

## About the artist

Petra Groen is an artist that works in the field of Commission art, Sculpture and Mixed media, she lives and works in Amsterdam and Enschede. She graduated at The AKI ArteZ, University of the Arts, Enschede, The Netherlands, Mixed Media. In addition, she studied in San Francisco at the SFAI. She received a grant, that made it possible to stay a full year at the academy. She studied at the film department, film (16mm) and Animation and at the New Genres department; Performance and Sculpture.

After her graduation, she received her first commission for a public sculpture; a floating object in de Volkspark of Enschede, The Netherlands and many more commissions of permanent and semi-permanent public art pieces came her way. These sculptures were site specific or created for public buildings. Till now she works in this field and combines it with exhibitions, teaching and lecturing.

In 2013 she took a job as the head of the Fine art department at the AKI ArteZ and has been working there till 2018.

At this moment, she is still working in the field of education and writes about new ways to approach the education system. She also still works in her studio and exhibits her work.

Besides her activities in her studio as a professional artist she is a visiting artist at several academies, in the Netherlands and in the USA, gives workshops and leads projects with companies and in schools. In 2007, she founded Artist Residencies Enschede and became the director.