



STUDIO DRIFT ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Studio Drift is an artists' studio founded in 2006 by Ralph Nauta and Lonneke Gordijn that explores the relationship between nature, technology, and mankind. The studio's philosophy is based on creating a dialogue between opposites. Its work comes to life via ongoing collaboration with scientists, university research facilities, computer programmers, and engineers.

Studio Drift's sculptures are site-specific art installations that react directly to human behavior but question it at the same time. Studio Drift proposes a distinct mix between hi-tech and poetic imagery.

Fragile Future III conveys emotion while simultaneously referencing the fact that light lies at the basis of all life. Fragile Future III is a modular work. It is created in the form of a limited edition collection and custom made installations are created on commission. It consists of three-dimensional bronze electrical circuits connected to light emitting dandelions. It was developed in collaboration with the Carpenters Workshop Gallery and won a Light of the Future award from the German Design Council in 2008.

The Fragile Future III Concrete Chandelier won the Moët Hennessy-PAD London Prize in 2010 and was acquired by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. In 2011, Fragile Future III won the top prize at the summer exhibition at the Gemeentemuseum Den Haag in The Hague. Studio Drift's work has been shown at many fairs and museums, including the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen in Rotterdam, Design Miami/Basel, Art Paris Art Fair, Dubai Design Week, and the Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

AWARDS

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

/ Victoria and Albert museum London, UK | Fragile Future Concrete Chandelier

/ Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, NL | Shylight Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (NL) | Fragile Future Chandelier

/ Atalanta High Museum of Art, USA | Fragile Future 3.13

/ Louis Vuitton collection, CN, JP, HK | Fragile Future

/ San Francisco MOMA, USA | Ghost chair and numerous private collections

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

2018

/ 'Coded Nature', Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

2017

/ 'Art Light', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ Zona Maco México Arte Contemporáneo, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mexico City.

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

/ FOG Fair, PACE gallery, San Francisco, USA.

/ The Armory Show, collaboration with Artsy and Microsoft HoloLens, New York, USA.

/ The Armory Show, solo with PACE gallery, New York, USA.

/ Dwell on Design, Short films program, Los Angeles, USA.

2016

/ '10 years of collectible design', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ '10 years of collectible design', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mitry-Mory, France.

/ 'Art Light', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

/ 'Art Light', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

/ Zona Maco México Arte Contemporáneo, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mexico city.

/ 'Fragile Future', Lightopia, Vitra, Lisbon, Portugal.

/ 'Fragile Future', Design Miami, USA.

/ The Obsidian Project, Seattle Art Fair, PACE gallery.

/ Berlage, Godfather of Dutch Design, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

/ Feira Internacional del Libro de Bogotá, Colombia.

/ GLOW Festival, Kazerne Eindhoven, Netherlands.

/ Dutch Design Week, Kazerne Eindhoven, Netherlands.

/ Torenkamerfestival, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

/ DaVinci: Codex, Seoul, South Korea.

/ The Making of Fragile Future and The Making of Shylight, Architecture Film Festival, New York, USA.

/ Lichtparcours Braunschweig 2016, The Portal | Braunschweig, Germany.
/ 'Dream Out Loud', Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands.
/ Glassfever, DordtYart, Dordrecht, Netherlands.
/ 'Electro craft', London, UK.
/ 'Campaign for Art', San Francisco, USA.
/ 'Design Shanghai', Shanghai, China.
/ 'The next best thing is not a thing', Maastricht, Netherlands.
/ 'The Armory Show', New York City, USA.
/ Annual showcase Dutch Creative Industry, Ministry of Education, Culture & Science, Den Haag, Netherlands.

2015

/ New York Inaugural Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York.
/ 'Design Miami/Basel', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Basel, Switzerland.
'Masterpiece London', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
/ 'Design Beijing', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Beijing, China.
/ 'Art Geneve', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Geneve, Switzerland.
/ 'Berlage, godfather of Dutch Design', Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
/ 'Art Months', Conservatorium Hotel, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
/ 'Pavilion de l'esprit nouveau 2.0', Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, USA.
/ 'DDW: THING NOTHING Van Abbemuseum en Design Academy Eindhoven', Eindhoven, Netherlands.

/ 'Dutch Design Awards', Eindhoven 2015 'Plants out of Place', London, UK.
/ 'Glasstress 2015 Gotika', Palazzo Franchetti / Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere e Arti, Venice, Italy.
/ 'Hands off', San Francisco Museum for Arts & Crafts, San Francisco, USA.
/ 'What is Luxury', Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK.
/ 'World Expo Milan', World Expo, Milan, Italy.
/ 'Salone del Mobile', Milan, Italy.
/ 'Design Show Shanghai', Shanghai, China.
/ 'Design Dubai Days', Dubai, UAE.
/ 'Open World', De Kazerne, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ 'Vormgevers ontmoeten Van Gogh', Het Noordbrabants Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

2014

/ 'Dining Room', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
/ 'Organic', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
/ 'Lightopia', Design Museum Gent, Gent, Belgium.
/ Tokyo Design Week, Japan.
/ 'Open Mind', De Kazerne, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ Belgrade Design Week, Serbia.
/ 'Made by Brazilians', Cidade Matarazzo Hospital, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
/ 'Wallpaper - Handmade', New York, USA.
/ 'Wallpaper - Handmade', Milan, Italy.
/ Arsenale, Venice, Italy.
/ 'Useful+Beautiful', Geffrye Museum, London, UK.
/ Design Days Dubai, Dubai, UAE.

2013

/ DesignMiami/Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.
/ Masterpiece, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
/ Abu Dhabi Art fair, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
/ 'Lightopia', Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany.
/ 'Subversive Design', Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Brighton, UK.
/ 'Wit', Nederlands Fotomuseum, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
/ The Salon: Art + Design, New York, USA.
/ Pavillion of Art + Design (PAD), London, UK.
/ Flower Salon, Kasteel Keukenhof, Lisse.
/ Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy.
/ Pavillon of Art + Design (PAD), Paris, France.
/ 'Ja Natuurlijk', Gemeentemuseum, The Hague.

2012

/ DesignMiami/Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.
/ Biennale des Antiquaires, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Grand Palais, Paris, France.
/ 'Space Oddity', Grand Hornu, Boussu, Belgium.

/ The Salon: Art + Design, New York, USA.
/ 26e Finest light sculpture / Interieur', Kortrijk, Belgium.
/ 'A Better World', 13th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy.
/ 'Art and Design for all', The Victoria & Albert Museum, showing in KAH, Bonn.
/ Masterpiece, London, UK.
/ 'Curious Minds', The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel.
/ 'Nieuwe Energie in Design en Kunst', Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
/ Design Miami/ Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
/ Luminale, Frankfurt, Germany.
/ Design Days Dubai, Dubai, UAE.
/ Featured Designers at 'OBJECT', Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2011

/ 'Curious Minds', The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel.
/ 'Nieuwe Energie', Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
/ Pavillion of Art and Design (PAD), New York, USA.
/ Design Miami/, Miami, USA.
/ 'SuperDesign, London, UK.
/ 'Liberation of Light', Beijing Design Week, Beijing, China.
/ 'ZomerExpo', Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag, First prize, Netherlands.
/ Design Miami/ Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
/ 'FOO-Flight of Objects', Milan, Italy.
/ 'Every Day Dutch', Selfridges, London, UK.

2010

/ Fragile Future with Carpenters Workshop Gallery at Artefiera Bologna, Italy.
/ Design Miami/, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.
/ MOSS gallery, 'Make Me', New York, USA.
/ 'Luminous Times', Vitra Design Museum, Domaine de Boisbuchet park, Lessac, France.
/ Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ Vitra Design Museum, Domaine de Boisbuchet park 'Luminous Times'.
/ 'Better City, Better Life', World Expo Shanghai, BIE, Shanghai, China.
/ 'Death or Alive', Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA.
/ Pavillon of Art + Design (PAD), Jardins des Tuileries, Paris, France.
/ Bologna Art Fair, Bologna, Italy.

2009

/ 'Design High', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Louise Blouin Foundation, London UK.
/ Design Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.
/ 'Pavillion of Art + Design, Jardins des Tuileries, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
/ Glow Festival, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ 'Eat Drink Design', Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ 'In Praise of Shadows', Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK.
/ Maison et Objet, Paris, France.
/ Design Act Moscow, Moscow, Russia.
/ Gallery Karena Schuessler, Berlin, Germany.
/ Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy.
/ 'Surface' Schnittstelle Kunst / Design, Kuenstlerhaus Dortmund/Heimatdesign, Cologne, Germany.
/ 'Object', Galerie VIVD, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
/ Diseño holandés. En la calle como en casa. Binnen/Buiten", Vigo, Spain.
/ 'Responsive', Material Sense, CeBit fair, Hanover, Germany.

2008

/ Tokyo Design week, Design Tide, Tokyo, Japan.
/ 'New Dutch Design', Mars Centre of Contemporary Arts, Moscow, Russia.
/ 'GHOST Collection', Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy.
/ 'Material Sense', IF, Hannover, Germany.
/ 'Light+Building 2008', Lights of the future, German Design Council, Frankfurt, Germany.
/ 'Family of Form', Designhuis Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ 'Becoming Dutch/Eindhoven Caucus', Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, Netherlands.

2007

/ 'No Windmills, Cheese or Tulips', 100% Design Tokyo, Japan.
/ 'NAT', Design Week Eindhoven, MU, Eindhoven, Netherlands.
/ 'Via Milano', Woonbeurs Amsterdam, Netherlands.

/ 'Exploring new Identities', Art Partner, Post CS-Gebouw W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
/ Mode Biennale Arnhem, Arnhem, Netherlands.
/ Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy.
/ 'Bright + Light', European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.
/ 'Art Rotterdam', gallery Mart House, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2006

/ 'Fleurs et Lumières', Biennale du design, Saint Etienne, France.
/ 'White bright and delighting home', Mart House, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
/ 'Post Mortem', Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy.

2005

/ 'Graduation 2005', Design Academy Eindhoven, Netherlands.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

2017

/ 'Design on trial, critique and metamorphosis of the contemporary object', Francesca la Rocca, ISBN: 978-88-917-9914-7

2016

/ Lichtparcours Braunschweig 2016, The Portal, (ISBN 978-3-00-053403-4)
/ Art Architecture, Peter Marino | Fragile Future commissions Louis Vuitton

2015

/ Boekman 105, Boekmanstichting, (ISBN 9789066501379)
/ Thing Nothing catalogue, Design Academy Eindhoven
/ Silk/Zijde, Zijdar Book (ISBN: 978-90-78376-21-7)
/ 'Bright 2 - Architectural Illumination and Light Installations', Frame Publishers, (ISBN: 978-94-91727-41-2)

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

/ 'Once Upon a Chair,' Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-89955-256-0)
/ 'Furnish II,' Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-89955-176-1)
/ 'Star Pieces', Thames & Hudson (ISBN: 978-0-500-51482-5)
/ 'Desire', Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-89955-218-8)
/ 'Limited Edition', Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-7643-8895-9)
/ 'Create', Gestalten (ISBN: 978-3-89955-231-7)
/ 'Inspirations', Elizabeth Lerich