

**KOEN VANMECHELEN BIOGRAPHY**

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**SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

**2023**

Brihatta Art Foundation, Dhaka (BD)  
Glasstress, The State Gallery of Art, Sopot (PL)  
Kompozicio, Watou (BE)

**2022**

Seduzione, Uffizi Gallery, Firenze (IT)  
Cosmopolitan Renaissance, CC Scharpoord, Knokke (BE)  
Burning Falls, Homo Faber, Venice (IT)  
Glasstress, State of Mind, Biennial of Venice (IT)  
Mysticism, Limburgs Museum, Venlo (NL)  
Sense of Place, Watou (BE)  
Medusa's Hope, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de Cuba (CU)  
Couveuse, Uitstalling KUBE Gallery (BE)

**2021**

Glasstress Boca Raton, Miami (US)  
Crossquery - The Jerusalem Biennale (IL)  
SJAMANISM, Milan (IT)  
Glasstress, Window to the Future, State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg (RU)  
Custodian, La Biennale de Paris (FR)

**2020**

Iconic works, Nationalmuseum, Stockholm (SE), Ateneum, Helsinki (FI)  
TOUCH ME Festival, Biennial of Zagreb (HR)  
Biennial of Poznan - Events Horizon (PL)

**2019**

FOOD; Bigger than the Plate, V&A, London (UK)  
The Worth of Life, Teatro dell'architettura, Mendrisio (CH)  
Human Rights Pavilion, Venice (IT)  
Art With Me, Tulum (ME)  
Human Rights Pavilion - Cosmocafe, Worldwide

**2018**

Protected Paradise, Palazzo Franchetti, La Biennale di Venezia (IT)  
CWRM, Land art installation, Ypres (BE)  
IT'S ABOUT TIME, Serlachius, Mantta (FI)  
Il Terzo Giorno, Parma (IT)

**2017**

Protected Paradise, Palazzo Franchetti, La Biennale di Venezia (IT)  
Vision of the Owl, galerie Bach, Brussels (BE)  
Force of Nature, The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park, London, (UK)  
Planetary Community Chicken, VII Socle  
du Monde, HEART, Herning, Denmark (DK)

**2016**

ENERGY/MASS, Wasserman Projects, Detroit (US)  
Planetary Community Chicken, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)  
Daydreaming With... Stanley Kubrick, Sommerset House, London (UK)

## 2015

This Is Not a Chicken, Het Domein, Sittard (NL)  
LIFEBANK/AWAKENER, GLASSTRESS  
2015 GOTIKA, 56th Biennial of Venice (IT)  
Evolution of a Hybrid - CC@P, The Importance of Being..., Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, La Habana (CU), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Buenos Aires (AR), Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro (BR)  
Protected Paradise - C.C.P., Vienna for Art's Sake, Belvedere, Vienna (AT)  
New Brood - C.C.P., Höhenrausch, OK Center for Contemporary Art, Linz (AT)  
Arena de Evolución, 12th la Bienal de La Habana (CU)  
La Biomista, Exo-Evolution, Globale 2015, ZKM, Karlsruhe (DE)

## 2014

Darwin's Dream, The Crypt Gallery, St Pancras Church, London (UK)  
Never Green - C.C.P., Rurart, Poitiers (FR)  
In Captivity, Genius Loci – Spirit of Place, Lisson Gallery & Berengo Studio, 55th International Architecture Biennale of Venice (IT)

## 2013

Leaving Paradise, CONNERSMITH, Washington (US)  
Mechelse Styrian - 17th generation - C.C.P., Galerija Kapelica, Ljubljana (SI)  
Leaving Paradise, Art Sanya, Hainan (CN)  
CC@P – The Cosmopolitan Chicken,  
OK Center for Contemporary Art, Linz (AT)  
Evolution of a Hybrid, Bozar, Brussels (BE)  
Note Book, Beit Ha'ir, Tel Aviv (IL)

## 2012

Hybridity in art and science – C.C.P., dOCUMENTA 13, Kassel (DE)  
COMBAT, Landcommandery Alden Biesen, Bilzen (BE)  
Entwined - C.C.P., Breaking the Mold, Glasstress, MADmuseum, New York (US)  
Hotel de Inmigrantes 2 – Cosmopolitan Stranger (Collateral Event Manifesta 9), Open University of Diversity, Hasselt (BE)

## 2011

Nato a Venezia, Collateral Event of 54th Biennial of Venice, Venice (IT)  
Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Art Labor, Shanghai (CN)  
Breaking the Cage, IKOB, Museum of Contemporary Art Eupen, Eupen (BE)  
Modified Spaces – C.C.P., 4th triennial of Guangzhou, Guangdong Museum of Art (CN)  
Genetic Freedom – C.C.P., Scenarios about Europe, GFZK, Leipzig (DE)

## 2010

14th Generation - Mechelse Silky, Himalayas Center, Pudong Shanghai (CN)  
Cosmopolitan Chicken – Diversity, Espace Européen pour la Sculpture, Brussels (BE)  
Mediations Biennial Beyond Mediations, Tower of Babel, Poznan (PL)  
CCP -Innovations and adaptation, Dak'Art Biennial, Dakar (SN)  
The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Frozen Culture Balance, National Museum Warsaw, (PL)  
The Armory Show, New York (US)  
Parallelepiped, Museum M, Leuven (BE)  
FADA Los Angeles Art Show 2010 (US)

## 2009

Unicorn, 53rd Venice Biennale, 2009, Venice  
Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ, Amsterdam (NL)  
Against Exclusions, The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Mechelse Orloff, 3rd Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, curator Jean-Hubert Martin, Moscow (RU)  
Becoming Intense, Becoming Animal, Becoming ..., Völkermuseum von Portheim-Stiftung, Heidelberg (DE)  
In Bed Together, Breaking the Cage, Royal/T, curator Jane Glassman, Culver City (US)

## 2008

Breaking the Cage – The art of Koen Vanmechelen, Victoria and Albert Museum, Arts & Business, curator Mike Phillips, London (GB)  
The Chicken's Appeal, Museum Valkenhof, curator Frank Van der Schoor, Nijmegen (NL)  
Genesis: CCP 10 Generation, Zentrum Paul Klee, curator Fabienne Eggelhöfer, Bern (CH)  
The Cathedral – Ectoplasma – CCP, Congress Centre, Davos (CH)  
Zerbrechliche Schönheit, The Accident, museum Kunst Palest, curator Thijs Visser, Düsseldorf (DE)  
CCP Ten Generations, Galerie k4, Münnich (DE)

## **2007-2000**

The Accident, curator Agnes Husslein, Palm Court, Miami Beach (US)  
Genesis - The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Centraal Museum Utrecht, curator Emilie Gomart (NL)  
Handle with care, Pushkin Museum, Moscow (RU)  
Red Jungle Fowl - Genus XY, CRAC, curator Hilde Teerlinck, Altkirch (FR), 2005  
Cosmopolitan Chicken Project – Mechelse Owlbeard, GEM Den Haag / KunstRAI, curator Wim Van Krimpen, Amsterdam (NL), 2003  
Visible / Invisible, Galerie Tapper, Malmö (SE), 2003  
Two Asias, Two Europes, Duolun Museum of Modern Art, curator Gu Zhenqing, Shanghai (CN), 2005  
Smak, smak, The Mechelse Bresse, S.M.A.K., curator Jan Hoet Jr., Ghent (BE), 2002  
Cultivando la Naturaleza, Fundacion César Manrique, curator Bianca Visser, Lanzarote (ES), 2004  
Cinecittà, Berengo Fine Arts, Filmfestival, Venice (IT), 2003  
The Walking Egg, Shinchu Museum, Taipei (TW), 2003  
Wir sind die ander(en), curator Jan Hoet, Herford (DE), 2001  
The Walking Egg, Arco 2000, Madrid (ES), 2000  
Storm Centers, curator Jan Hoet, Watou (BE), 2000  
A Shot in the Head, curator Jill Silverman, Lisson Gallery, London (GB), 2000

## **PERMANENT WORKS SELECTION**

In Times of Trouble, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de Cuba, 2023  
Domesticated Giant, CERA, Leuven (BE), 2023  
UBUNTU, the Uffizi Gallery, Firenze (IT), 2022  
Ab Ovo – LaMouseion, VUB Campus Etterbeek (BE), 2021  
CCP/PCC, Sint-Truiden (BE), 2021  
PROOVO, private collector (BE), 2021  
T-REX, The Jungle, Creutz & Partners, Beiler (LU), 2019  
Book of Genomes, National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa (ET), 2018  
Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, ZKM, Karlsruhe (DE)  
INCUBATED WORLDS, Ethiopia  
T-REX, Männätä (FI)  
Medusa, Serlachius Museums (FI)  
Human Rights House, Tulum (MX)  
Collective Memory, EIUC, Global campus of Human Rights, Venice (IT), 2017  
Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, dOCUMENTA, 2012 Drawing, GEM | Museum voor actuele kunst, 2003  
Infinity - C.C.P., Dronten (NL), 2016  
Modified Spaces, T-Rex, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou (CN), 2011  
The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Celestial body, VOKA Kamer van Koophandel Limburg, Hasselt (BE), 2010  
The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Time Temperature, BioVille, Campus UHasselt, Biomedical Research Institute (BIO-MED), Diepenbeek (BE), 2010  
The Walking Egg – Born, Ziekenhuis Oost- Limburg, Genk (BE), 2005