

#### About the artist

Petra Groen graduated at The Aki, (art academy) in Enschede, The Netherlands for her BFA and MFA at the department; Mixed Media. During her study she attended a student exchange program in San Francisco at the SFAI (San Francisco Art Institute. What started out as a three months period develop in a one-year stay at the SFAI. She received a grant, that made it possible to stay another year in the academy. She studied at the film department, film (16mm) and Animation and at the New Genres department; Performance and Sculpture.

After her graduation, she has been exhibiting her work in the Netherlands and Berlin. Short after that she received her first commission for a public Sculpture in a park. She made a permanent floating object made out of fiberglass for the pond. She realized many more permanent and semi permanent public outdoor art pieces over the years and also site specific art pieces in public buildings throughout the Netherlands and the USA. In 2005 she made a first move back to the USA. And now she is traveling back and forward between her Brooklyn studio and Amsterdam.

Besides her activities in her studio she is also a visiting artist at several academies, in the Netherlands and in the USA, and she gives workshops and leads projects with companies and in schools.