

Rob Chevallier

Artist statement

It is becoming increasingly clear that we are approaching the limits of our Western way of life. Nitrogen, CO2 emissions, climate change and other crises show that nature has become too vulnerable. Due to overconsumption and ever-increasing energy consumption, raw materials are also threatening to run out.

We don't seem to realize that awareness of a more sustainable lifestyle is permanently needed. With my art I want to contribute to that awareness process. This is reflected in the choice of material (recycled items and reuse), but also in the themes of my conceptual work.

For my installations and photo objects I deliberately choose recognizable objects to involve the visitor in the artwork. The objects with a seemingly sorrowless past are enhanced with contemporary photography. In this way I visualize the changing society with problems such as climate change, industrialization and the need for nature conservation. The works are a plea for recycling as well as a signal to solve nowadays problems.

Nearly half of the Netherlands lies below sea level. Due to the ever exceeding effects of climate change scientists predict a further rise of about 1 meter. But the threat of rising water level is already visible each year through flooded landscapes along Dutch rivers.

Biography

Rob Chevallier (1957) studied graphic design at the Art academy in Arnhem. Since 2006 he works as photographer in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Since 2017 he makes photo objects and installations.

Recent exhibitions

2025: Volta (Art Basel), 2024: EuropArtFair Amsterdam (2nd prize jury award), Artist Meeting (Knokke), Climate expo in National museum Muiderslot (Muiden), 2018 – 2023: Dutch climate expo (Zwolle), CODA Museum (Apeldoorn), IJsselbiënnale, Zandvoorts museum, Watermuseum (Arnhem), Museum Energetiocon (Aachen).

Study and personal info

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