

About the artist

Petra Groen is an artist working in the fields of commission art, sculpture, and mixed media. She lives and works in Amsterdam and Enschede, The Netherlands.

She graduated in Mixed Media from AKI ArtEZ University of the Arts, Enschede. In addition, she studied at the San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI), where she received a grant that allowed her to spend a full year at the academy. There, she studied in the Film Department (16mm) and the New Genres Department, focusing on performance and sculpture.

After graduating from AKI/ArtEZ, she received her first public commission: a floating sculpture for Volkspark in Enschede. Since then, she has completed numerous permanent and semi-permanent site-specific public artworks for public spaces and buildings. She continues to work in this field while also exhibiting, teaching, and lecturing.

From 2013 to 2018, she served as Head of the Fine Art Department at AKI ArtEZ. In 2022, she completed her master from International Master Art Educator (IMAE) at ArtEZ, exploring new approaches to art education. After a short break for pregnancy and maternity, she resumed her artistic career in 2025.

Alongside her studio practice, Petra works as a visiting artist at several academies in the Netherlands and the USA, leads workshops, and coordinates projects with companies and schools. In 2007, she founded ARE (Artist Residencies Enschede), where she continues to serve as director.