

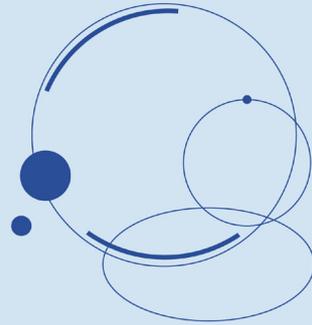
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DEADLINE NOVEMBER 10th

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NEW EDITION ROTTERDAM PHOTO

Rotterdam Photo is an annual photo manifestation that takes place during Art Rotterdam Week, where art lovers have the opportunity to visit numerous art and design events. Located at Deliplein in the Katendrecht district, the event celebrates the wide spectrum of photography as it presents itself in our contemporary image culture. Together with the exhibitions at the Nederlands Fotomuseum and the fine art photography fair Haute Photographie, the 'Kop van Zuid' transforms into the one stop hub for photography fans, from 4 till 7 February 2021.

Each year Rotterdam Photo invites a wide gamut of independent photographers. From amateurs to fine art and from documentary to street, photographers are invited to submit their work via an open call that revolves around a current theme that is announced mid-September. Inspired by the history of Rotterdam as a port city, the festival provides the selected photographers with exhibition space in repurposed shipping containers and also uses the public space of Rotterdam to bring photography outside the 'white cube'.

In addition to the exhibitions, Rotterdam Photo organizes talks, workshops and a fringe program with music and exhibitions on digital screens throughout the city. Our neighbors at the Deliplein join forces to offer fringe exhibitions and leisure activities. Street vendors, cafes and restaurants in the area also offer great food and delicious drinks, so the public can spend their time during Art Rotterdam Week, tasting the raw and edgy couleur locale of the coolest and most upcoming neighborhood of Rotterdam, Katendrecht.



Pleasure Gardens © Reiner Riedler

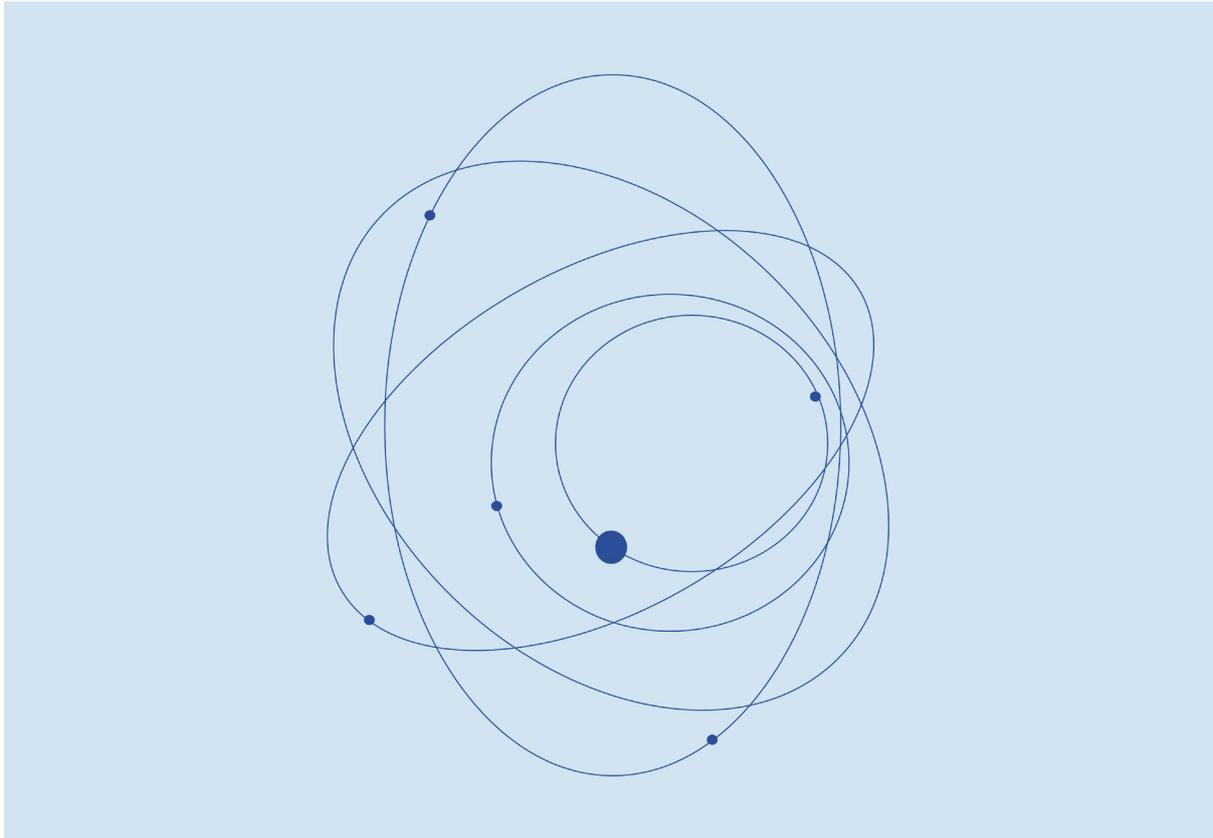
OPEN CALL 2021: PLANET HUMAN

Rotterdam Photo invites independent practitioners, students, publishers and other photo collectives to submit their work. If selected, a repurposed shipping container will be designated to you against a non-profit fee. The festival wants to offer an exhibition space against the fraction of costs that are normally being charged at traditional art fairs, creating opportunities to exhibit, promote and sell work during Art Rotterdam Week.

Photographers can submit their work until November 10th, 2020. The selected photographers get the opportunity to showcase their work alongside our curated exhibitions and an elaborate fringe programme.

For its 2021 edition, Rotterdam Photo sheds light on the theme "Planet Human". That is partly inspired by the corona crisis, which brought our daily lives to a complete standstill in record time: nothing is the same anymore and our mortality suddenly no longer seems to be a 'far-from-my-bed show'. Besides a lot of panic and unrest, we are also forced to think about our way of life.

Who are we, as human beings, besides the fact that we exist? What do we leave behind? How do we express ourselves? What are our dreams? How do we experience love, pain, happiness? How do we grow? What is the role of our imperfections, the dark parts of our collective existence? Do they make us human? After all that, we can ask a pressing question: how do we capture these emotions?



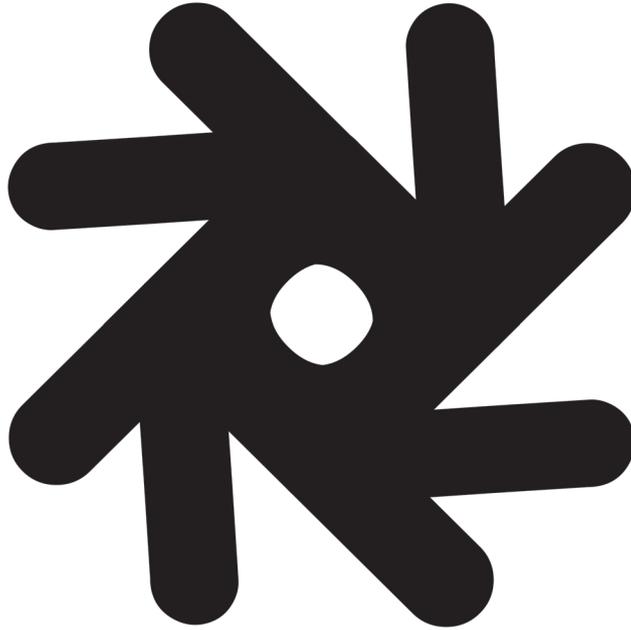
Photography is the ideal tool for this, because it captures our existence in all its beauty and repugnance.

What happens to artmaking when nature takes over? Is it worth it, or is it pure vanity to want to preserve our creations for eternity, and preferably for the entire universe? Are we just snapshots ourselves? Are artworks part of the natural process, where everything returns to dust? Stonehenge, the mythical statues of Easter Island, the city of Petra in the mountains of Jordan and the Egyptian Pyramids prove the opposite: centuries later, they play a powerful proof of civilizations that are no longer there. We who enjoy these strong works of art have the duty to preserve everything that is beautiful and good, so that others - even those outside this earth - can enjoy and learn from our views later on.

Let us safeguard the legacy of the future and do everything we can to preserve our 'Planet Human' and proudly show who we are, in all our facets, good and evil. During this coming edition, Rotterdam Photo will highlight possible answers to these questions.

Rotterdam Photo offers participants and visitors a safe and pleasant stay according to the guidelines of the Dutch government. The layout of the site is such that more than 10,000 collectors, curators, museum directors and potential art buyers can be welcomed at the festival/fair in complete safety.

Given the current situation, Rotterdam Photo will, as always, take place in February. Only in the unlikely event that a second wave takes place resulting in a lockdown and/or ban on events, the February edition will be moved to the alternative date of Wednesday 30 June to Sunday 4 July 2021. In that case, registrations are automatically valid on the alternative date.



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