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MELLA JAARSMA



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BIOGRAPHY

Mella Jaarsma is an artist who has become known for her complex custom installations and her focus on forms of cultural and racial diversity embedded within clothing, the body and food. She was born in the Netherlands in 1960 and studied visual art at Minerva Academy in Groningen (1978-1984), after which she left the Netherlands to study at the Art Institute of Jakarta (1984) and at the Indonesian Institute of the Arts in Yogyakarta (1985-1986). She has lived and worked in Indonesia ever since. In 1988, she co-founded Cemeti Art House, now called Cemeti Institute for Art & Society together with Nindityo Adipurnomo, which to this day remains an important platform for young artists and art workers in the country and region.

Mella's works have been exhibited in Indonesia and abroad, in venues including the Museum MACAN in Jakarta, Singapore Art Museum, National Gallery of Australia, the Garage Museum Moscow, etc. Her latest solo exhibition, titled *Performing Artifacts: Objects in Question* (2022) was held at ROH, Jakarta, Indonesia, showcasing works created between 2010 - 2022. Mella has participated in the 3rd Asia Pacific Triennale at the Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art, Australia, (1999) The Thailand Biennale (2018), The Sydney Biennale (2016) and Yokohama Triennale (2005) amongst others.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 1986 Institut Seni Indonesia, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
1984 Institut Kesenian Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia
1984 Visual Arts, Academie Minerva, Groningen, The Netherlands

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Performing Artifacts: Objects in Question*. ROH, Jakarta, Indonesia
2021 *The Size of Rice*. A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2019 *In Ravel Out*. ResArtis Project Space, Melbourne, Australia
The Carrier. Presented by A+ art Malaysian Art Expo, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2018 *Re-Play #8*. OFCA, Sarong Building, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2017 *Bolak Balik*. Jendela Art Space, Esplanade, Singapore
2016 *Carrier*. Baik Art, Los Angeles, USA
Carrier. LA Art Show, Los Angeles, USA
2015 *Lari*. Duo exhibition with Nindityo Adipurnomo at Embun Art Room, Medan, Indonesia
2014 *Potong Waktu*. Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
2013 *Male Energy / Tenaga Laki-Laki*. Jatiwangi Art Factory, Jatiwangi, Indonesia
2012 *Truth, Lies and Senses*. Lawangwangi Creative Space, Bandung, Indonesia
Toekar Tambah. Duo exhibition with Nindityo Adipurnomo at Semarang Gallery, Semarang, Indonesia
2009 *The Fitting Room*. Selasar Sunaryo Art Space, Bandung
The Fitting Room. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Zipper Zone. s.14, Bandung, Indonesia
2006 *De meeloper / the follower*. Artoteek Den Haag, Den Haag, The Netherlands
Shelter me. Gaya Fusion Art Space, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
2005 *Asal*. Etemad Gallery, Tehran, Iran

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- 2004 *The Shelter*. Valentine Willie Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2002 *Moral Pointers*. Lontar Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
2001 *I Eat You Eat Me III*. The Art Center, Center of Academic Resources, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
2000 *I Eat You Eat Me II*. Cemeti Art House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
I Eat You Eat Me I. Lembaga Indonesia-Perancis, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *wastu/loka/kala*. Artina, Sarinah Community Mall, Jakarta, Indonesia
Tumpang. Baik Art, Jakarta, Indonesia
ICAD 12: *Fragmenting Yesterday, Reshaping Tomorrow*. Grand Kemang Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia
Setouchi Triennale. Ibuki Island, Japan
Indonesia Bertutur: VISARALOKA. Museum H. Widayat, Magelang, Indonesia
Art Jakarta 2022. ROH, Jakarta Convention Center, Jakarta, Indonesia
1. ROH, Jakarta, Indonesia
Indonesian Women Artist #3: *Infusion Into Contemporary Art*. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Untuk Seorang Lelaki yang Demikian Mencintai Hujan. Krack! Studio, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2021 Berdetak: 4 Dekade Yayasan Jantung Indonesia. Museum Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Bienalle Jogja XVI Equator #6 "Oceania". Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
No Vacancy. Room 4580, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
ArtJog 2021: *Time (to) Wonder*. Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
SOUTH SOUTH VEZA. Online exhibition.
- 2020 *Baroque Archipelago*. Mizuma Gallery, Singapore
Pulih. Pasar Seni Ancol, Jakarta, Indonesia
A Roof Over Your Head. Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
ArtJog 2020: *Resilience*. Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Back To Art. A+ Works of Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Trajectory: A Decade of Lawangwangi. Lawangwangi Creative Space, Bandung, Indonesia
Transient Museum of a Thousand Conversations. International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York, USA
Search & Discover: The Joy of Collecting - Selections from the Yeap. The Private Museum, Singapore
The 2020 Armory Show. Baik + Khneysser, New York, USA
Clothing as A State of Power. Cemeti Institute for Art and Society, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2019 Polyphony: South East Asia. University Museum of Art, Nanjing, China
Fomo/Jomo. Rubanah Underground Hub, Jakarta, Indonesia

- Setouchi Triennale. Ibuki Island, Japan
Sunshower. Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
The Coming World: Ecology as the New Politics 2030–2100. Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia
Contemporary Worlds: Indonesia. National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
Dunia Dalam Berita. Museum MACAN, Jakarta, Indonesia
 Art Basel Hong Kong. Yavuz Gallery, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong
Concept, Context, Contestation. Goethe-Institut, Yangon, Myanmar
 Felix LA 2019. Baik Art, Hollywood Hotel, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018
Edge of Wonderland. Thailand Biennale, Krabi, Thailand
Disposable Bodies. Yavuz Gallery, Singapore
 ART BALI: *Beyond The Myth*, AB.BC Building, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
 JAVA – Art Energy. Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France
 20th SSAS/AS/IDEAS. Bale Project, Selasar Sunaryo Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia
Sandangan. Lorong Gallery, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 900mdpl. LIR, Kaliurang, Indonesia.
Spektrum Hendra Gunawan. Ciputra Artpreneur, Jakarta, Indonesia
 ArtJog18: *Enlightment*. Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 Art Busan 2018. Baik Art, Busan, South Korea
The Sun Teaches Us that History Is Not Everything. Osage Art Foundation, Hong Kong
Henosis. Baik Art, Seoul, South Korea
Vanitas. food designweek, Palazzo Michiel, Venice, Italy
- 2017
Beautiful Distress, Het Vijfde Seizoen, Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Power and other things. Europalia Indonesia, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Sunshower. National Art Center Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
 Baik Art Residency. Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College, Davidson, USA
- 2016
Art with Purpose. exhibition for United Nations, National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
 SEA+ Triennale. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Merayakan Murni. Sudakara Art Space, Sanur, Bali, Indonesia
 Art|Jog|9: *Universal Influence*. Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
On the Table. LIR, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Concept, Context, Contestation. Mes56, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Paper Traces. Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 Manifesto V: *Arus*. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Workwear. Casa d'Itali, Montreal, Canada

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- Workwear*. The Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, New York; Colombia College, Chicago, USA
20th Biennale of Sydney: *The future is already here – it's just not evenly distributed*. Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Costume National. AXENÉO7, Quebec, Canada
Dialogue Playground. Dia.io.gue, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2015 Indonesian Contemporary Art & Design (ICAD). Grand Kemang, Jakarta
No title yet. Sangkring Art Space, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
ART/JOG15 – *Infinity in Flux*. Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Politics of Food. Delfina Foundation, London, England
Fashion as Social Energy. Palazzo Morando | Costume Moda Immagine, Milan, Italy
Video works by Southeast Asian artists. Art Paris, Grand Palais and club Silencio, Paris, France
OK Video: Orde Baru. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta
- 2014 *The Roving Eye*. Arter, Istanbul, Turkey
Abiti da Lavoro. Milan Triennale, Galleria Aulenti, Milan, Italy
Melihat Indonesia. Ciputra Artpreneur, Jakarta, Indonesia
Art|Jog|14: Legacies of Power. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta
Medium at Large, Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
Fiesta Fatahillah, Jakarta Endowment For Art and Heritage (JEFORAH). Jakarta Contemporary Arts, Fatahillah Post Office, Jakarta, Indonesia
Dirty Feet. Cemeti Art House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2013 Jakarta Biennale 2013: *Siasat*. Museum Keramik dan Seni Rupa, Jakarta, Indonesia
Suspended Histories. Van Loon Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Outspoken. Biasa Art Space, Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia
Feast: Radical Hospitality in Contemporary Art. the Blaffer Museum of Art, University of Houston, Houston, US
Art|Jog|13: Maritime Culture. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Sip! Indonesian Art Today. ARNDT Berlin, Berlin, Germany and Singapore
- 2012 *Safe Place in the Future*. Jim Thompson House, Bangkok, Thailand
Marcel Duchamp in South-East Asia. Equator Art Projects, Singapore
Contemporary Fiber Art #1: Mapping. ArtOne Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia
Design/Art : *Renegotiating Boundaries*. Lawangwangi Creative Space, Bandung, Indonesia
XXL. Sangkring Art Space with Valentine Willie Fine Arts, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
HomoLudens. Emmitan Contemporary Art Gallery, Surabaya, Indonesia
Art|Jog|12: Looking East - A Gaze Upon Indonesian Contemporary Art. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
Negeri Ngayogyakarta Hadiningrat. Jogja National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

- Feast: Radical Hospitality in Contemporary Art.* Smart Museum, Chicago, USA
Dress/ID -the language of the self. Centre d'art Passerelle, Brest, France
Subject Shall Remain Anonymous. Helutrans Artspace, Singapore
 Art Dubai 2012. Jogja Contemporary, United Arab Emirates
 Art Paris Art Fair 2012. Taiss Gallery, Grand Palais, Paris, France
 2011 *Beyond the East: A Gaze on Indonesian Contemporary Art.* Museo d'Arte Contemporanea di Roma (MACRO), Rome, Italy
Skin Matters. Galeri Soemardja, ITB, Bandung, Indonesia
Motion/Sensation. Grand Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Expansi: Contemporary Sculpture. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Indonesian Eye. Saatchi Gallery, London, England and Ciputra Artpreneur, Jakarta, Indonesia
Trans-Figurations: Indonesian Mythologies. Espace Culturel Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
 KAAP. Fort Ruigenhoek, Utrecht, the Netherlands
Absence. Manila Contemporary, Manila, the Philippines
Negotiating Home, History and Nation. Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
Fiber Face. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
 Art Stage. Valentine Willie Fine Arts, Singapore
 1001 Doors. Ciputra Marketing Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
 2010 GSK Contemporary – *Aware: Art Fashion Identity*, the Royal Academy of Arts, London, England
Digit(all). Umahseni, Jakarta, Indonesia
Shadow Dance. Kunsthal Kade, Amersfoort, The Netherlands
Material Girls. 24hr Art, Darwin, Australia
No Direction Home. Edwin Gallery, National Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
Making History. Jendela Visual Arts Space, Esplanade, Singapore
Faith and Reason. Manila Contemporary, Manila, Philippines
Mist/ Lawangwangi Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia
 2009 Yogyakarta Biennale X: *JOGJA JAMMING.* Yogyakarta National Museum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Beyond the Dutch. Central Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Fusion Folks. Bo-Pi Liao, Taipei, Taiwan
New Nature. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
 The Incheon Women Artists' Biennale, Art Platform, Incheon, Korea
Re-Addressing Identities, Katonah Museum, New York, USA
Living Legends. Nasional Galeri Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Designing Peace: a show of imagination. Museum of Contemporary Art and Design, Manila
Enam Pekan Perempuan. Galeri Salihara, Jakarta, Indonesia

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- 2008 ASEAN Contemporary Art Exchange. Thamada Gallery, Yangon, Myanmar
A Decade of Dedication: Ten Years Revisited. Selasar Sunaryo Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia
8888. la Cartuja, Sevilla, Spain
8888. Cultural Council, Sitges, Spain
10th Sonsbeek: Grandeur. Park Sonsbeek, Arnhem, Netherlands
Urban Concerns. Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden
- 2007 *Kuota*. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Biennale Jogja: *Neo-nation*. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
22nd International Art Exhibition. Selasar Sunaryo Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia
The Curtain Opens. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
100 Tahun Affandi. Taman Budaya, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Very Fun Park II. Fubon Art Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan
Fashion Accidentally. Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Taipei, Taiwan
Shelter. Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle, The Netherlands
Wherever We Go. San Fransisco Art Institute, San Francisco, USA
- 2006 *Saigon Open City*. War Museum, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Wherever We Go, Spazio Oberdan, Milan, Italy
Nederland 1. Museum Gouda, Gouda, the Netherlands
Flucht Vertreibung Intergration. Haus de Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn - Deutschen Historischen Museum, Berlin – Zeitgeschichtlichen Forum, Leipzig, Germany
- 2005 *Taboo and Transgression in Contemporary Indonesian Art*. Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA
GRID # 2. Eof Art Space, Paris, France
Urban Culture. CP Biennale II, Museum Bank Indonesia, Jakarta
Yokohama 2005: International Triennale of Contemporary Art. Yamashita Pier, Yokohama, Japan
Natural Selection. Linden – St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Arts, Melbourne, Australia
Go Inside. Tirana Biennale, Galeria Kombetare e Arteve, Tirana, Albania
- 2004 *Identities versus Globalisation*. Chang Mai Art Museum, Chang Mai, Thailand - Museum of Contemporary Art, Bangkok. Dahlem Museum, Berlin, Germany
Artscope. Selasar Sunaryo Art Space, Bandung, Indonesia
Asian Traffic, Asia-Australia Contemporary Arts Centre, Sydney, Australia
Reformasi. Sculpture Square, Singapore
Living with HIV/Aids – artists responding on HIV Aids. Queens Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
Art Summit Indonesia 2014. Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia

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- 2003 *GRID*. Erasmus Huis Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia
Witnessing to Silence, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, as part of the ANU Humanities Research Centre project; Art and Human Rights, Canberra, Australia
Interpellation, CP Open Biennale, Galeri Nasional Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Biennale Jogja VII: *Country-button*. Taman Budaya Yogyakarta, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2002 *EV+A 2002*. Limerick, Ireland
Site + Sight: translating cultures. LaSalle College of the Arts, Sculpture Square, Singapore
4th Gwangju Biennale: *P_A_U_S_E*. Gwangju, South Korea
Visual Poetry. Hokkaido Museum of Literature, Sapporo, Japan
5th International Exhibition of Sculptures and Installations: OPEN5 - 2002. Venice Lido, Italy
GRID. Cemeti Art House, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Art in Public. ruangrupa, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2001 Palu – Indonesia Forum. Palu, Sulawesi, Indonesia
Not I am I. Nadi Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
Floating Chimeras. Edsvik Art, Sollentuna, Sweden
ARS 01. KIASMA Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- 2000 *Reformasi Indonesia*. Museum Nusantara, Delft, Netherlands

RESIDENCIES

- 2017 Europalia residency. Welt Museum Vienna, Austria
Baik Art Residencies. Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College, Davidson, USA
- 2016 Baik Art Residencies. 18th Street Arts Center, Los Angeles, USA
AXENÉO7. Quebec, Canada
- 2013 Jatiwangi Art Factory. Jatiwangi, Indonesia
- 2011 Absence. Valentine Willie Fine Art / Manila Contemporary, Manila, the Philippines
- 2010 Image of No Dream. Het Vijfde Seizoen, Den Dolder, Netherlands
Small Architects. Jatiwangi Art Factory, Jatiwangi, Indonesia
- 2004 Rimbun Dahan. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2003 Studio 106. LASALLE-SIA College of the Arts, Singapore
- 2001 Art Center. Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

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GRANTS

- 1998 Sapporo from The Japan Foundation, Jakarta, Indonesia
1988-91 The Ministry of Culture and Education, Netherlands

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2014 Adikarya Senirupa, Visual Art Award by the Ministry of Creative Industry and Tourism, Indonesia, together with Nindityo Adipurnomo
2010 Yogyakarta Biennale Art Award together with Nindityo Adipurnomo
2008 Academic Art Award #2, Jogja Gallery / Indonesia Institute of the Arts, Yogyakarta, together with Nindityo Adipurnomo
2006 John D. Rockefeller 3rd Award, New York, USA together with Nindityo Adipurnomo

PERFORMANCES

- 2018 *Vanitas*. food designweek, Palazzo Michiel, Venice, Italia
2017 *Dogwalk*. Museum MACAN, Jakarta, Indonesia
2016 *DogWalk*. 20th Biennale of Sydney: *The future is already here – it's just not evenly distributed'*, Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
2011 *Animals have no Religion*. Manila Contemporary, Manila, The Philippines
2010 *Image of no Dream*. Het vijfde seizoen, psychiatrically clinic Altrecht, Den Dolder, The Netherlands
2008 *The constructor*. Senthong Seni, Bantul, Indonesia
2007 *This land is ours*. Padepokan Lemah Putih, Solo, Indonesia
2004 *Rubber Time II*. Asia-Australia Contemporary Arts Centre, Sydney, Australia
Do I need to feed you? IV. ViaVia café, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Nyuwun den. Kedai Kebun Forum, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2003 *Rubber Time I*. Theertha International Artists Workshop 2003, Lunugangga, Sri Lanka
Rubber Time II. Yogyakarta Biennale VII, Taman Budaya Sositet, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2002 *Under Cover*. Lontar Gallery, Jakarta, Indonesia
2001 *Under Cover*. The Art Center, Center of Academic Resources, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
I Eat You Eat Me III. Edsvik, Sollentuna, Swedia

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- 2000 *I Eat You Eat Me II.* Jakarta; Habituspublik 2001, Blok M Plaza, Jakarta, Indonesia
I Eat You Eat Me I. EAT ME Restaurant, Bangkok, Thailand
Under Cover. Lembaga Indonesia-Perancis, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

PROJECTS

- 2006 *Leben Gundlings Friedrich von Preußen Lessings Schlaf Traum Schrei,*
Heiner Müller Foundation, Lichtenberg, Berlin
- 2004 *Seeing with foreign eyes....* Flying Circus, TheatreWorks, Singapore
- 2003 Collaboration at Studio 106 with Amanda Heng, Singapore
Theertha International Artists Workshop, Lunagangga, Sri Lanka
- 2002 *Art of Bamboo.* Nitiprayan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 1996 *Kita Makan Apa Hari Ini.* Surabaya Art Festival, Surabaya, Indonesia
- 1993 *Art and Environment.* Cremation place Pralina, Munduk Village Bali, Goethe-Institut, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 1991 *Inspiraties I.* City Theatre, Arnhem, The Netherlands
Inspiraties I. Museum of Modern Art, Arnhem, The Netherlands