

#### Dear visitor,

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to sonsbeek this summer, from Friday 2 July to Sunday 29 August 2021. This will be a very special edition, the 12th since 1949! Despite the restrictions due to the pandemic, sonsbeek is committed to a physical programme more than 13 locations in and around the city of Arnhem, in the beautiful parks of Sonsbeek and Zypendaal, and via Buitenplaats Koningsweg to the Kröller-Müller Museum.

With sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24, we hope to surprise, amaze and enthrall you. The aim is to initiate dialogue and debate, to stimulate listening and reflection. At sonsbeek, we believe it is important for art to activate the public, not only through presentation but also and especially through involvement in the programme. With this exhibition, we want to engage you in more than one way. We invite you to explore, to open up to new insights, to look critically at our archives, to give the invisible a chance. But most of all, we wish for you to engage with us in a conversation about the many topics that make up this edition of sonsbeek.

Artistic director Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung and the extraordinary team of co-curators Antonia Alampi, Amal Alhaag, Zippora Elders, Aude Christel Mgba and Krista Jantowski, have carefully orchestrated a programme of different frequencies\* that address the subjects of 'labour' and 'sonicity' - sound, storytelling and music. sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24 is about histories and (collective) memories and questions how both influence society at its core, sonsbeek20→24 seeks to investigate who made the Netherlands what it is today and reflects on the production of value: What is seen? Who is heard? But also, in the sonsbeek spirit of reconstruction; how do we restore and reform society after a pandemic? How can we forge a new way of living together where there is room for everyone's story and everyone's history?

The curators have put together an exhibition in the form of a jam session, extending strategies from the visual arts to those of music, storytelling and performance. In that sense, the word 'exhibition' is misleading: sonsbeek is a manifestation in which the exhibition goes hand in hand with a public programme and numerous activities in different places in the city and with the city. Some of the most exceptional contemporary artists, from all over the world, a multitude of voices, will connect stories of history and geography with the present, here and now. As our guest, you will have free access to numerous artworks, many of them new and specially commissioned by sonsbeek.

This guide tells you more about the different routes, each in a different colour, about the locations, our partners and artists, and the special benefits such as the merchandising, the limited edition sonsbeer available on the route, and the unique sonsbeek voucher system that gives you discounts at many shops and restaurants – all designed to make your stay more enjoyable.

We hope you'll visit us more than once this summer. There is plenty to see and do! If possible, plan your visit in advance. It goes without saying that we have taken measures to ensure everyone's health and safety, in accordance with national regulations. On the following pages you will find more information on how to register. Please note that some events may have a very limited capacity and that registration is required for indoor venues. Our website and specially developed sonsbeek app will show you the way and keep you informed of everything there is to do and see, as will this visitor's guide and the accompanying routing and signage along all sonsbeek locations. If in doubt, our friendly and colourfully belted volunteers will help you out.

It has been a great honour for me personally to work with the curators, the artists, the many partners, researchers, activists and the wonderful sonsbeek team and to prepare what promises to be a groundbreaking art event that reflects our times – past and present.

On behalf of all of us: we welcome you to Arnhem!

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#### Introduction sonsbeek20→24

Amidst everything that has and is still going on, what is silenced and what reverberates? What is revealed and what is ignored? Is solidarity resonating? Do we perceive its echoes while some people keep being denied breath?

The curatorial framework of sonsbeek  $20 \rightarrow 24$ . centered around labour and its sonicities, connects a millenary history crossing times and geographies to the present moment, through a multitude of voices, sounds, and ripples. It invites us to listen to the sounds relegated to the 'edges' of the 'main' motive, to the whispered stories, to those passed through singing and through story-telling, and embodied narratives. An edition that inhabits the absence from the dominant image. An edition that draws particular attention to that which has been written otherwise - in singing, playing, performing, dancing, caring, in polyphonic rhythms and multiple motherless-tongues thanks to which memories, traditions, spiritualities, entire cosmologies crossed oceans and deserts. This edition aims to reveal the complex labour relations and inequalities that show who is (un)seen, who is (in)dispensable, who is seemingly worth our applause, and who is fawningly silent.

This 12th edition of sonsbeek—the pathbreaking quadrennial for art in public space, is co-curated by Antonia Alampi, Amal Alhaag, Zippora Elders and Aude Christel Mgba, curatorial support by Krista Jantowski, under the artistic direction of Dr. Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung.

"Force Times Distance – On Labour and its Sonic Ecologies is a journey, to say the least, into the unknown. A journey marked by a plethora of uncertainties, which we have chosen to embrace rather than fend off or deflect. From a global pandemic, to financial precarity, to arduous labour conditions, we consider the becoming of sonsbeek a wandering in wondering, trusting not only in our interlocutors—artists, curators, managers, audiences, producers etc—but more especially trusting on the agency of the project and what it wants to reveal through us."

Dr. Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung artistic director sonsbeek20→24

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# Routes

There are five planned routes for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ , that takes place across the city of Arnhem through the Hoge Veluwe Park.

#### Green Route: City Center

Eusebius\*, Collectie DE.GROEN, Showroom Arnhem, Rozet\*, Waalse Kerk, WALTER books, Gele Rijders Plein

Antonio Jose Guzman in collaboration with Iva Jankovic, Ibrahim Mahama, Oscar Murillo, Mithu Sen, Olu Oguibe, Leo Asemota, Ndidi Dike, Anne Duk Hee Jordan, Laure Prouvost, Libita Sibungu, Omer Wasim, Ellen Gallagher, Willem de Rooij, Kudzanai-Violet Hwami in collaboration with Belinda Zhawi, Buhlebezwe Siwani, Alida Ymele

#### Pink Route: Sonsbeek Park / Zypendaal Park

Stadsvilla, Basketball Field, Steile Tuin, Fountain, Waterfall, Grote Vijver, Molenplaats Sonsbeek\*

The Black Archives, Yinka Ilori, Agora, HISK, Mae-ling Lokko in collaboration with Gustavo Crembil, Olu Oguibe Wendelien van Oldenborgh in collaboration with Erika Hock, Children's Artwork, Jennifer Tee, raumlabor, Justine Gaga, Farkhondeh Shahroudi

#### Blue Route: Buitenplaats Koningsweg

Portiershuisje\*, The Yarn, Machinery of Me, Hangar

Ndidi Dike, Mithu Sen, Louis Henderson & João Polido, Oscar Murillo, Nader Mohamed Saadallah, Farkhondeh Shahroudi, Hira Nabi, Sunette L. Viljoen

#### Silver Route: Kröller-Müller Museum

Leo Asemota, Julieta Aranda, stanley brouwn, Cheick Diallo

\*designates an Information point

# Sonic Walk

## **F.5** Sam Auinger

#### xxxx\_terrain, 2021

 $xxxx\_terrain$  is a sonic participatory work and composition for the open space of four landscapes along the south-north route taken during sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24 that connects Park Sonsbeek in Arnhem with the Kröller-Müller Museum at De Hoge Veluwe National Park.

For *xxxx\_terrain*, Sam Auinger created a small booklet with instructions for all listening sites, two sticks to produce sound with, and a small tote bag to fit both. All is available at our information point in Molenplaats, Park Sonsbeek.



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# Eusebius

# 11 F.5

Antonio Jose Guzman in collaboration with Iva Jankovic

#### Electric Dub Station (Orbital Ignition), 2018 – ongoing

Indigo Ajrakh Blockprint Installation, performances and sonic soundscapes: Transillumination #1, 10' Courtesy of the artists (Atelier GF Workstation) With the generous support from: Mondriaan Fonds and Stichting Stokroos

## 17 F.1 Ibrahim Mahama

#### Parliament of Ghosts, 2019

2nd class train seats, train workshop lockers, school cabinets and archive material including 1st class carriage lining, blueprints, photographs, school exercise books, metal shavings from re-conditioning train wheels and other salvaged materials. Dimensions variable

Courtesy of the artist and White Cube.

This work is presented in collaboration with Museum Arnhem. Originally commissioned by Manchester International Festival and the Whitworth, The University of Manchester and premiered at the Whitworth for MIF19

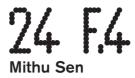


#### Human Resources, 2021

Installation, 6 'Shabaka' windows, steamed pistacho wood and iron, oil on linen, corn, clay, 2 single channel videos, dimensions variable

Courtesy of the artist

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#### UnMYthU: Unquantize, 2018 - 2024

A large-scale installation on lightbox drawings, mixed media on unique edition custom-made Kozo paper, lightboxes, wall drawing, wall texts, contracts

# Collectie DE.GROEN

## 8 F.2 Ndidi Dike

**A Bend in the River II**, 2017 – 2021 Plaster of Paris, cardboard boxes, glitter and latext gloves

*Extraction Scarification Residues*, 2017 – 2021 Acrylic, plastic, glitter

#### Chandelier of the Dispossessed, 2021

Sticker on aluminum board, vanilla products, mini green army plastic soldiers Courtesy of the artist

## **15 F.3** Anne Duk Hee Jordan

## The Living Plant Archive: All My Hands Are Labour, 2021

Installation, various media Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24

## 21 F.5 Laure Prouvost

## *Melting into one another ho hot chaud it heating dip*, 2020

Video installation, curtains, blown glass, clay, squid ink, water, branches, stones, books

Courtesy of the artist and Maria and Armando Cabral Collection

## 26 F.3 Libita Sibungu

#### Quantum Ghost, 2019

Installation, 21' looped audio, dibond mounted photograms, 180×123 cm. Audio composed by Jol Tomps First commissioned by Gasworks in association with Freelands Foundation and Arts Council England. Courtesy of the artist

## 31 F.5 Omer Wasim

As the Light Turns, 2018 – ongoing Installation, various media Courtesy of the artist

## Showroom Arnhem

**6F.3** Willem de Rooij

*Pierre Verger in Suriname*, 2020 257 scanned photo negatives, 73', digital back-projection, spy mirror, bench Courtesy of the artist, Portikus, Galerie Chantal Crousel and Foundation Pierre Verger 13

### **13 F.4** Kudzanai-Violet Hwami in collaboration with Belinda Zhawi

#### Baktu, Anna, Nehanda, 2021

Mixed media, sound system, silkscreen, oil, acrylic on canvas, painting dimensions:  $178 \times 149$  cm, installation dimensions variable Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ 

## 27 F.1 Buhlebezwe Siwani

*Ibutho*, 2019 Wool, 220×100×60 cm, Unique

#### *Mnguni*, 2019

Inkjet print on paper, 101.9×151.9 cm (framed), edition of 5 Courtesy of the artist and Madragoa, Lisbon This work is presented in collaboration with Museum Arnhem

## 33 F.1 Alida Ymele

Shadow Women series, 2020 Ngohbakasso Acrylic and posca on canvas, 100×90 cm Wash-Wash Acrylic and posca on canvas, 100×20×75×58.7×75×20 cm Ménage á deux Acrylic and posca on canvas, 100×100×75×83×20 cm Naffissatou le Soubrette Acrylic and posca on canvas, 90×53×75×20×77 cm Femme sans voix Acrylic and posca on canvas, 90×53×75×20×77 cm Dame d'Orion Acrylic and posca on canvas, star pentagram

#### S, (Grey Women I series), 2018

Acrylic and posca on canvas,  $108.5 \times 100$  cm  $S_1^2$  (Grey Women I series), 2019 Acrylic and posca on canvas,  $80 \times 70$  cm Le Répit (Grey Women II series), 2019 Acrylic and posca on canvas,  $120 \times 120$  cm Courtesy of the artist

# Rozet

## F.3

sonsbeekarchief / sonsbeek archive: an archive for the people, by the people (1949 – 2021)

Kevin van Braak Júlia Carvalho de Aguiar

# Waalse Kerk

## 10 F.3 Ellen Gallagher

Watery Ecstatic (RA 18h 35m 37.73s D37° 22' 31.12'), 2017 Cut paper, 140×148 cm (unframed)

Private collection. Courtesy of the artist and Gagosian

*Watery Ecstatic*, 2021 Watercolour, varnish and cut paper on paper 204×140 cm (unframed) Courtesy of the artist and Gagosian

#### *Morphia*, 2008 – 2012

Ink, pencil, watercolor, varnish, oil, gesso, egg tempera, polymer medium and cut paper on paper, and steel and glass 73×25 3/8×15 5/8 in 185.5×64.5××39.7 cm Collection of the artist Courtesy of the artist and Gagosian

#### Morphia, 2008 – 2012

Ink, pencil, watercolor, varnish, cut paper on paper, 51.5×42.5 cm Private collection

Courtesy of the artist and Hauser & Wirth

#### Morphia, 2008 - 2012

Ink, pencil, watercolor, egg tempera, varnish, cut paper on paper, 51.5×42.5 cm Private collection Courtesy of the artist and Hauser & Wirth

#### *Morphia*, 2008 – 2012

Ink, pencil, watercolor, varnish, cut paper on paper 189.2×99 cm Courtesy of the artist and Hauser & Wirth 15

# WALTER books

2 F.2 Leo Asemota

First permutation: "how-hard-and-how-far-and-how-long", 2021

The Sonsbeek Suite (As The Distance Travelled By The Force Acting Is To The Distance Travelled By The Resistance) Archival Material Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 This work is presented in collaboration with Kröller-Müller Museum

# Gele Rijders Plein

20 F.4 Olu Oguibe

#### Sex Work Is Honest Work, 2021

Text, glass tube neon lights,  $1200 \times 90$  cm Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ 





# Stadsvilla

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Black Archives in collaboration with Yinka Ilori

**Sound Waves of Resistance, 2021** Archival material, various media Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24

# Basketball field

Collective work by Dries Boutsen, Štefan Papčo, Nokukhanya Langa, Luca Vanello, Gaëlle Leenhardt, Nelleke Cloosterman, Katya Ev, Helen Anna Flanagan, Aziz Hazara, Che-Yu Hsu, Karel Koplimets, Diego Lama, Sandrine Morgante, Paulius Šliaupa, Hanane El Farissi, Dani Ghercă, Olivia Hernaïz, Nikolay Karabinovych, Hadassa Ngamba, Elisa Pinto, Shirley Villavicencio Pizango curated by Daniella Géo

Agora, 2020 – 2021 Contributed by HISK, as part of sonsbeek's conjunctions

# Stop 3

**16 F.2** Mae-ling Lokko in collaboration with Gustavo Crembil

#### Groundmurmurs, 2021

Mycelium, galvanised steel wire, iron poles, steel haring anchors, steel cabels, 770 cm diameter, 500 cm height Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ 

# Steile Tuin

# 20 F.4

Sex Work Is Honest Work, 2021

Text, glass tube neon lights,  $1200 \times 90$  cm Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ 

# 29 F.3

Wendelien van Oldenborgh in collaboration with Erika Hock

#### Hier. in Open Kino Pavilion, 2021

Installation, wood, jute fabric, video-wall display, film  $\mathbf{27}^{\prime},$  with sound

Film commissioned for sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24, Open Kino Pavilion courtesy of Erika Hock

# Fountain

# 32 F.3

Werker Collective with Gleb Maiboroda and studio bonbon

## *Textiles of Resistance: Growing, Weaving, Printing, Archiving*, 2021

Installation, metal frames, silkscreen prints on recycled textiles, handwoven textiles, archival material, series of workshops Commissioned for sonsbeek20->24

# Stop 6

Pupils of the Arnhemse Montessori School, SBO de Klaproos and the Parkschool

CHILDREN'S ARTWORK, Everything is inspirited, 2021

Wood, textile, metal Guided by: Krista Burger, Doreen Hartman and Bernadette ten Havev

# Waterfall

## 28 F.2 Jennifer Tee

#### Respire, the World Begins with Trees, 2021

Installation, brick, stamped brick with tree leaves from Sonsbeek park, 2600×2900 cm Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 Courtesy of the artist and galerie Fons Welters

#### Respire, the World Begins with Trees, 2021

Printed textile collage of leaves from Sonsbeek park,  $300 \times 450$  cm Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ Courtesy of the artist and galerie Fons Welters

# Grote Vijver

22 F.5 raumlabor

#### Deep Encounter, 2021

Floating pavilion, reused wood, custom steel elements, reused styrofoam, reused fabric, ancient stone from the Saale glaciation, multi utility net

Commissioned for sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24

# Zypendaal Park

## 9 F.5 Justine Gaga

#### Réclusion, 2021

Installation, beer crates, steel, stelcon, wood, 4 LED screens, video 13'9" with sound Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24

## 25 F.3 Farkhondeh Shahroudi

#### Performative Poetics of Matter, 2021 Anna Mermaid

Needlework on fabric, 20 flags, every flag is 120×250cm

#### **Seedbomb** Hand stitched carpet, wood construction, ca. 250×250 cm

#### Oh

Hand stitched leather, two Oh sculptures every ca. 300×40×270 cm, 2019 - 2021 Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24

**4**/4 **Hangar** 30 F.5 Sunette L. Viljoen

**3**/4 Machinery of Me 19 F.1 Hira Nabi

#### • 2/4 The Yarn

12 F.1 Louis Henderson &

João Polido Gomes

18 F.3 Oscar Murillo

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#### 1/4 Het Portiershuisje INFO

- 8 F.4 Ndidi Dike
- 24 F.4 Mithu Sen

# Het Portiershuisje

## 8 F.4 Ndidi Dike

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#### Redressing Lady Justice, 2021

Installation, gypsum, mesh, chirurgical masks, intravenous drips and mixed media Courtesy of the artist

## 24 F.4 Mithu Sen

#### **UnMYthU: Unquantize, 2018 – 2021** QR code lightbox with an experimental durational performance

(through 2024) and instructional texts Courtesy of the artist

# The Yarn

12 F.1 Louis Henderson & João Polido Gomes

#### Composition, 2019

5-channel audio, 42'15" First commissioned by Britta Peters for the exhibition Ruhr Ding: Territorien by Urbane Kunste Ruhr Courtesy of the artists This work is presented in collaboration with Museum Arnhem

## 18 F.3 Oscar Murillo

*disrupted frequencies (Nepal, Senegal, Egypt, Ghana, Malaysia*), 2013 – 2021 155×219 cm

disrupted frequencies (China, Egypt, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines), 2013 – 2021 <sup>232×278 cm</sup>

## disrupted frequencies (Germany, Ghana, Nepal, USA), 2013 – 2021

200×254 cm Ballpoint pen, fountain pen, graphite, felt tip pen, highlighter pen, permanent marker, paint, crayon, staples, natural pigments, debris, oil, oil stick and other mixed media on canvas

## 23 F.1 Nader Mohamed Saadallah

*The Forgotten (metal casting)*, 2021 Video, 6'33", Arabic with English subtitles

The Forgotten (calligraphy), 2021

Video, 4'57", Arabic with English subtitles

#### A Journey of A Tea Leaf, 2021

Video, 2'42", English This work is presented in collaboration with Museum Arnhem



#### Ambulance / Virtual Leg series, 2006 – 2010 Mixed media, variable dimensions

Courtesy of the artist

# Machinery of Me

## 19 F.1 Hira Nabi

#### All That Perishes at the Edge of Land, 2019

Video, 30', Urdo with English subtitles Courtesy of the artist This work is presented in collaboration with Museum Arnhem and Machinery of Me

# De Hangar

## 30 F.5 Sunette L. Viljoen

#### HOC OPUS HIC, 2021

Site-specific intervention with brick pathway, reopened doorway, historical municipal bricks, sand, billboard,  $300 \times 500$  cm Commissioned for sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ 



# Sculpture Garden



## *Time will tell: an unreadable script takes shape and then destroys Itself*, 2021

Cement, sand, clay, moss, and hay, 180×448×190 cm Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 This work is presented in collaboration with Kröller-Müller Museum

2 F.2 Leo Asemota

*Third permutation: "how-hard-and-how-far-and-how-long"*, 2021

#### *The Sonsbeek Suite (As The Distance Travelled By The Force Acting Is To The Distance Travelled By The Resistance)*

Scrap steel Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 This work is presented in collaboration with Kröller-Müller Museum

7 F.5 Cheick Diallo

#### Le Fouta Organic, 2021

Pavillion, steel, 300×500×400 cm Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 This work is presented in collaboration with Kröller-Müller Museum

# Kröller-Müller Museum

2 F.2 Leo Asemota

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Second permutation: "how-long-and-how-hard-and-how-far", 2021

## *The Sonsbeek Suite (As The Distance Travelled By The Force Acting Is To The Distance Travelled By The Resistance)*

Two clocks, 30 cm diameter (each) Commissioned for sonsbeek20→24 This work is presented in collaboration with Kröller-Müller Museum

## 5 F.4 stanley brouwn

**2×2×10 feet, 2009** Wood (okoume) 283×56.6×56.6 cm

# F.1

Those the Night Surprised in Their Noons Of Rituals and Precarities

Louis Henderson & João Polido Gomes, Ibrahim Mahama, Hira Nabi, Nader Mohamed Saadallah, Alida Ymele, Buhlebezwe Siwani

To placate those the night surprised in their noons; those we loaded with lead; pushed to dungeons and makeshift graves; to absolve our irretrievable selves from the badger of willow-whips lurking in time.

We need no mourners in our stride, no remorse, no tears. Only this: Resolve that the locust shall never again visit our farmsteads

Odia Ofeimun, Resolve...

#### Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung (BSBN):

For many, work is very much associated with routine, specific circuits, mundane procedures; with rituals. The rituals of waking up at a certain hour, preparing for the day, the journey to the workplace, the dynamics of relations with colleagues and managers/chiefs, patterns of rest, the songs one sings to kill time or soothe the spirits while repetitive or mechanical actions occur.

This frequency summons reflections—directly and tangentially—about the rituals of seen and unseen labour. Here work includes family chores, care and domestic work as much as other forms of labour f.e. begging or activism, usually not considered under this umbrella because the form of economic remuneration is not direct or is completely absent. Too many works that have care and conviviality and hospitality at their core are practiced under very precarious conditions. Despite the precariousness, many of the workers performing them—most of whom are working class, women and/or migrants within our societies—show the most resilience and resolve. It isn't rare to encounter mothers raising children and jobbing, migrants juggling multiple odd 35

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or precarious jobs to make ends meet, or those from the working class doing what is often considered as 'mean' jobs, which include essential jobs like care work and cleaning. The artists clustered in this frequency invoke the routines and rituals of spiritual healers, factory workers, politicians and ghosts, domestic workers, dockers and ship-dismantlers, craftsmen and -women losing their trades upon automation, mechanical work and more. These rituals are often facilitated, greased, catalysed or just accompanied by multiple sediments of sonority that echo within and across the exhibition.

This frequency is developed in collaboration with Museum Arnhem.

## F.2

#### O Dawn, What Language Do You Use? On Labour of Other Beings

#### Leo Asemota, Mae-ling Lokko & Gustavo Crembil, Jennifer Tee, Ndidi Dike, Julieta Aranda

O dawn Where do you hide your paints at night That cool breath, that scent, With which you sweeten the early air? O dawn What language do you use To instruct the birds to sing Their early songs And insects to sound The rhythm of an African heartbeat? (...)

Excerpt from Susan Lwanga, Daybreak

**BSBN:** Even the break of dawn is not saved from work. In many cultures around the world it is understood that work is not only done by humans but by other living and not living beings and entities. It is work for dawn to sweeten the air, as much as it is work for it to instruct the birds to sing. It is work for birds to sing and thereby inform other animals including humans of the break of dawn.

Once upon a time, as legend goes, some Western

researchers traveled to Zimbabwe to understand how the Mbira musicians and their music could make people fall into a state of trance. After wiring the brains of people falling into trance as well as the musicians for an MRI scan, the scientists were not satisfied with their result, and when they confronted the musician as to why they couldn't see much in the MRI scans, s/he replied that the Western scientists had ignored the agency of the Mbira instrument itself. While the researchers focused on the activity of the musician and the dancers, they failed to acknowledge the labour of the instruments themselves. The work that ants. insects of all kinds, mycelia, whales and other sea animals, soil, plants-living and dead, as trees or spices or otherwise-are at the crux of the works of the artists in this frequency.

Regarding humankind as the most important element of existence is a limiting factor in the conceptualisation and comprehension of the world in which we live in. This is why this project does not restrict the notion of labour to humans alone. As the Cameroonian saying goes "you no fit tie koki wit wan hand". Which is to say that humans are only a part of the equation and for the equation to be complete, one must consider the labour of all other non human beings and non beings.

## F.3

Places Between Us Deeper Than the Ocean Rummaging in the Deeper Archive

The Black Archives & Yinka Ilori, Willem de Rooij, Anne Duk Hee Jordan, Farkhondeh Shahroudi, Wendelien van Oldenborgh & Erika Hock, Libita Sibungu, Oscar Murillo, Ellen Gallagher, Werker Collective

The Elegance of Memory Distances separate bodies not people. Ask Those who have known sadness or joy The bone of feeling is pried open By a song, the elegance Of colour a familiar smell, this Flower or the approach of an evening... (...) The elegance of memory, Deeper than the grave Where she went before I could Know her sadness, is larger Than the distance between My county and I. Things more solid Than the rocks with which those sinister Thieves tried to break our back (...)

There are memories between us Deeper than grief. There are Feelings between us much stronger Than the cold enemy machine that breaks The back. Sister, there are places between us Deeper than the ocean, no distances. Pry your heart open, brother, mine too, Learn to love the clear voice The music in the memory pried Open to the bone of feeling, no distances (...)

Keorapetse Kgositsile, Point of departure: fire dance fire song

**BSBN:** There is a yawning gap between histories and memories. A gap that seems to ever widen between knowledges, or at least what one is supposed to know, and memories, or at least what one is supposed to remember. There is information sedimented in the crevices of the past, and the nooks and crannies of the present that are asking to be dug out through a process, or from a space, that one might call memory.

The artists in this frequency are rummaging in those spaces. Spaces that are deeper than grief and grave: Real or constructed memories whose existence oscillates between where one is and where one was, or was meant to be. They comb through invisible and visible, sonic and somatic archives. They explore memories of African peoples abducted and dispersed in the world, memories of the historically disenfranchised and colonised, memories of oceanic ecosystems, memories embedded in and those left out of colonial archives. Memories anchored in non-Western epistemologies and aesthetics that manifest themselves as geometrical patterns and colour palettes, in textiles, in craftmanship (of f.e. Azerbaijani Shabaka), in foods and spices taken/extracted from far away places-alongside those humans and other wealths

grabbed—that have become normalised in the quotidian menus of Western cuisine. Memories in textiles, or memories in craftsmanship This frequency is a deliberation on what is inherited, as well as the heritage of collective memory, the embodiment of memories and their spatialization.

# F.4

Yet Fear Shall Fail to Conquer our Warmth Tenacity in / of Labour

stanley brouwn, Sedje Hémon, Kudzanai-Violet Hwami & Belinda Zhawi, Imran Mir, Ndidi Dike, Abdias do Nascimento, Mithu Sen, Olu Oguibe, Farkhondeh Shahroudi

Yet fear shall fail to conquer our warmth Since each has A sunny side of a cause to serve, Though distant cries come breaking On our threshold And homes tremble With the terror of the earth, Though glories are uprooted And many more shall be. Though heroes lament Birds wail Fowls feast And waterfalls sucked dry Yet fear shall fail to conquer our warmth.

Excerpt from Tsegaye Gabre-Medhin, *fear shall fail* 

**BSBN:** It demands, sometimes, an incredible amount of tenacity, of stamina, of stubbornness, just to do the kind of work one is called upon to do, or fulfil the vision, the vocation bestowed on someone. Being an artist is considered in many societies as not adequate enough of a profession, as society might not be convinced of one's ability to win one's bread, or society, sometimes, bluntly considers this a craft for those left behind. As if that were not enough, when the artists pursue their vision, it is not a given that their art, the form and language of expression they have chosen sits well with what the world expects of them. All the artists 39

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in this frequency have gone more than the extra mile of what their societies and others expected of them-with chutzpah and perseverance, overcoming many sociopolitical, economic and artistic hurdles to follow their vocations. In form and content, their works defy norms set for what is to be understood as modernity, conceptual art, notation systems, language, femininity, justice, blackness, health and wealth, able and disabled bodies, or even what kind of work is normal or not. But it is not only the steadfastness of the artist with which this frequency concerns itself, but the strength, the stamina, the grit of most of their subjects. Take for example what it means to practice as a sex worker in the world today. In a time when sex work is increasingly stigmatised, in which legal spaces where sex labour can be practiced are shut down, allowing for the flourishing of illegal, violent and more precarious conditions for sex workers. It demands extreme tenacity to practice under such conditions. Take another example, the resilience of the maroons that fought themselves out of the plantations of Brazil to create guilombos in the outskirts in which they tried to set up societies reminiscent of their African ones. It demands extreme tenacity to have survived such conditions then, and it still does now. It demands to overcome fear. This is why this frequency is also about defying that emotion, for "yet fear shall fail to conquer our warmth."

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Those Roots That Have Sipped the Waters of Another Continent Navigating Commonalities and Spatial Memories

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(...)

Origins trouble the voyager much, those roots that have sipped the waters of another continent.

Africa is gigantic, one cannot begin to know even the strange behaviour furthest

south in my xenophobic department. Come back, come back mayibuye cried the breakers of stone and cried the crowds cried Mr Kumalo before the withering fire mayibuye Afrika

(...)

Excerpt from Arthur Nortje's, Waiting

**BSBN:** Besides the histories written about certain spaces, the memories of these spaces actually lie both in the collective bodies that inhabit themand in their materialities, in their spatial conditions. The Beninese artist, George Adeagbo, in a conversation, once said that whenever he has to do an exhibition in a space, the first thing he does is to talk to the spirits that live there. This could be understood as meaning that he tries to listen deep into the memory of the space. To rummage in their profound archives. Every space has a memory. A memory of those who have come in and out of the space, and a memory of things that have happened in that space. There is a popular adage that "walls have ears". At no point should one have the need to doubt the veracity of this adage, as spaces-material and immaterialreceive and emanate energies. Therefore they can listen to as much as they can send out information.

In this frequency, artists create spaces, create universes in which we can immerse ourselves. Space of and for commonality. These spaces are epistemic spaces, in which knowledge is dissipated once one is within, as much as they are phenomenological spaces that need to be experienced with all the senses of one's being and that shape one's experience. Visitors are invited upon a peripatetic experience along an axis of over 18km that connects Arnhem centre to the Kröller-Müller Museum via the Sonsbeek park and Zijpendaal park a.o. Visitors are invited to dwell in an architectural structure reminiscent of Dogon architecture and a tweaked basket, navigate indigo framed spaces crafted with data from human genome, and we are invited to delve into surrealistic ecologies of the subconscious to experience undercurrents.

In this frequency we are also taken on a journey through gardens and other queer spaces, in Karachi and beyond, in which gender, desire, longing and 41

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sexuality are uncategorisable, and we are invited on a raft on a lake, calling to memory a floating university, a floating market and archipelagic spaces that though separated they seem are always in relation. In this frequency we are also lured into a labyrinth constructed of thousands of beer crates just as we are lured into addiction, and we are tasked to find our way out, as no matter how dark the night may be, there will always be the break of dawn, as much as we are invited into a former aeroplane hangar unravels varying sediments of history, as the Second World War military hangar cached as a farmhouse, and now declared a pavilion in relation with the history of sonsbeek dating back to 1949, and as a pavilion now hosting a sculpture made of historical bricks, such that the distances of time collapse under the weight of history and labour. This frequency is an invitation to listen deeper to the connections between our various worlds, to perceive that which is brought by the roots that have sipped the waters of another continent, and to imagine commonalities that exist not despite our differences but because of them.

#### Visitors Information

#### **Public & Educational Programme**

sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24 stages a continuous public choreographed at different scales that includes a series of demonstrations, events, educational programme, radio, lectures, workshops, performances, and listening sessions. sonsbeek20 $\rightarrow$ 24 is committed to establishing long-term relations between artists and their practices, local communities and institutions, as well as different public sites and their everyday visitors.

Contributors to the public and performance programmes, radio and education formats in the course of sonsbeek $20 \rightarrow 24$ summer manifestation include a.o.: Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Krista Burger, DAI, Mitchell Esajas, Quinsy Gario, Antonio Jose Guzman and Iva Jankovic, HISK, Hans van Houwelingen, Anneke Ingwersen, Anne Duk Hee Jordan, Susanne Khalil Yusef, Richard Kofi with Simone Zeefuik, Sanne Landvreugd, Anwar Manlasadoon with Sahra Mohamed, Wayne Modest, Farida Nabibaks, Natuurcentrum Arnhem, Olu Oguibe, Wendelien van Oldenborgh and Erika Hock and Kleopatra Vorria, raumlaborberlin Radio, Ritmo Percussion, Romy Rüegger, Saas-Fee Summer Institute for Art presents Curating Noise: Reverberations and the Polyvocal with Christopher Cox and Cécile Malaspina and Warren Neidich, Mithu Sen, Marinella Senatore with Nandhan Molinaro and Elisa Zucchetti (ESPZ) and Tamar Harosh, Jennifer Tee, Under The Table, Marjolein Vogels, and Werker Collective.

For more information on artists, events and public programme, visit www.sonsbeek20-24.org

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Visit www.sonsbeek20-24.org for more information

#### Download the sonsbeek app

Developed at a time when virtual environments were the only obvious alternative to the embodied experience of encountering art, this app combines state-of-the-art augmented reality technology with old-fashioned walks. Using geolocation, the existing legacy of the previous eleven editions of sonsbeek is combined with extra information on the works participating in sonsbeek  $20 \rightarrow 24$ , featuring rare archival images and voice-over introductions to the artwork that lives on in Arnhem, its parks and beyond. Explore the routes through this amazing app.

Please note, this app works best when you grant permission to access your location and camera. Additionally, the app will only work optimally when you are in Arnhem close to the artworks.



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#### Rozet

From Arnhem central station, it is best to move to Rozet as a pedestrian.

Go straight out of the station, then turn right at the Spar on your left hand side, continue to go straight ahead for a bit and turn left to the "Nieuwe Oeverstraat"; the Rozet will be on your left hand side, across from the Holiday Inn.

#### Showroom Arnhem

Taking the same directions as going to Rozet, pass by Rozet, then turn right, and turn left again past the Albert Heijn: Showroom Arnhem will be next to the Albert Heijn on the left hand side.

#### Collectie DE.GROEN

After having visited Rozet, take a left into the "kortestraat", take a right at the next T intersection, and take another right when standing next to "HEMA", then walk for another few metres and collectie DE.GROEN will be on your right hand side.

#### Eusebius

After having visited Collectie DE.GROEN, turn right when you walk out of the entrance, go straight for a bit and continue to walk left following the curved road. When arriving at the Audrey Hepburnplein, you will see the iconic land beacon which is the Eusebius church on your right.

#### WALTER Books

When walking from Arnhem central station, walk straight, crossing the intersection while continuing to walk straight, walking past the ING bank and past Sushi KOI. Then when in front of restaurant Dadawan, go left around, and Walter Books will be right behind Dadawan on your right.

#### Waalse kerk

After having visited the Eusebius church, it's time to visit the next church which is only a 4 minute walk away. After exiting Eusebius, go right and walk on the "boerenstraat". Walk past the municipal building, which will be on your right, then turn left on the T-section, and go right again, which will be next to the police station. The Waalse kerk will be on your left.

#### SONSBEEK PARK

#### Bezoekerscentrum Molenplaats Sonsbeek

Exit the backside of Arnhem central station (Amsterdamseweg), then follow Bouriciusstraat towards the Sonsbeek park. Once having entered the park, follow the path swerving to the left, and you will see Molenplaats to be the first building on your right.

#### Stadsvilla

Exiting de Palatijn, you will see de Stadsvilla on the right, next to de Palatijn.

#### BUITENPLAATS KONINGSWEG

Going to Buitenplaats Koningsweg is advised to go by public transport, by car or by bike.

With public transport, bus 9 towards "Schaarsbergen IPC" will go from Burgermeestersplein every 30 minutes to the stop Schaarsbergen, Kaderschool Luchtmacht. This stop is directly in front of Buitenplaats Koningsweg. This will take about 15 minutes.

#### De Hoge Veluwe (Schaarsbergen)

You can take the bus straight to Schaarsbergen. Take bus 9 towards "Schaarsbergen IPC" and get out at the stop "Schaarsbergen, Koningsweg". This will take about 16 minutes.

#### **KRÖLLER-MÜLLER MUSEUM**

Kröller-Müller Museum is accessible by public transport, car, or bike. Although the bike ride from Arnhem central station will be around an hour long.

From Arnhem central station, you can take bus 105 to Barneveld, and get out at the stop "Otterlo, Rotonde". Then transfer to bus 106 Nat Park De Hoge Veluwe, for two stops and get out at the stop "De Hoge Veluwe, ingang Otterlo", which is right in front of the museum.

You can also take bus 105 from Arnhem central station to the stop "Otterlo centrum", and then walk for 15 minutes (take the Dorpstraat), which will take you right to KMM!

When going by bike or by car, please check Google Maps.

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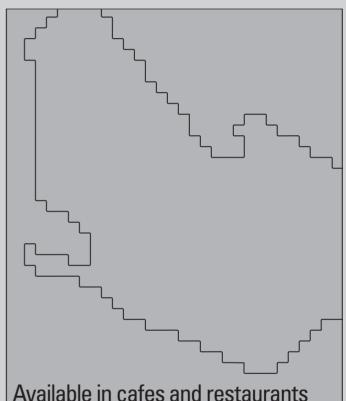
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