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lives and works in Rotterdam, NL

Education

2022 MA in Fine Arts and Design, Art Praxis, Dutch Art Institute, Arnhem, NL

2016 BFA, Emily Carr University, Vancouver, CA

Publications

2026 *The Colonial, Familiar, Nostalgic, Radical, Transformative Life of the Strawberry: Second Edition*, HumDrum Press, Rotterdam/Berlin, NL/DE, print. April 2026.

2024 *The Colonial, Familiar, Nostalgic, Radical, Transformative Life of the Strawberry*, HumDrum Press, Rotterdam/Berlin, NL/DE, print. September 2024.

2024 *Believing in the Revolution of Everyday Life: Marika Vandekraats in Conversation with Wan Ing Que*, text, The Dialogue Room, TENT online, NL

2024 *Wobby #38: Unpave the Way*, with Sunflower Soup Collective, Tilburg, NL, print.

2023 *Forming Roots with More-than-Human Collaborators: Marika Vandekraats in Conversation with Lucie Havel*, text, The Dialogue Room, TENT online, NL

2021 *A Simple Basic Life Technique*, text contribution, Pamplona, ES

2021 *Kip van het Spit*, part of *What Stories Want*, text contribution for AAIR publication, Antwerp, BE

Solo Presentations

2023 *Another Harvest*, Growing Space Wielewaal, Rotterdam, NL

2021 *November Strawberry*, in collaboration with Linas Gabrielaitis, Nida Art Colony, Nida, LT

2021 *Tremors*, Performing Arts Forum, St Erme, FR

Performances

2022 *(Un)turned*, Performance for Dutch Art Institute Aeroponics Acts, Centrale Fies, Dro, IT

2022 *Blue Waters*, Performance with Gloriya August, Piet Zwart Institute, Rotterdam, NL

2021 *Kip van het Spit*, Breakfast B Reading Series, Antwerp, BE

Workshops

2026 *How to see through the eyes of a Fish*, Don't Forget to Check in, Art Rotterdam, C3 Studios, Rotterdam, NL

2024 *How to see through the eyes of a Fish*, A System is Not a Sum of its Parts, Art Central Rotterdam XL, Rotterdam, NL

2024 *The Single and Available Strawberry: Writing Workshop*, TENT, Rotterdam, NL

2023 *Object Wording Writing*, Rib, Rotterdam, NL

2021 *Stay, Okay**, presented for Dutch Art Institute, 2021 COOP SUMMIT, Lluc, ES

Group

2022 *IN VOICE*, presented for Dutch Art Institute Roaming Assembly, in partnership with Sonsbeek: Force Times Distance and Parasite Radio, Milan, IT

2022 *Birling Down White Waters*, TENT Online Cinema, Rotterdam, NL

2021 *withering worms wander, wording wording warnings, weather winds wait*, presented for Dutch Art Institute,

COOP SUMMIT, Lluç, ES

Residencies

- 2025 Artistic Research Residency, Nida Art Colony, Nida, LT
2022 Self Initiated Writing Residency, Performing Arts Forum, St Erme, FR

Awards

- 2024 *Impuls en Verdeiping: Fly-Tying in Trying Times*, CBK, Rotterdam, NL
2024 *Development Voucher*, Mondriaan Fonds, NL
2024 *Praktijkbijdrage: How to See through the Eyes of a Fish*, CBK, Rotterdam, NL
2023 *Ontwikkeling en Onderzoek: The Colonial Life of the Strawberry*, CBK, Rotterdam, NL
2022 *Research and Development Grant: Reading Room Rotterdam*, Necessity, SHED, Peterborough, UK
2021 *Makersloket: Blue Waters*, Droom en Daad, Rotterdam, NL

Additional Experience

- 2024 - current Admissions Coordinator, Dutch Art Institute, ArtEZ University for the Arts
2025 Evaluator for Nida Art Colony Residency applications
2024 - 2025 Harvester for Casco Art Institute: Working for the Commons during Whose Ocean? project in collaboration with Embassy for the North Sea and Utrecht University
2024 Peer Review for *Rage, Struggle, Freedom*, Scholar and Feminist Online, Barnard Center for Research on Women
2022 - 2024 Curator, Programmer, Producer of Reading Room Rotterdam
2021 - 2023 Host Kunstintuut Melly and TENT Rotterdam
2021 - 2022 Member of Medezeggenschapsraad ArtEZ University for the Arts

Curation and Production as a part of Reading Room Rotterdam:

Reading Room Rotterdam is a nomadic roaming library traveling throughout the city in a cargo bike. Through public events and the library service, the RRR offers an exchange of mediums of knowledge, be it through shared dinners, workshops, gardens, or text. Reading Room Rotterdam is organized, facilitated, and ever-transformed by Marika Vandekraats.

Events organized (selection)

- 27.11.2024 *Temple Making* with Soupspoon Collective and TENT Rotterdam, Hosted at Verhalenhuis Belvedere
22.06.2024 *VROUWENPROBLEMEN: Spinning the Mechanisms of Troublemaking* with Gloriya Avgust and Andrea Celeste La Forgia. Hosted at Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam.
15.06.2024 *How to be Together: Zine Launch* with Soupspoon and TENT Rotterdam at KIOSK, Rotterdam
07.03.2024 *Radical Friendship* with Elif Sarican and Maya Wallis and Eathouse collective. Hosted at Paviljoen aan het Water, Rotterdam
16.11.2023 *Mad World* with Sandra Lange and Raffia Li. Hosted at Gemaal op Zuid, Rotterdam.
08.10.2023 *A Spiritual Home for Us* with Yumna and Suhaimah Manzoor-Khan. Hosted at UBIK, Worm, Rotterdam.
20.09.2023 *The Meal is Language* with Lola Olufemi and Yusser Salih. A collaboration with Promiscuous Care Study Group from Willem de Kooning Academie. Hosted at TENT Rotterdam, Rotterdam.

- 3.09.2023 RRRxIjskast presents a One Day Touring Exhibition, in collaboration with de Ijskast. Hosted at Rib, Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen, Kunstinstituut Melly, and Piet Zwart Institute, Rotterdam.
- 30.06.2023 *Mutant Sensualities* with Lou Lou Sainsbury. Hosted at Eiland van Brienenoord, Rotterdam.
- 06.05.2023 *Politics of Permaculture* with Kate Price. Hosted at Botanische tuin Afrikanderwijk, Rotterdam.
- 07.04.2023 *Wages against Housework* with Grazia Gallo. Hosted at the Poortgebouw, Rotterdam

Residency

- 10.2023 - 04.2024 *Learning Exchange Rotterdam* - 6 month residency at Paviljoen aan het Water, Rotterdam, in collaboration with Andrew Wilson, hosting 10 artists from Newcastle-upon-Tyne.