

## Ronald Westerhuis

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All Ronald's works start with an initial design as simple as a sketch. Once he starts building, he uses the highest grade of stainless steel, which is type 3.16. After the first pieces have been cut, he welds the parts together and creates the shape of the sculpture. He does all the rough parts himself. It gives him the possibility to create the exact shape he has in mind. He builds sculptures as elements of positive energy on their surrounding. He explores lines, balance, gravity, finishing and new technics. His art today is the convergence of his experiences of living around the world from his earliest years. Ronald built the sculptures in collaboration with the famous architect Daniel Libeskind and Siemens, for world expo 2015 in Milan, always works well. These four, 10m high sculptures are replaced to Germany - Munich, Berlin, Erlangen and one of them will go back to Milan this year. Ronald is also very proud with the assignment for the national mh17 memorial (Malaysian airlines flight mh17 was a scheduled international flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur that was shot down on 17 July 2014, killing 298 passengers on board), the memorial will be opened near by Schiphol airport on 17 July 2017. The building process is already started.

### BIOGRAPHY

Born in Tiel, the Netherlands in 1971, Ronald lives in the Netherlands. After searching the world and seven years of travel, he started a career in the offshore industry. Daily, he was surrounded by oil rigs, heavy sculptures and massive pieces of stainless steel. A true love story began between steel and the artist. Since 2000, he has created international land art sculpture projects and numerous monumental steel sculptures. He works mainly in stainless steel and has been commissioned to create major land art project in Hardanger, Norway and Lankhorst, Netherlands.

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2017

Context Art New York  
AAF New York

2016

MH17 Memorial, Netherlands  
Siemens coöperation with Daniël Libeskind, Munich, Germany  
Solo exhibition Energizer Project 2.0, The Hague, Netherlands  
Mark Peet Visser, The Hague, Netherlands  
Gerhard Braun Gallery, Mallorca, Spain  
Art Vilnius, Lithuania  
Art Cologne, Germany  
Kunst Rai, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Ming Sahen duo exhibit on Luchungtao, Shanghai, China

2015

River treasure public space sculpture, Zwolle, Netherlands  
Mark Peet Visser, The Hague, Netherlands  
Art Fair Keulen duo exhibition Jason Myers, Cologne, Germany  
Museum de Fundatie expositie Fundatie Fusions, Zwolle, Netherlands

2014

Cruiming architects, Zuidhorn, Netherlands  
Infoversum, Groningen, Netherlands  
Sculpture Park, Dehullo Gees, Netherlands  
Van Den Doel, Oisterwijk, Netherlands  
Bogert Gallery, Knocke, Belgium  
The Blue Platform, sculpture gallery, Qingdao, China

2013

Anne-Cecile Noique Art, Shanghai, China  
Shanghai Art Fair, Shanghai, China  
Broomhill Sculpture Park, Devon, England  
Sculpture Park, Dehullo Gees, Netherlands  
Solo show ?RAWsome-the retrospective?, Shanghai, China

2012

Floriade ? World Horticultural Expo, Venlo, Netherlands  
Studio Christian de Laubadère, Shanghai, China  
Dutch Design Work Space, Dutch Week, Shanghai, China

2011

Modern Art Museum ?De Fundatie?, Zwolle, Netherlands  
Art Nocturne Knocke, Knocke, Belgium  
Art Chicago, USA  
Biennale Vught, Vught, Netherlands

2010

World Expo, Shanghai, China

Kavachinina Contemporary, Miami, USA  
Art Basel, Miami, USA  
Hong Merchant, Shanghai, China

2008  
Keukenhof Park, Lisse, Netherlands  
Kabuso Museum, Øystese, Norway  
Skulpturen Garten Funnix, Funnix, Germany

2007  
Groot Waterschap Salland, Zwolle, Netherlands  
Object 07, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Sculpture Park Le Besset, Ardeche, France  
Broomhill Sculpture Garden, North Devon, England

2006  
Olympic Winter Games, Turino, Italy

2005  
Art Shanghai, China  
Sculpture Park de Ulen, Gees, Netherlands

2004  
Olympic Summer Games, Athens, Greece  
Van Greenen, Rijssen, Netherlands

2002  
Floriade World Garden Expo, Haarlem, Netherlands  
Contemporary Art Museum, Zwolle, Netherlands

#### PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS

Private collection, Bayonne, France  
Cruiming Architects, Zuidhorn, Netherlands  
Infoversum, Groningen, Netherlands  
Dutch Embassy China, Beijing, China  
Modern Art Museum ?De Fundatie?, Zwolle, Netherlands  
Royal Dutch Shell, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
SAS ? Prince Albert of Monaco, Monaco  
Pan Collection, Shanghai, China  
Oma Taylor Russell, North Carolina USA  
Wolfkamp collection, Hattem, Netherlands

#### CHARITIES

2015  
Sorooptimisten international Ladies Club

2011  
The Heineken with the Heart Auction

2007  
Fight aids Monaco, Princess Stephanie Foundation

2006  
Donation of sculpture to American Cancer Society

2005  
Right to play organisation