, IF, Hannover (DE)
Lights of the Future, German Design Council, Frankfurt (DE)
Family of Form, Designhuis Eindhoven (NL)
Becoming Dutch, Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven (NL)
- 2007** **No Windmills, Cheese or Tulips**, Tokyo (JPN)
NAT, MU, Eindhoven (NL)
Via Milano, Woonbeurs Amsterdam (NL)
Exploring New Identities, Art Partner, Amsterdam (NL)
Mode Biennale Arnhem, Arnhem (NL)
Salone del Mobile, Milan (IT)
Bright + Light, European Parliament, Brussels (BE)
Art Rotterdam, Gallery Mart House, Rotterdam (NL)
- 2006** **Fleurs et Lumières**, Biennale du Design, Saint Etienne (FR)
White bright and delighting, Mart House, Amsterdam (NL)
Post Mortem, Salone del Mobile, Milan (IT)
- 2005** **Graduation 2005**, Design Academy Eindhoven (NL)

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