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b. 1972 Amsterdam, NL
Lives and works in Amsterdam, NL

Education

2012 Tokyo Wonder Site, Tokyo Japan
2006 ROAD Capacete, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2005-06 ISCP, New York, US
2003-04 IASPIS, Stockholm, Sweden
1999-00 Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunst (Royal Academy of the Arts), Amsterdam, NL
1995-96 Hogeschool Sint Lukas, Brussels, Belgium
1994-95 St. Joost Akademie voor Kunst en Vormgeving (Academy of Arts and Design), Breda audiovisual department

Solo Exhibitions

2024 Gabriel Lester: Dig It, RYAN LEE Gallery, New York, US
Gabriel Lester: Majestic, Vanguard Gallery, Jing'An, CN
Gabriel Lester: Odeon, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, TX
Token of Gratitude From Refuge to Freedom, National Holocaust Museum, Amsterdam, NL
2023 You have to dig it to dig it, you dig?, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, NL
2020 Gabriel Lester: Holes in the Sky, Machinery of Me, Arnhem, NL
Nobody, Amsterdam Light Festival, Amsterdam, NL
2017 The Return of Lester's Loops, Groninger Museum, Groningen, NL
If you happen to be, RYAN LEE, New York, US
How to Act, De Hallen, Haarlem, NL
2016 Unresolved, de Appel arts centre, Amsterdam, NL
The Nine Day Week, Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, LU
2015 Forced Perspective – Encounter of Kinds, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, NL
Cleromancy, RYAN LEE, New York, US
The School of Nature and Principle, EFA, New York, US
When I Give, I Give Myself, Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, NL
2014 Follies, Mehrfach, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, DE
The Ears Have Walls, Leo Xu Projects, Shanghai, CN
Habitat Sequence BA, MACBA, Buenos Aires, AR
Follies, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, DE
Silent Trilogy, 3'14, Bergen, NO
Blank Stare, Gus Fisher Gallery, Auckland, NZ
2013 The Secret Life of Cities, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, NL

- 2012 Highlights & Chance Encounters, Tetem, Enschede, NL
 Roxy, Minsheng Museum, Shanghai, CN
 The Future that Was, NASA/Smart, Amsterdam, NL
- 2011 Suspension of Disbelief, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, NL
- 2010 Dilzis, Rodea Gallery Istanbul, TR
- 2009 ProMotion, Z33, Hasselt, BE
- 2008 The Last Smoking Flight, Gallery Fons Welters, NL
 A Man of Action [Returns], Gallery BirteKleeman, Berlin, DE
 One Man Band II, Kiosk, Gent, BE
- 2007 BIG BANG, Bloomberg Space, London, UK
 Last piece of John Fare, GB-Agency, Paris, FR
 Now for Something Completely Different, IBID Projects, London, UK
- 2006 SEEN, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, SE
 4x4 hands, Wako Works of Art, Tokyo, JP

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 The Art of the Game, ARTS 14C in partnership with the New York New Jersey 2026 World Cup Host Committee, New York, US
- 2025 Mysterious Universe, Museum van Bommel van Dam, Venlo, NL
 Things I've Never Seen Before, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
- 2024 Sleep!, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, NL
 Interactions 2024, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, DE
- 2023 New Statues of Liberty, Stedelijk Museum Alkmaar, Alkmaar, NL
- 2022 Ridiculously Yours: Art, Awkwardness and Enthusiasm, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, DE; travelled to Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, DE; Halle Für Kunst Steiermark, Graz, AT; and Neue Galerie Graz, Graz, AT
 Illusions are Real, Manif d'Art – Quebec City Biennial, Quebec City, CA
- 2021 Ω (Om, Ohm, Omega), Electricity Factory, Den Haag, NL
- 2020 We never sleep, SCHIRN Kunsthalle Frankfurt, DE
 Nobody, Amsterdam Light Festival, NL
- 2019 The Emotional Exhibition, Momentum10 Biennial, Moss, NO
 5th Ural Industrial Biennial of Contemporary Art, Ekaterinburg, RU
- 2018 Divided We Stand, Busan Biennale, Busan, KR
- 2018 Sculpture in the City, London, UK
- 2017 Please fasten your seat belt as we are experiencing some turbulence, Leo Xu Projects in collaboration with David Kordansky Gallery, Shanghai, CN
- 2016 Heaven, Hell & Earth, Stedelijk Museum Hertogenbosch, NL
 Dwelling Kappiri Spirits, Kochi-Muziris Biennale, Kochi, IN
 forming in the pupil of an eye, Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2016, Kerala, IN
 PolyLester, Public Works, Utrecht Central Station, NL
 Nuit Blanche Monaco, MC
- 2015 Lekker licht, Centraal Museum Utrecht, NL
 Salt water, 14th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, TR
 Moscow Biennale, Moscow, RU
 Lustwarande 15: Rapture and Pain, International Sculpture Exhibition, Park De Oude Warande, Tilburg, NL
- 2014 Sydney Biennale, Sydney, AU
 Marrakesh Biennale, Marrakesh, MA
 CAFA Museum, Beijing, CN

Folkestone Triennial, Folkestone, UK
 The Crime Was Almost Perfect, Witte de With, Rotterdam, NL
 Il Delitto Quasi Perfetto, PAC, Milan, IT
 Play Time, Corner House, Manchester, UK
 2013 Garden of Diversion, Sifang Museum, Nanjing, CN
 Performa 13, New York, NY, US
 Momentum Biennale, Moss, NO
 Venice Biennale, Venice, IT
 Sharjah Biennale, Sharjah, UAE
 Call of the Mall, Utrecht, NL
 Bourgeois Leftovers, De Appel, Amsterdam, NL
 2012 dOCUMENTA (13), Kassel, DE
 Blind Cut, Marlborough Chelsea Gallery, New York, NY, US
 2011 Secret Societies, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, DE
 Television Commune, Nam June Paik Art Center, Seoul, KR
 I am not a Studio Artist, SALT, Istanbul, TR
 Walk Trough Mudam, Luxembourg, LU
 2010 Not Our Cup of Tea, 29th Sao Paulo Biennial, Sao Paulo, BR
 De Nederlandse Identiteit, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
 Performa/The Prompt, TransArt, Bolzano, IT
 Clifford Irving Show, Objectif Exhibitions, Antwerp, BE
 2009 The Prompt, Performa 09 Biennial, New York, NY, US
 C.I.S., Kadist Foundation, Paris, FR
 Secret Ninth Planet, MA CCA, San Francisco, CA, US
 Slow Movement, Kunsthalle Bern, CH
 Lapses, FriArt, Fribourg, CH
 Paper Exhibition, Artist Space, New York, NY US
 2008 Made Up, Liverpool Biennale, Liverpool, UK
 Fear Minus One, University Gallery San Diego, CA, US
 The Clifford Irvin Variety Show, New Langton Arts, San Francisco, CA, US
 Lift Off, Onomatopee, Eindhoven, NL
 Capacete, Gallery Friedrich Petzel, New York, NY, US
 2007 Still Here, ArtSpace Sydney, AU
 Drop it Like it's Hot, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, DE
 Decoder, Biennial for Video Art, Mechelen, BE
 The first antechamber, Project Arts Centre, Dublin, IE
 Ontdekking van de Traagheid KW14, Den Bosch, NL
 Prix Jeune Peinture Belge'07, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, BE
 2006 Being in Brussels, Argos, Brussels, BE
 Nederlands Film Festival, Utrecht, NL
 Undo/Redo, Fridericianum, Kassel, DE
 Busan Biennale, Busan, KR
 Le Nouveau Siècle, Museum van Loon, Amsterdam, NL
 Cross Section, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL

Teaching Experience

2014 Rijksakademie Amsterdam, NL
 Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL
 Elam School of Arts, Auckland, NZ

2013 Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL
 Sandberg Institute, Amsterdam, NL
 Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL

2012 CUHK, Hong Kong, CN
 Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, NL

2010 DAI Enschede, NL
 Jan van Eyck Academie Maastricht, NL

2009 NAI Rotterdam, NL
 Piet Zwart institute Rotterdam, NL
 Royal Academy of Art, NL
 KABK, The Hague, NL

2008 NICC, Ghent, BE
 De Appel, Amsterdam, NL

Public Commissions and Screenings

2014 Renovation interior 'Genieloods' Fort Vijfhuizen, Vijfhuizen, NL
 Sicco Mansholt, HNI Rotterdam, NL
 Inward Gaze trilogy, Sydney Biennale, Sydney, AU
 Inward Gaze Trilogy, 3'14 Bergen, NO

2013 Transition 2012, Drente, NL
 Twirl, Stockholm University, Stockholm, SE
 The Blank Stare, Utrecht, NL
 The Blanks Stare, Moss, DK

2012 Re-design of UN Delegates Lounge New York - icw Koolhaas, Boom, Jongerius
 Design new entrance of Stockholm University, Stockholm, SE
 The Big One - Arco, Madrid, ES

2011 Martini Banners, Groningen, NL
 Orangerie Rabobank, Bergeijk, NL
 The Big One - Error One, Cinema Zuid, Antwerp, BE
 The Big One - Kunstneres Hus, Oslo, NO
 Peace is Not the Absence of Conflict - Nam June Paik Centre, Seoul, KR
 All Right - Leu Xu Projects, Shanghai, CN

2010 Funenpark, Amsterdam, NL
 <15m3, Roombeek Enschede, NL
 All Right & All Wrong - Pera Plaza, Istanbul, TR
 Last Smoking Flight - BeursBis, Brussels, BE

2009 Gent Oude Dokken, Gent, BE
 Trajectum Lumen, Utrecht, NL
 Last Smoking Flight - Ninth Planet, San Francisco, CA, US
 NightShade - Lost&Found, Amsterdam, NL

2008 Last Smoking Flight - Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, UK
 Last Smoking Flight, Galerie Fons Welters, Amsterdam, NL

2007 APAP, Anyang City, KR
 Elevating Witte de With, Amsterdam, NL
 Urban Surface - Venice Biennale, Venice, IT
 NightShade - Decoder 3d biennale for moving images, Mechelen, BE
 All Wrong - Project Arts Centre, Dublin, IE
 Urban Surface - Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL
 NightShade - The Images Festival, Toronto, CA

2006

Urban Surface – Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, FR
Renovatie Anna, Ministerie van SZW, Den Haag, NL