

# Curriculum Vitae Ellen Spijkstra

Born: 1957, Hattem, the Netherlands. Has been living and working in Curaçao since 1980 (1985-1986, USA)  
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## EDUCATION:

- 1989-1991 New York Institute of Photography (correspondence course)  
1985-1986 School for American Craftsman of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, USA  
1974-1979 Academy Minerva, School for Fine Arts and Design, Groningen, The Netherlands

## Member of the Académie Internationale de la Céramique AIC-IAC

## EXHIBITIONS (selected):

### SOLO

- 2019 Ellen Spijkstra - An artistic journey, **Het Curaçaosch Museum** Curaçao  
2015/18/21 Open Atelier Route, **Studio Girouette** Curaçao  
2013 Oud en Nieuw, **Avila Beach Hotel** Curaçao  
2009 Met Huid en Haar, **Art Studio Insight Gallery** Aruba  
2009 Ellen Spijkstra, Photography and Ceramics, **Galerie Taptoe**, Brussels Belgium  
2008 Global Local, **Galerie Bloemhof** Curaçao  
2008 Imágenes de Curazao, Photoimagen, **The French Embassy Gallery**, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic  
2006 Ellen Spijkstra, **Blow-up Gallery**, Amsterdam the Netherlands  
2005 Baranka Korsou, **Gallery Alma Blou** Curaçao  
2004 Waterwerk, **Dutch Maritime Museum**, Amsterdam the Netherlands  
2003 Passage of time, **Art Studio Insight Gallery** Aruba  
2000 Curaçao Harbor Tour, **Maritiem Museum Curaçao** Curaçao  
1993 Lustrum Prijs, **Het Curaçaosch Museum** Curaçao  
1989 De Ellen Spijkstra, Ceramista Holandesa, residenciada en Curacao, **Taller Escuela Arte Fuego**, Caracas Venezuela  
1988 Ceramic sculptures and photographs, **Het Curaçaosch Museum** Curaçao

### GROUP

- 2022 Photography. People Architecture Nature, **Landhuis Bloemhof** Curaçao  
2021 Art for the Senses, 25th anniversary exhibition **Gallery Alma Blou** Curaçao  
2020 work on permanent display in the **Cathedral of Thorns** of Herman van Bergen Curaçao  
2019 Traveling exhibition: Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago, **Delaware Art Museum**, Wilmington, DE USA  
2019 idem, **Portland Museum of Art**, Portland, ME USA  
2018/19 idem, **Patricia and Philip Frost Art Museum FIU**, Miami, FL USA  
2018 idem, **Wallach Art Gallery**, New York, NY USA  
2018 AIC Members' Thematic Exhibition New Orientalia, **New Taipei City Yingge Ceramics Museum**, Yingge Taiwan  
2017 Relational Undercurrents, **Museum of Latin American Art**, Long Beach, CA USA  
2017 Tula, Historia Kompartí, **Villa Maria** Curaçao  
2017 Isla i Arte den Nos Bida, **Het Curaçaosch Museum** Curaçao  
2016 First Shangyu Celadon Modern International Ceramic Exhibition, **Shangyu Museum**, Shangyu China  
2016 Zagreb Ex-Tempore 2016, Zagreb Croatia  
2016 First Art and Design Symposium, **Passage Gallery of the Yasar University**, Izmir Turkey  
2016 Traveling exhibition: Imago Mundi, **The Rubelle and Norman Schafler Gallery**, Brooklyn, NY USA  
2015 idem, **Fondazione Giorgio Cini**, Venice Italy  
2015 Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale 2015, **Icheon World Ceramic Center**, Icheon S. Korea  
2014 Elit-Tile, the 5th World Ceramic Tile Triennial, **Museo Arte Moderno**, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic  
2013 Tropisch Koninkrijk, **Museum de Fundatie**, Zwolle the Netherlands  
2012 Ellen3, **Gallery Alma Blou** (trio-expo) Curaçao  
2012 Contemporary Dutch photography, Blow-Up Gallery, Nieuwersluis the Netherlands  
2011 **Brioplein**, Royal family visit, hosted by the Curaçao Government Curaçao  
2011 Island Reflections: The Art of Curaçao, **DePree Art Center**, Holland, Michigan USA  
2011 Clay Works Away, **Cifte Hamam**, Skopje Macedonia  
2010 Antepasado di Futuro, **Het Curaçaosch Museum** Curaçao  
2010 Primero Trienal Internacional del Caribe, **Museo Arte Moderno**, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic  
2010 IV International Tile Triennial, **Centro León**, Santiago Dominican Republic  
2009 Dependensia, **Landhuis Knip** Curaçao  
2009 Arte Bèbè, **The Rif Fort** Curaçao  
2007 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dutch Caribbean Art Exhibition, **Kas di Arte** Bonaire  
2007 275 years Snoa, **Maritiem Museum Curaçao** Curaçao  
2007 It'a all about women, **Gallery Alma Blou** Curaçao  
2006 ASNA Clay Triennial, **Ahmed Pervaz Gallery**, Karachi Pakistan  
2006 First APC Festival, **Museo de Arte Moderno**, Santo Domingo Dominican Republic  
2006 Arte Bèbè, **Mon Art Gallery** Curaçao  
2006 The Caribbean in the Age of Modernity, **National Library**, Port of Spain Trinidad  
2005 De Koninklijke Hoed; Steengoed, **Studio Girouette** Curaçao  
2004 Cocktail di Arte, **Heerlijkheid van Ermelo** the Netherlands

2003	Resusita, <b>The Rif Fort</b>	Curaçao
2003	Keramika Sisak 1700, <b>Galerija Zvonimir</b> , Zagreb	Croatia
2003	1Bienal Internacional Del Mosaico Contemporáneo, Buenos Aires	Argentina
2003	Vision +, V Caribbean and Centro American Biennial, <b>Galeria Nacional de Belles Artes</b> , Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic
2002	Arte, di nos e ta, <b>Central Bank</b>	Curaçao
2001	Arte, di nos e ta, <b>TENT- CBK</b> , Rotterdam	the Netherlands
2000	Seventh Biennial of Havana, <b>Centro Wifredo Lam</b> , Havana	Cuba
2000	Sixth Taiwan Golden Ceramics Awards Exhibition, <b>Taipei County Yingko Ceramic Museum</b> , Taipei	Taiwan
2000	<b>Mon Petit Art Gallery</b> , San Juan	Puerto Rico
2000	Laman Chiki, <b>Waaigat</b>	Curaçao
2000	Two pictures. One story (Diana Blok & Ellen Spijkstra), <b>Maritiem Museum Curaçao</b>	Curaçao
1999	Arte '99, <b>Magazina di Arte</b>	Curaçao
1999	The Curaçao Connection, <b>S.B.K. Kunstcentrum Haarlem</b>	the Netherlands
1999	La Vida Urbana en la Región del Caribe, <b>Palacio de Bellas Artes</b> , Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic
1999	Auto Retrato Nobo, <b>Instituto di Cultura</b>	Aruba
1997	5th World Triennial Exhibition of Small Ceramics	Croatia
1995	11 Antilliaanse en Arubaanse kunstenaars, <b>Artoteek den haag</b>	the Netherlands
1992	Un Abraso ku Koló, <b>Het Oude Slot</b> , Heemstede	the Netherlands
1991	Gala di Arte, <b>World Trade Center</b>	Curaçao
1990	La Ceramica desde Curaçao, <b>Taller Escuela Arte Fuego</b> , Caracas	Venezuela
1988	Potpourri, <b>Gallery '86</b>	Curaçao
1988	Bida i Koló, <b>Stedelijk Museum Schiedam</b> , Schiedam	the Netherlands
1986	Directions, <b>Däwson Gallery</b> , Rochester	USA
1986	<b>Atrium Gallery</b> , Rochester (2 p.)	USA
1985	Keien, kiezels, stenen, keien, <b>Het Curaçaosch Museum</b> (2 p.)	Curaçao
1983	<b>Galerie 't Wemme</b> , Zuidwolde (3 p.)	the Netherlands
1979	<b>Cultureel Centrum Oosterpoort</b> , Groningen	the Netherlands

#### **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS (selected):**

Curaçao Medical Center (ceramics)	Curaçao
Blue Bay Sculpture Garden (ceramics)	Curaçao
Shangyu Museum (ceramics)	China
Aruba Bank (photographs)	Aruba
Maduro & Curiels Bank (ceramics & photographs)	Curaçao
Hyatt Regency Hotel (ceramics & photographs)	Curaçao
Avila Beach Hotel (ceramics & photographs)	Curaçao
Resen Ceramics Museum, Resen (ceramics)	Macedonia
Centro Wifredo Lam, Havana (ceramics)	Cuba
Centrum Beeldende Kunsten Rotterdam (photographs)	The Netherlands
Stedelijk Museum Schiedam (photographs)	The Netherlands
Het Curaçaosch Museum (ceramics)	Curaçao

#### **AWARDS:**

2015	Honorable Mention, Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale 2015, S. Korea (ceramics)
2014	Best Work of Art Tile, Elit-Tile 2014/2015, Premio Fundación Susana de Moya, Dominican Republic (ceramics)
2000	Award final selection, Taipei County Government, Taiwan (ceramics)
1999	Honorable Mention Arte '99, Curaçao (photography)
1993	Curaçao Museum Lustrum Prize, Curaçao (ceramics and photography)
1990	Award of Merit, international photo competition 'Romance', New York Institute of Photography, NY, USA (photography)
1989	Third Prize, international photo competition 'Architecture', New York Institute of Photography, NY, USA (photography)
1985	Best of category, The Strong Art Show & Sell, Rochester, NY, USA (ceramics)
1985	First Prize, photo competition Inner wheel, Curaçao (photography)

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS/RESIDENCIES:**

2019	May 6-10, workshop mold making at <b>Instituto Buena Bista</b> , Curaçao
2019	April 2, guest artist/speaker at the <b>Northern Illinois University</b> (NIU) at the School of Art and Design
2017	May 8-July 1, guest teacher at the <b>Ateliers '89</b> , Aruba
2016	July 15-August 15, Artist-in-residence at the <b>Shangyu Celadon Modern International Ceramic Center</b> , Shangyu, China
2016	April 18-25, invited by the <b>Yasar University</b> , Izmir, Turkey, for their 1st International Art & Design Symposium
2013	<b>TEDxCity2.0</b> talk: 'Ellen Spijkstra finds beauty through her lens', Curaçao
2013	May-June, 'Hokjesgeesten', a collaborative project with <b>Instituto Buena Bista</b> and the Capriles Clinic, Curaçao
2012	January 9-February 3, workshop Raku & Primitive Firing, <b>Ateliers '89</b> , Aruba
2010	December, workshop Ceramic Murals for St Albertus College, <b>Instituto Buena Bista</b> , Curaçao
2010	March 29-30, talk and demo at Manheim Central High School and <b>Ceramics Studio Dennis Maust</b> , Lancaster, PA, USA
2001	August 1-23, artist in residence, <b>Resen International Ceramic Colony</b> , Resen, Macedonia
2000	November 4-24, artist in residence, <b>Taller Varadero</b> , Cuba, (7th Biennial of Havana)
1990	October 22-28, workshop Hand-Built Double-Walled Bowls, <b>Taller Escuela Arte Fuego</b> , Caracas, Venezuela
1989	April 17-29 & May 15-27, workshop Raku & Primitive Firing, <b>Taller Escuela Arte Fuego</b> , Caracas, Venezuela

#### OTHER WORK RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 2018-present board member of the Sculpture Garden Blue Bay  
2018-present board member of the Curaçao Style Foundation  
2009-2020 board member of the Cultuur Kameleon  
2006-present co-organizer of the Open Atelier Route Curaçao  
1990-2008 organizer of more than 30 workshops in my Studio Girouette by, among others, Rick Hirsch, Richard Notkin, Scott Meyer, Seka, Yih-Wen Kuo, Enric Mestre, Toni Hambleton, Jimmy Clark, Pauline Wiertz, Henk Wolvers, Martin Möhwald  
1981-2011 ceramic classes at my Studio Girouette

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN WHICH WORK HAS APPEARED:

- Jennifer Smit, Prikkelende expositie van fotografie, **Antilliaans Dagblad**, Febr 8, 2022, page 8  
-Tessa Jol and Renske Werner, Thuis bij kunstenaar Ellen Spijkstra op Curaçao, **Zin**, April 2021, page 90-97  
-cover picture **Kristòf**, Sociaalcultureel Tijdschrift, Curaçao, Jaargang XXI-1, 2020  
-Sasha Dees, Ellen Spijkstra – An Artistic Journey – Curaçao Museum, **Trendbeheer**, December 10, 2019  
-Mels Boom, **de kleine k** nr 60, 2019, page 13-19  
-José Manuel Noceda Fernández and Lusetta Verboom, **catalogue An Artistic Journey**, The Curaçao Museum, 2019  
-Jan Gulmans, **Beeldende kunst van Curaçao, Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, Sint Eustatius en Sint Maarten**, 2019, LM Publishers, page 56, 63, 80, 83, 203, 204, 206, 207  
-Debbie Austin, The Open Atelier Route 2018, **Melange Travel and Lifestyle Magazine**, January 2018, page 212-215  
-Suzanne van Samsbeek, Mediteren met mijn handen, **La Vida-Curaçao**, No 8, December 2017, page 72-74  
-Ellen Spijkstra, The New-Artist-in-Residence Center in China, **New Ceramics**, No 2 2017, page 46,47  
-Gail Johnson, Isla i Arte den Nos Bida, **Focus Magazine**, February 2017, <https://focusmedia.nl/nieuws/nos-bida.html>  
-Nicole Pieternella, In de stoel van Ellen Spijkstra, **Napa**, November 26, 2016, page 1.4 & 5  
-**Shangyu Daily**, August 15, 2016, page 3  
-Jan Gulmans, 'Spijkstra als keramisch ambassadeur', **Antilliaans Dagblad** 2014, May 10, page 14, 15  
-Jolande Wood, **Islas del Caribe: naturaleza-arte-sociedad**, Editorial Clacso, Cuba, 2012, page 202-204  
-Felix de Rooy and Jennifer Smit, **Curaçao Classics**, KIT publishers, 2012, page 118,119 and 136-139  
-Jeff Greenwald, 'Where art imitates ocean life', **San Francisco Chronicle**, May 18, 2012  
-Scott Meyer, 'Ellen Spijkstra's quiet search', **Ceramic Arts & Perception**, International, no 76, 2009, page 28-30  
-Marjan Unger, Marianne de Tolentino a.o., **Global Local, Ellen Spijkstra, ceramics & photography**, Uitgeverij d'jonge Hond, 2008, 134 pages ISBN 978-90-89100-73-3  
-Jimmy Clark, 'Caribbean ceramics', **New Ceramics**, International, no 5, 2008  
-Nancy Wilstach, 'Artist travels 2,000 miles to help fire kiln at UM', **The Birmingham News**, AL, USA, 2008, page 1B, 2B  
-Sinaya Wolfert, **Curaçao Artists**, 2007, page 156 - 167  
-M.J., 'Waterwerk', **De Telegraaf**, The Netherlands, February 17, 2005  
-Henry Parisius a.o., **Geraffineerde Kunst / Refined Art**, 2004, KIT Publishers Amsterdam, page 26-28, photo 22-43  
-Adi Martis & Jennifer Smit, **Arte, Dutch Caribbean Art**, 2002, KIT publishers, The Netherlands, page 98, 99  
-Bernd Pfannkuche, 'Ellen Spijkstra, Keramik aus der Karibik', **Neue Keramik**, Germany, March/April 2001, page 20-24  
-Makiri Mual, 'The Curaçao Connection', **Glas en kristal, aardewerk en porselein**, The Netherlands, July 1999, page 71-78  
-Nelly Barbieri, **El Movimiento Cerámico en Venezuela**, 1998, Consejo nacional de la Cultura, Venezuela, page 117  
-Yih-Wen Kuo, 'Curaçao', **Ceramic Art**, Taiwan, December 1996, page 124-128  
-Nicole Henriquez and Jennifer Smit, **Ellen Spijkstra Ceramics & Photography**, 1994, The Curaçao Museum Foundation, 30 pages, ISBN 99904-0-110-1  
-Amable Lopez Melendez, 'Ellen Spijkstra, Ceramista holandesa se destaca en Curazao', **Hoy**, Dominican Republic, June 27, 1992  
-Nelly Barbieri, 'Entre Tornos', **El Nacional**, Venezuela, November 7, 1990  
-Mariveni Rodriguez, 'Ellen Spijkstra, La Ceramica como Arte', **El Nacional**, Venezuela, May 27, 1989

#### VIDEO / TV PRODUCTIONS:

- 2013 **Roest & Koraal**, a cinematic portrait of the interaction between the island of Curaçao and the artist Ellen Spijkstra by Felix de Rooy and Kirk Claes  
2011 **Curaçao - Island Reflections**, a series of 10 portraits of artists who live and work on the Caribbean island of Curaçao by Felix de Rooy and Kirk Claes  
2007 **Ellen Spijkstra**, by Quirijn Dalen Meurs, Curaçao  
1999 Olivier Jansen en Hugo Kaagman, '**Blauw Curaçao**', Television Production Amsterdam TVA, The Netherlands  
1998 Carrilho Multimedia Studio, '**Mirador**', Curaçao