

Dennis de Bel

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Dennis graduated in June'07 as an Interactive Media designer at the Willem de Kooning Art Academy, in Rotterdam. In June'09 he completed the master-course Media Design at the Piet Zwart Institute, also in Rotterdam. Currently he is the curator for the art program at the Rotterdam based triphouse record store and working for Net.art poineers JODI. His work is inspired by everyday life. Associations made between everyday objects and media result in hybrid forms and 'new media'. Recognizable but subtle and clever. His work focusses on: consuming design/design interventions/questionable design.

Statement

In everyday life we consume not only images and sound, we also consume objects, tangible things, design if you like. Everything in our lives is designed, one way or another. This is sometimes hard to realize, whenever it is just good design or inevitable bad design. Everyday I challenge myself to look at our created world from a different perspective. By introducing subtle 'design-interventions' I want to challenge my audience to change their perspective, even for a short while. I want to encourage people to think about their everyday surroundings, and the objects they live and work with. I want to question design although it is not about solving problems. One only notices or questions something when there is something wrong with it. What happens to the object and it's consumer when you alter the function and, or form? In my work I try to question previously made design decisions, decisions consumers take for granted. Therefore my work does not bear a message but rather asks a question.

Media

"Dennis de Bel's work is designed so well, it doesn't look designed" Ingeborg van Lieshout, Bright #18, vol. 3, Okt/Nov 2007.

In reaction to Bright's Creative Class '07:

"The work of Dennis de Bel particularly stands out from the pack. Not because of one of his work in particular but because most of his projects are extremely well-designed, witty and playful." we-make-money-not-art.com

education

<i>period</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>education</i>	<i>department</i>	<i>diploma</i>
2007-2009	Master	Piet Zwart Instituut, Rotterdam	Media Design / Networked Media	Yes
2003-2007	Bachelor	Willem de Kooning Academie, Rotterdam	Interactive Multimedia	Yes

exhibitions

<i>name</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>period/year</i>	<i>solo/duo/group</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>description</i>
V.O.R.K.	Schieblok, Rotterdam	dec 10 - 12, 2010	group	fair	
Certified Copy	Verbeke Foundation, BE	nov 11, 2010 - apr 10, 2011	group	museum	In collaboration with JODI
101010zzz	Videotage, Hongkong	oct 10 - nov 10, 2010	-	gallery	Physical and virtual constructions for JODI
Copyclash	Roodkapje, Rotterdam	sept 12 - okt 24, 2010	group	gallery	'Copyright 2010', in collaboration with JODI
Tele Internet	Ars Electronica, Linz	sept 2 - 12, 2010	-	festival	Guerrilla plug of 'Copyright 2010', with JODI
Cambrian Explosian	Counter Culture, Utrecht	may 29, 2010	group	festival	Projection, in collaboration with Erik Overmeire
TAC Desgn Sale	TAC, Eindhoven	may 15 - 16, 2010	group	fair	Installation, together with Merel Vermeijden
Cambrian Explosion	Test 0!, Zagreb	march 22 - 27, 2010	group	festival	Projection, in collaboration with Erik Overmeire
Museum Nacht 2010	Rotterdam	march 6, 2010	group	festival	Installation, together with Merel Vermeijden
Art of Fashion Award	Boymans, Rotterdam	jan 3 - 10, 2010	group	museum	Nominated with 'Blackdress/Drinkable'
't Buurthuis	KOP, Breda	sept 12 - nov 1, 2009	group	gallery	'Fourgan' on display
The Exciting Collection	Wereld vd Witte de With, Rotterdam	sept 11 - sept 13, 2009	group	festival	Art analysis software for WDW's Exciting Museum
MA Media Design Graduation Exhibition	CBK, Rotterdam	july 3 - 12, 2009	group	gallery	Analyzing the collection of the CBK to define art
Echt Thema	Np3, Groningen	mar 15 - june 5, 2009	group	gallery	Interpretation 'themes' in art
Redsound Festival 9	Worm, Rotterdam	mar 14, 2009	group	multi	Perf. Bach meets HTML, with Reinier van Houdt

Soundtrack	Medialab, Enschede	feb 13 - mar 22, 2009	duo	gallery	Duo exhibition with Erik Overmeire
1072 of 1992	Moddr Lab, Rotterdam	jan 1 - feb 1, 2009	solo	gallery	Window Installation of 1072 slides from 1999
Work Offline	Blaak 10, Rotterdam	nov 27, 2008 - jan 11, 2009	group	gallery	Net.art exhibition without internet connections
St. Etienne Design Biennial	Saint Etienne, France	nov 15 - 30, 2008	group	fair	Exhibition of Sound Objects (Sew-O-Phone, Street musician and Vacuumonium)
Bright Lounge	Today's Art, The Hague	sept 26 - 27, 2008	group	festival	'Breadboard' on display
Slow Art: Hybrids	Siggraph, Los Angeles	aug 11 - 15, 2008	group	fair	Exhibition of Sound Objects (Sew-O-Phone, Street musician and Vacuumonium)
http://not.fromsrat.ch	V2, Rotterdam	june 20 - 22, 2008	group	gallery	'Fourgan' on display
http://webcra.sh	Pictura, Dordrecht	may 30 - june 15, 2008	duo	gallery	The.soup.is.del.ici.us performance with JODI
Straalstroom 4: Parallel Spaces	Paraplufabriek, Nijmegen	may 29 - june 8, 2008	group	gallery	Physical gaming exhibition
Bach meets HTML	N.A.I., Rotterdam	mar 21, 2008	solo	museum	Perf. Bach meets HTML, with Reinier van Houdt
222 Volt	Singel 222, Dordrecht	feb 22, 2008	group	studio	RE8EAT, eight cd player installation
Media Art Friesland	Various, Friesland	sept 20 - 30, 2007	group	festival	Young Talent Exhibition
Playground	Today's Art, The Hague	sept 21 - 22, 2007	group	festival	Installation with Mette Sterre
Krooning '06 '07	Las Palmas, Rotterdam	june 30 - july 9, 2007	group	gallery	Graduation Exhibition (Sound Objects)
Villanuts	Villanuts, The Hague	mar 29 - april 19, 2007	group	gallery	Various works (Sound Object)
Boek en Bal	Theater ad Schie, Schiedam	mar 17, 2007	group	festival	Interactive video guestbook (Projections)
Reject Film Festival	Rotterdam	jan 26 - feb 3, 2007	group	festival	Screening of 'Screensaver'
Square Eyes Festival	Arnhem	sept 7 - 9, 2006	group	festival	Screening of 'Screensaver'
Switch	V2, Rotterdam	mar 17 - 25, 2006	group	gallery	Sound performance and Sound Objects
Nederlands Film Festival	Grote Markt, Utrecht	sept 28 - oct 7, 2005	group	festival	Screening of 'Videofalls', with Kees Riphagen
Ontdek je Plekje	Tent, Rotterdam	apr 26 - may 16, 2004	group	gallery	Chatbox (IRC) Searchengine Installation

assignments and purchases

<i>name</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>period/year</i>	<i>kind</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>description</i>
Gyz La Riviere	Rotterdam	2007 - Now	Assignment	private	Light Installations
Worm	Rotterdam	2007 - Now	Assignment	company	Video streaming Installation

publications

<i>name</i>	<i>media</i>	<i>period/year</i>	<i>kind</i>	<i>description</i>
Copyclash	Magazine	sep - okt, 2010	Interview	Magazine by Trailer for Copyclash Exhibit
Paraplu Fabriek	Catalogue	sep 2010	Catalogue	Tri-annual-report of past exhibitors
Gonzo Circus	Magazine	mar - apr, 2010	Interview	
Mind the Gap #83	CD	mar - apr, 2010	CD	Track 3
Interview Magazine NY	Magazine	sept, 2010	Editorial	Featured work: Sew-O-Phone
Hark Too LP	Vinyl	okt, 2008	LP	Intro for the Wim T Schippers Remix LP, by Worm
Artfuture	Video	sept, 2008	Interview	Youtube
Zink Mag NY	Magazine	may, 2008	Editorial	Featured work: Sew-O-Phone
NRC NEXT	Newspaper / Blog	dec 3, 2007	Editorial	Featured work: Sound Objects
Bright	Magazine	oct, 2007	Interview	Creative Class of 2007
We-make-money-not-art	Blog	oct, 2007	Interview	

prizes/grants

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Art of Fasion Nomination	Boymans, Rotterdam	dec - jan, 2009 - 2010	Nomination	

Art Olive Young Talent Amsterdam sept 13 - 16, 2007 Nomination

other activities

<i>name</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>period/year</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>description</i>
Assistant of JODI	-	2010 - Now	Experience	
Curator	Rotterdam	2010 - Now	Experience	For Triphouse Rotterdam Shop
Why-Fi	Moddr Lab, Rotterdam	nov 16, 2008	Workshop	
Sonic War Game	Worm, Rotterdam	jan 17 - 18, 2008	Workshop	Workshop and performance
Circuit-bending	Wdka, Rotterdam	2nd projectweek, 2007	Experience	Gave workshop to 1st year WDKA Students
Worm	Worm, Rotterdam	3rd-4th Quarter, 2007	Internship	
Sasker Scheerder	Rotterdam	1st Quarter, 2007	Internship	Internship at sound artist Sasker Scheerder
LQS04	Tent, Rotterdam	2006	Workshop	Workshop Liquid Space 04 by Lab[au] (Bel)
ImpAKT Works	Impakt, Utrecht	may 30 - june 1, 2006	Workshop	Workshop video-circuit-bending (K. Klomp, Gert Jan Prins, B. van Koolwijk)
Tramjam	Rotterdam	2004	Workshop	Workshop and performance