## FLORA REZNIK

Flora Reznik (1986) is a visual artist, researcher, curator and filmmaker. Flora's practice is shaped by artistic research. Her projects are non medium bound and often incorporate video, text and performance in the context of installations, interdisciplinary events or publications. She is currently busy with fictional narratives as a means to incorporate historical, philosophical and field research. She investigates underlying metaphysical assumptions that shape our world, in particular in relation to territory and political agency. Her questions revolve around literature, belief and myth as an underlying force for what is considered "knowledge", in particular in regards to the notions of progress, nature and scientific certainties. She is also concerned with practicing storytelling as a mode of creating time and space for listening. Flora Reznik was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she obtained a Diploma in Philosophy (Universidad de Buenos Aires) and co-founded the Contemporary Arts Magazine CIA, directed by Roberto Jacoby. Currently she is based in The Hague, The Netherlands, where she studied at ArtScience Interfaculty, in the Royal Academy of Art. She has shown her work in various visual art festivals and museums in The Netherlands and abroad. Her first feature documentary film premiered in the Buenos Aires Independent Film Festival (2018) and obtained a prize from the Argentinian National Fund for the Arts. Collaboration and facilitating interdisciplinary learning and conversation is essential to Reznik's practice. Together with Sissel Marie Tonn, she co-organized the project The Reading Room, a series of events engaging artists with scholars in a mutual exchange of knowledge, taking place at Page Not Found. She was the artistic director and co-curator of the performative-symposium Unknown Grounds, whose second iteration will take place in June 2022. She initiated the publication series project "Script for a Synthetic Play", published by Onomatopee Projects in March 2022 and 2024. Since 2021 is busy with the long term project "New Worlders", taking shape as a series of installations, publications, and a feature film. The latest outcome of this project was "Rio das Mortes", an experimental short film now part of the Eye Filmmuseum catalogue. Currently into the last steps of production of "Atlas Maria", a short essay film that culminates a 5 years odyssey into the world of colonial legacies of the Amazon.

WEBSITES

www.florareznik.com SOCIAL MEDIA

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## **OPLEIDINGEN**

2024 - 2024	Soundtrack carrousel VideoPower - process driven filmmaking
2014 - 2016	ArtScience Interfaculty Den Haag, Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten Diploma behaald
2007 -	Philosophy (BA + MA) Universidad de
2013	Buenos Aires, Argentina Diploma behaald
2005 -	Cinematography Universidad del Cine, FUC,
2006	Buenos Aires Argentina

### TENTOONSTELLINGEN

Groep

2022

## 2025 Eye on Art - On the intersection between film and other arts Eye FilmMuseum Amsterdam, Nederland Short film Rio das Mortes premiere www.eyefilm.nl/en/programme/eyeon-art/59498

2023 Colonial Endurance, Detecting the Algorithm of Violence in Infrastructures Het Nieuwe Instituut, Museum for architecture, design and digital culture Rotterdam, Nederland What ever happened down Rio das Mortes? Installation: 2-channel video,, 31'42", graphic plexiglass print, rubber tires, stenographic machine, archival photography, rubber objects, video 2 min (loop). The exhibition project Colonial Endurance. Detecting the Algorithm of Violence in Infrastructures explores persistent mechanisms of exploitation, suppression and discrimination deeply rooted within infrastructural and architectural systems — both historical and present. nieuweinstituut.nl/en/projects/geweldin-infrastructuur-detecteren Groep

2022 New Worlders at Prospects and Concepts, Art Rotterdam Van Nelle Fabriek Rotterdam, Nederland 5 channel video installation www.mondriaanfonds.nl/en/activities/prospectsmondriaan-fund-shows-talent/

Mutations Fiber Festival Amsterdam,
Nederland SHORT FILM. 30 mins. Now
that we have crossed the threshold into
an extremely unstable and hostile world
due to a warming planet, wouldn't it be
great to be able to start all over again?
A livable future, full of possibilities,
where we could start anew? But what if
that world already existed before we
explored it? The film New Worlders
retells the story of human interference
and the mutual effect nature and
humans have on each other. In the film,
fact and fiction is blurred. Artist Flora
Reznik presents a research based

### **PROJECTEN**

2025

Script for a Synthetic Play, The Public Building Eindhoven, Nederland www.florareznik.com/#/the-publicbuilding/Publicatie, redacteur, medewerker en artistiek directeur. Door gebruik te maken van tools uit de podiumkunsten, verkenden we het belichaamde collectieve denken rond het begrip 'het openbare gebouw'. We werden personages in een experimenteel toneelstuk en verkenden nieuwe manieren om ons te verhouden en betrokken te raken. In de beschutting van fictie waren we vrij van sociale gewoontes en kregen we de kracht om onszelf niet alleen te zien als passieve bewoners, maar ook als actieve architecten, speculanten, bouwers, funderingsinspecteurs, conciërges en onderhoudsmedewerkers. Script voor een synthetisch toneelstuk: Het openbare gebouw bevat teksten van Hamja Ahsan, Lila Athanasiadou, Nina Glockner, Ribal al-Khatib, Anna Moreno, Flora Reznik, Nishant Shah en Eef Veldkamp. Deze bijdragen werden vóór het symposium gedeeld en vormden een virtuele prelude op de gesprekken die zich ontvouwden en nodigden lezers uit om samen een gemeenschappelijke ruimte te creëren, nog voordat ze die betreden. Het bevat ook een fictieve afsluitende discussie gepresenteerd als script, die een nieuwe kijk biedt op het genre van de klassieke Griekse komedie. De film put uit het vermogen ervan om ruimte te creëren voor democratie en biedt een kritische reflectie op onze politieke systemen.

2023

New Worlders Amsterdam, Rio de Janeiro, Mato Grosso, Acre, Brazilië <a href="https://www.florareznik.com/#/new-worlders/">www.florareznik.com/#/new-worlders/</a> An experimental nonlinear sci-fi story around the past and future of rubber where history and fantasy mingle. A young researcher retraces the steps of her (my) aunt Maria Reznik, who in 1943 became one of the first white women to explore the South Amazon by joining expedition Roncador-Xingu. Along the way, the researcher encounters a political movement that sees opportunity in the imminent collapse of the new geneedited rubber industry, not a catastrophe. A mutant fungus known for attacking rubber

speculative sci-fi story, in which personal explorations of family ties are interwoven with larger colonial histories, connected to processes like industrialization and global trade. A young researcher, a Jewish Argentinian woman living in the near future, learns about her aunt being one of the firsts to explore the Amazon, and wonders about what took her to the unknown. Through a fictional journey, she delves into the sexualised and violent narratives that haunt our imagination about that place: like worms in the skulls of the dead, like dreams in the minds of the living. This film is an attempt to create a different narrative, by simultaneously telling the tale of the history and future of rubber, a hidden backbone of the global economy. The rubber industry is very much at the edge of collapse due to a mutant fungus that attacks rubber plantations. An interspecies alliance with this fungus might be a way to overcome gene-edited resistant rubber trees, and bring back the wild distribution of rubber trees, scattered across the landscape. New Worlders concerns biopiracy in times of genetic engineering, the scope of synthetic fantasies, global production chains of supply, ecology, scientific innovation and resistance. The title points at the nickname colonists gave to the indigenous Americans, but also to the capacity to build new worlds. 2022.fiberfestival.nl/new-worlders Groep

2023

Change in Y, Change in X, in group exhibition "Point of no return. Attunement of attention" Narva Art Residency (NART) Narva, Estland123 International group exhibition with Saara-Maria Kariranta, Hans Rosenström, Marit Mihklepp, Felipe de Ávila Franco, Alma Heikkilä, Hannah Mevis, Pia Arke, Juss Heinsalu, Manfred Dubov, Flora Reznik, Sissel Marie Tonn, Melanie Bonajo, Anne Noble, Nina Schuiki, Vera Anttila, Sepideh Ardalani, Sandra Kosorotova Exhibition curators: Saskia Lillepuu & Ann Mirjam Vaikla Education programme curator: Kerttu Juhkam Film programme curator: Piibe

2021

plantations becomes an ally. Riverine creatures (human, nonhuman and the narrative) are affected by its sexual spores, which not only kill but also regenerate. Would ensuring the fungus prevails (with the risk of it expanding globally) allow for a less intensive but more distributed mode of production? Can we develop a fungal cosmology, a non linear view of reality, in which non-humans are considered agents, where life and death coexist as opposed to eternal growth dystopia? Installation and short film. Feature film currently in development phase.

What ever happened down Rio das Mortes? Rotterdam, Nederland www.florareznik.com/#/what-everhappened-down-rio-das-mortes/ Part of the long term project New Worlders, "What ever happened down Rio das Mortes" is an installation that anchored in a dialogue between a young researcher and her dead explorer aunt, with the two protagonists 100 years apart and so speaking to each other from disparate times. The researcher sets out to retrace the steps of her great aunt, Maria Reznik, who in the 1940s left her job as a stenographer (a fast typing technology used to transcribe speech in shorthand, usually in court reports), and became one of the first white women to explore the Southern Amazon. She joined the Roncador-Xingu Expedition, a State initiative known for mapping the interior of Brazil and for "pacifying" the indigenous peoples, which led to decimation of the population and devastation of the environment.

2023 Something about Sirens Den
Haag/Amsterdam, Nederland Currently in
development phase, Something about
Sirens is a storytelling and audiovisual
performance accompanied by live music. In
collaboration with Anne La Berge and
Ensemble Modelo62.

2022 Unknown Grounds, the public building edition Leeuwarden, Nederland www.unknowngrounds.nl/ performative symposium

2020 The Reading Room Den Haag, Nederland platformtm.tumblr.com/Reading%20Room
Event series dedicated to creating a community oriented, public platform for

Kolka. // Cycles of production and consumption amplify the environmental trouble pulsating throughout the planet. Ghosts from modernity, imbued with human-centric desires for progress and novelty keep haunting landscapes, our bodies and minds, shaping current ways of life and being. Narva Art Residency's annual exhibition 2021 Point of No Return. Attunement of Attention turns to the entanglements of life and death in times of ecological distress. The international group exhibition brings together works by 17 artists in the historical Kreenholm district, home to what once was the largest textile mill in Europe. The artworks encourage prolonged attention to human and other-thanhuman beings, rhythms, and worlds, in order to sense our shared vulnerability and interconnectedness, without which we would not be here.

www.nart.ee/en/exhibitions/nartannual-exhibition-2021-point-of-noreturn-attunement-of-attention/ Groep

- 2021 Change in Y, Change in X, Drift Festival Amsterdam, Nederland
  <a href="https://www.festivaldrift.nl/en/">www.festivaldrift.nl/en/</a>
  Groep
- 2021 Change in Y, Change in X Noorderlicht Internationaal Fotofestival: The Makeable Mind, Akerk Groningen, Nederland installation

  www.noorderlicht.com/en
  Groep
- 2020 Letters to my friend Neverland Cinema @mama Rotterdam, Nederland Work In Progress. Epistolary film. In collaboration with Sebastian Pérez Opačak vimeo.com/381132264
- Change In Y, Change In X Acefala
  Galeria Buenos Aires, Argentinië
  Installation. My brother's leg grows at a
  rhythm of its own, slower than the rest
  of his body. Through a gesture of
  inversion, his scar (a result of multiple
  surgeries to stretch his limb), becomes
  a mountain chain. An attempt to inhabit
  fictive territories and different
  temporalities.
  acefalagaleria.com/portfolio\_page/habitan-

encounters with contemporary cultural theory through collective study. Currently hosted by Page Not Found.

2019

Unknown Grounds, performative symposium Leeuwarden, Nederland www.voorheendegemeente.nl/unknowngrounds/ Unknown Grounds rethinks the traditional form of the academic symposium. We invited 25 participants to join a selected group of international researchers, artists and thinkers to explore the notion of 'ground'. Through workshops, performances and guided conversations we immersed ourselves in new forms of collective thinking.

<u>esas-laderas/</u> Solo

2018 Tweetakt Festival, Utrecht Variation of Hole.

Groep

- 2018 BAFICI. Buenos Aires International Independent Film Festival Buenos Aires, Argentinië Premiere of my first feature documentary film Pervomaisk. What shall be done with the private property of a man who fought it his whole life? Flora Reznik's great-uncle a prominent Zionist Marxist figure in Argentina and Chile - passes away, which translates into a problem for the whole kibbutz he helped found in the vicinity of Palestine Territory, and arouses his great-niece's curiosity. www.florareznik.com/#/pervomaisk/ Groep
- 2018 Hole and 1.000 Steps LhGWR Gallery
  Den Haag, Nederland Video +
  photography + audio installation based
  on a long durational performance.
  Digging a hole for 8 months. Video +
  photography + audio installation based
  on a long durational performance.
  Digging a hole for 8 months.
  www.lhgwr.com/tag/flora-reznik/
  Duo
- 2017 Intersections Art Rotterdam Rotterdam,
  Nederland Hole, guest artist of
  Satellietgroep
  www.florareznik.com/#/hole/
  Groep
- 2017 On the Spot Museum Belvédère
  Heerenveen, Nederland An iteration of
  my work Hole
  Groep
- 2017 SRV#3, Immovable Property Hania VHDG Leeuwarden, Nederland I intervened in the Frisian territory by transporting land from one place to another, while living and traveling in an old SRV bus that I transformed into an agricultural device.

  www.voorheendegemeente.nl/vhdg-srv3/Solo

2016 Graduation Show KABK Den Haag,

durational performance. Digging a hole for 8 months.

issuu.com/kabk/docs/def\_print\_catalogue2016opt
Groep

Nederland Video + photography + audio installation based on a long

## INTERNATIONALE UITWISSELINGEN / ARTIST-INRESIDENCIES

2023 Rio de Janeiro, Brazilië Self organized work period in Brazil, to develop my feature film "New Worlders". Produced by Republica Pureza (BR) and Revolver Amsterdam (NL).

2019 Buenos Aires, Argentinië Acefala
Galeria Residency program. During the
residency I produced my work Change
in x, change in y. My brother's leg grows
at a rhythm of its own, slower than the
rest of his body. Through a gesture of
inversion, his scar (a result of multiple
surgeries to stretch his limb), becomes
a mountain chain. An attempt to inhabit
fictive territories and different
temporalities.

acefalagaleria.com/portfolio\_page/habitanesas-laderas/

artist in residency SRV\_VHDG
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from one place to another, while living
and traveling in an old SRV bus that I
transformed into an agricultural device.
www.voorheendegemeente.nl/vhdgsrv3/

## **OPDRACHTEN**

What ever happened down Rio das MorteS?
Rotterdam, Nederland 2 channel video
piece and graphic work commissioned by
TOK curators for the exhibition "Colonial
Endurance, Detecting the Algorithm of
Violence in Infrastructures exhibition, at Het
Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Museum for
architecture, design and digital culture.
www.florareznik.com/#/what-everhappened-down-rio-das-mortes/
Uitgevoerd

videography freelancer Nederland As a freelance videographer, I do the concept development, production and postproduction of aftermovies for art festivals, trailers, teasers and promo videos for independent artists and documentation of installations and performances. I also do music videos and theater trailers. Most of my clients are artists of art festivals such as Crossing Border, Sonic Acts, Digital Earth, Modern Body.

www.florareznik.com/videography Uitgevoerd

## AANKOPEN/WERKEN IN COLLECTIES

2016 Modern Art Loppersum - private collection Nederland Modern Art Loppersum bought my graduation piece Hole (video+photographs+audio+book)

#### **PUBLICATIES**

2022 Script for a Synthetic Play, On
(un)grounding community and the
generative power of fiction Boek Flora
Reznik, editor and contributor Eindhoven,
Nederland
www.onomatopee.net/exhibition/script-fora-synthetic-play/ Ground, foundation, land,

landscape, territory, earth, soil, dirt, dust. Script for a Synthetic Play stems from a staged conversation between a historian, an anthropologist, three artists, an earth eater and an architecture theorist: they enter unknown grounds, it is dark, and a disembodied alien voice encourages them to move across uneven terrain. A temporary community of strangers is formed. A sense of agency and belonging emerges, but also of marginality and dispossession. Hybrid voices start to circulate and be heard, borders of disciplines are blurred and grounds for certainty are collectively explored anew. Each step leaves sources for a unique script. Script for a Synthetic Play delves into new world-making technologies, the need for refuge and infrastructures of care, human and land exhaustion and cultural and ecological challenges of today. Expertise meets experience in informal and approachable discussions that, stylized for dramatic effect, create a conversation piece in the form of a play activated by the generative power of fiction. Contributions by Sissel Marie Tonn, Andrej Radman, Bert Looper, Theun Karelse, masharu, Bert Boekschoten, Flora Reznik

2017 Relay Conversations - Reading Room iii, Den Haag Nederland instrumentinventors.org/research/relayconversation-the-reading-room-29-30-theedges-of-the-voice/ Online publication. As discussions in The Reading Room are so ephemeral, since 2017 we have been looking into ways of recording traces of these events. The 'Relay Conversations', are created in collaboration with the guest readers. These interviews are conducted as conversational relays between the three organizers; artists Jonathan Reus, Flora Reznik and Sissel Marie Tonn, and the guest readers.

2016 Hole Boek Flora Reznik Den Haag,
Nederland <a href="https://www.florareznik.com/s/hole-book-04062017.pdf">www.florareznik.com/s/hole-book-04062017.pdf</a> A hole is a matter of definition. Of resolution, of determination to find it or make it. It is a matter of how to define matter and what it is that matters. A hole is an opening. Designed by Márton Kabai. Self published.

## **RECENSIES**

# How to unfold uncanny valleys into inhabitable mountains Andrej Radman Bologna, Italië Lecture at University of Bologna, "The ecological Turn: Design, architecture and Aesthetics", based on my work Change in x, change in y.

2017 Buitenstaander in een SRV wagen Krant
Jantien de Boer Leeuwarden,
Nederland
www.voorheendegemeente.nl/interviewflora-leeuwarder-courant/ Interview

## PRIJZEN EN STIPENDIA

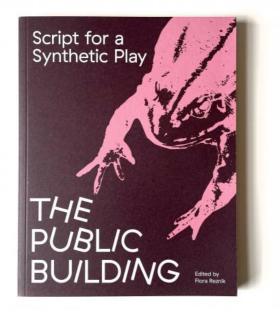
2023	Werktuig voor ontwikkeling, PPO. Nederland PPO, Permanente Professionele Ontwikkeling, platform acct. Subsidy for learning software Touch Designer.
2023	Amarte Fonds, Ontwikkelbijdrage/ Schrijfgeld rotterdam, Nederland Subsidy for script writing coaching
2023	Mondriaan Fonds, Voucher Sao Paulo Biennale Mondriaan Fonds Amsterdam
2021	Pro Onderzoek Subsidie (sinds 2004) Stroom, Den Haag Den Haag, Nederland
2020	Jong Talent Werkbijdrage mondriaan fonds Amsterdam, Nederland
2019	Pro Onderzoek Subsidie Stroom Den Haag, Nederland
2018	Best Feature Documentary film Fondo Nacional de las Artes, Argentina Buenos Aires, Argentinië for the film Pervomaisk
2017	Postproduction subsidy Instituto de Artes Audiovisuales, Argentina Buenos Aires, Argentinië granted funds for postproduction of the documentary film Pervomaisk

## ARTISTIEKE NEVENACTIVITEITEN

2019 - -- Initiator and artistic director of Unknown Grounds Loopt nog

2017 - Curatorial team and facilitator of

2020 Reading Room Loopt nog



Script for a Synthetic Play, The Public Building, 2025 Boek



Rio das Mortes - short film trailer, 2024 1min42s



What ever happened down Rio das Mortes?, 2023 2 channel video



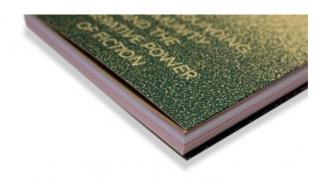
What ever happened down Rio das Mortes?, 2023 graphic work on canvas and plexiglass, 84.1 x 118.9 cm



new\_worlders\_trailer (1080p), 2022 1:19

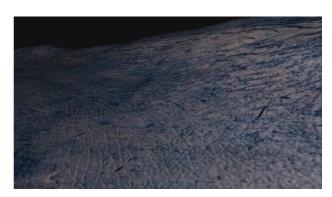


New Worlders, 2022 Film



Script For A Synthetic Play On (Un)Grounding Community And The Generative Power Of Fiction, 2022 Book





CHANGE IN X, CHANGE IN Y - fragments, 2019 3:33



Unknown Grounds, 2019 Performative symposium, variable