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From a loudspeaker that's approaching the village I hear: il verduraio verduraio verduraio. In many ways time stood still here and memories come easy. This call from the greengrocer's truck inspired me right away to write down a few lines. My first camera was given to me by my father to use on a trip in 1970. It was a Zeiss Ikon 6 x 9 folding camera.

With a friend I travelled from Holland to Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. In Tunis, which was our last stop in Africa, we left our backpacks, except for the camera, at a tiny greengrocer's shop, to have our hands free to go to Carthage.

We didn't go to a hotel but slept on the beach in djellabas that we had bought in Marrakesh. In the middle of the night I was awakened, most likely disturbed by the person who stole the camera. Back in town we found our luggage again at the shop. While looking through my rucksack I noticed my undeveloped films were missing. After prolonged nagging the shopowner confessed that his son had taken them out to play with and of course had opened them. The grocer had thrown them away because they had become worthless anyway, he said. There is no proof of this trip in photographic images but I still remember a lot of it. What I don't remember is what I had photographed before we got to Tunis. The German girls that gave us a ride from southern France to Casablanca? Djemaa el Fna, the large square in Marrakesh or the mosque in Fes? I was not a photographer and never became one, but I would have loved to have brought back home certain picture trophies. Back in Holland I bought my first camera. Many followed. I used them and sold them, to buy one that would serve me better. In 2010, for no particular reason, I started looking at the material I had gathered over the years. Going through boxes of photo's, I picked out all the slides. I got a projector (by now even more than one) and when I started my first slideshow in a corner of the sculpture studio, I was surprised by the beauty of this material in spite of some unattractive imagery. In the sessions that I've been having since then, I re-photograph the images digitally from the projections. No German ladies though.

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Milano 1985 / 2014



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Selected Solo Exhibitions

1982 - 1992 The Living Room, Amsterdam 1994 - 2008 Galerie Onrust, Amsterdam

- 1985 *Beelden in de koepel* Gemeentemuseum, Arnhem
- 1988 *Momentopname 2* Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 1989 Daniel Newburg Gallery, New York U.S.A.
- 1990 Galerie De Gryse, Tielt BE
- 1992 Museum Fodor, Amsterdam
- 1993 Galleri Tommy Lund, Odense DK Art Gallery Raffl, Meran IT
- 1995 Fireworks Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham U.S.A
- 1997 Peer Veneman Skulpturen 1984 1996, Kunstverein Grafschaft Bentheim, Neuenhaus DE
- 1998 Peer Veneman Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam
- 1999 Die Sieben Hauptsünden Skulptur ART Cologne, Köln DE

2001 Arci, Serrazzano IT

- 2003 Peer Veneman. Beelden 1993-2003, Museum voor Hedendaagse Kunst, Uden
- 2005 *Neue Skulpturen* Galerie Hafemann, Wiesbaden DE
- 2009 Seven Virtues and some Saints De Pont Museum voor hedendaagse kunst, Tilburg
- 2010 *Sculptural Tableaux* Studio W21st, New York U.S.A.

2012 The Higher The Hat The Closer To God SALON2060, Antwerpen BE

- 2013 *Neue Arbeiten*, Galerie Hafemann, Wiesbaden DE *VENEMAN* Vous Etes Ici/The Guesthouse, Amsterdam
- 2014 Gallery Nouvelle Images, Den Haag Heavy Load Nieuw Dakota, Amsterdam
- 2015 Looking Back to the Future Allard Wildenberg Art Projects, Naarden-Vesting Looking Back to the Future Galerie Hafemann, Wiesbaden DE

Works in public collections

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam Museum Beelden aan Zee, Den Haag Groninger Museum, Groningen Arnhems Gemeentemuseum, Arnhem Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller, Otterlo Textielmuseum, Tilburg Finstral Collection, Bolzano IT Instituut Collectie Nederland, Amsterdam **AKZO NOBEL Art Foundation, Arnhem** ABN AMRO Bank, Amsterdam KPN, Den Haag De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam ARCO Collection, Madrid ES The City of Seoul KR Forum d'Art Contemporain Casino, Luxembourg LU Interpolis, Tilburg Bouwfonds Kunstcollectie, Hoevelaken Caldic Collection, Wassenaar VNO-NCW, Den Haag APG, Heerlen

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