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Bio

Peter Snijder (1974, Herentals - BE) is an artist who brings light in the dark world. He embraces darkness to understand the light. His leather boots are marked with scars full of symbolism and carry him through the ugliness of everyday, chained to a bitter society. Armed with the scent of black humor, a critical view and a gallon of melancholy, he fights this daily reality and morphs the world as we know into a universe to itself. Inspired by simplified gothic architecture, liturgy and heritage, his light beacons are like a signpost who will bring you to a notion. A kind of perspective full of mystic beauty, with room for some passionate naivety. A resting point, where it is possible to daydream while you overview the wasteland, where you come to understanding and pick up perspectives. Soul soothing philosophy. Spectral depth. The installations glimmer in a soft blue or green glow, topped with red details on a black background. His detailed and fine finger work give the sculptures a soft personality. But that is just a first impression, it seems an illusion but if you dig deeper, the work will reveal its layers. It astonishes and all of the sudden it is frightening. It carries regret, stillness, romance... an old soul. It embraces doubt, fear and anger. But always with a common goal, a finished artwork is never just an object, no, you have to hear its soul sighing.

AWARDS:

2015 : FOEDERER TALENT AWARD (NL)

COLLECTIONS:

2019 : PORTAM CIVITATIS part of the permanent collection of LIGHTART COLLECTION (NL)

PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS:

2025 : PHAINEIN, Private Garden

2024 : VERSTILLEN, Centrum voor Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg - Turnhout

2023 : GROaN, KunstInHetDorp – Wortegem-Petegem

2022 : DODDE, Kunstdam – Oud-Heverlee

2022 : BRST, Centrum voor Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg – Herentals

2021 : NOOITVERGETEN, Basisschool 't Klavertje – Herentals

SOME EXPO'S:

2026 : STORMLOOP, IANUS-DIVUS DEÛM, Zandpoort – Bovenpoort – Herentals

2026 : TURNHOUT BY NIGHT, Centrum voor Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg – Turnhout

2026 : WINTERLICHT, Witbos - Noorderwijk

2025 : I LIGHT U, Moreelsebrug – Utrecht (NL)

2025 : WINTERLICHT, Centrum – Herentals

2024 : LICHTKUNST GOUDA, Schuilkerk Johannes de Doper – Gouda (NL)

2024 : KAPELLEKES IN HET LAND VAN RHOODE, kapel van Rhoode – Oud-Turnhout

2023 : EQUILIBRIUM, Putteke Winter De Schorre - Boom

2023 : WINTERLICHT, St-Niklaaskerk + dorpsplein + saffraanboerderij + schoolproject - Morkhoven

2023 : THE FADING LIGHT OF RUINS, Scarborough Fair/Lights, St-Marys – Scarborough (UK)

2023 : CASTLE-TOUR, Schloss Dyck – Jüchen (D)

2023 : PATHFINDER, Tarmac – Meerhout

2023 : CASTLE-TOUR, LUMINIS – EGESKOV, Kvaerndrup (DK)

2022 : I LIGHT U, Stationsplein – Utrecht (NL)

2022 : LICHTWELTEN/LICHTKUNST, Galerie Art Engert – Eschweiler (D)

2021 : WINTERSTORM, Kloosterkapel Nonnenstraat – Herentals

2021 : PASSAGE, Taxandriamuseum – Turnhout

2021 : OPEN STAL, stal – Oldeberkoop (FRL)

2020 : KUNSTlicht HERENT, St-Laurentiuskerk – Veltem

2019 : SIC LUCEAT LUX, Galerie Inattendue, Paul Conti – La Colle-sur-Loup (FRA)

2019 : LICHTKUNST GOUDA, St-Janskerk – Gouda (NL)

2019 : GEMLUCart, Auditorium Rainer III – Monté Carlo (MC)

2018 : WISH, Museum Romeinse Catacomben – Valkenburg (NL)

2018 : PORTAM CIVITATIS, Amsterdam Light Festival – Amsterdam (NL)

2018 : LICHTWELTEN, Galerie Art Engert – Eschweiler (D)

2018 : WISH, Museum Romeinse Catacomben – Valkenburg (NL)

2017 : VURIGE VIJVERS, Molenvijver – Genk

2016 : FLAMMA-festival, Museum Romeinse Catacomben – Valkenburg (NL)

2015 : MIRRE, WIEROOK & GOUD, Museum Romeinse Catacomben – Valkenburg (NL)

2015 : GLOW 2015 ism FOEDERER TALENT AWARD, Parktheater – Eindhoven (NL)