



Curriculum Vitae Jantien Kahn

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JANTIEN KAHN



Jantien Kahn (b. 1972) is stone sculptor. She works and lives alternately in Amsterdam (NL) and Brittany (FR). In tandem with her Art Therapy studies, Jantien took sculpture classes with Dutch stone sculptors: Cissy van der Wel, Adriaan Seelen, Gerard van Rooij. Since deciding to make sculpting her profession she has continued to develop her skills and deepen her knowledge of design, through both apprenticeship with stonemason Jan Nelissen and participating in a masterclass stone sculpting, as well as every day practise in her own studio.

'what is contained and can unfold'

I have always had a deep fascination and love for stones. Their antiquity and beauty. Stone as a material contains traces of a long past.

Stone sculpture requires both determination and tranquility. One needs to find alignment with the material, it's hardness and its structure. By this alignment arises harmony between shape and material. Stone has its own pace and the sculpting process can only to a certain extent be forced by time and the hand that works it. It is the pace that suits meBeeldhouwen

Over the years my preference for hard limestone has become more apparent. This is the stone I find most suitable for expressing my ideas on form. Its structure and hardness offers me the opportunity to experiment with different ways of finishing.

Nature offers a great source of inspiration. In the cyclical movements as present in the seasons and the tides of the sea, I draw parallels with the life story of humankind. As one generation succeeds another, our connection with the past, present and future is maintained.

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Experience

2015

Artist in Residency, La Résidence des Arts, Brittany (FR)

2014

Artist in Residency, La Résidence des Arts, Brittany (FR)

2013 - present

Entrepreneurship 'Kahn-Ehlhart Consult & Creatie'

2009 – 2011

Lectures on stone sculpting, creativity and design

2008 – 2012

Teaching stone sculpting

2007 - 2012

Entrepreneurship 'The Sculpture shop Amsterdam' (NL)

2003 - present

Professional stone sculptor

2002

Assistant artist Slavery monument, Amsterdam (NL)

2001 - 2002

Mold making and casting wax models Foundry Stijlaart, Tiel (NL)

2000 - 2002

Art therapist in psychiatry and schools for special needs children

Education

Masterclass stone sculpting 2009

stone sculptors Adriaan Seelen and Gerard van Rooij, (FR)

Apprenticeship 2008

stone sculptor Adriaan Seelen, Rijen (NL)

Apprenticeship 2003 - 2004

stonemason Jan Nelissen, Bunnik (NL)

Classes stone sculpting 1996 - 2000

stone sculptor Cissy van der Wel, Utrecht (NL)

stone sculptor Riet van Nieuwenhuyzen, Langbroek (NL)

University of Utrecht 1996 - 2000

Art Therapy, Amersfoort (NL)

Membership

2004-present

Dutch Association of Visual Artists (BBK), Amsterdam (NL)

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