

Philip Akkerman

b. 1957, Vaassen, Netherlands
Lives and works in The Hague, Netherlands

Education

1981
Ateliers 63, Haarlem, Netherlands

1978
Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague, Netherlands

Solo Exhibitions

2022
Philip Akkerman, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY

2025
I am the monster, BWA Municipal Art Gallery, Bydgoszcz, Poland
Alfabet Zelfportretten, Huis van het Boek, The Hague, Netherlands

2021
Van een gek voor een gek, Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2020
Emanuel von Bayer Cabinet, London, UK

2019
A-M-G5, Glasgow
BravinLee programs, New York, NY

2017
Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2016
Bin ich?, Villa Rot, Burgrieden, Germany

2014
Tekeningen, Teylers museum, Haarlem, Netherlands

2013
Black Matter, Guido Costa Projects, Turin, Italy
1,2,3, Mummery+Schnelle, London, UK

Weltauge, Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2012

Miners, BravinLee programs, New York, NY

2011

Lost and Ambulous, Galerie Bob van Orsouw, Zurich, Switzerland

Grey Paintings, Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Akkermania, Kunsthal, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2010

Full Frontal, Mummery+Schnelle, London, UK

Immer Ich, Kunstverein Arthaus, Ahaus, Germany

Am I a Person?, BravinLee programs, New York, NY

I have become paint, Galerie Polaris, Paris, France

2009

136x Philip Akkerman, Noordbrabants Museum, Den Bosch, Netherlands

2008

Mummery+Schnelle, London, UK

Stephane Simoens (with Tony Matelli), Knokke, Belgium

Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2007

Guido Costa Projects, Turin, Italy

Mireille Mosler, New York, NY

BravinLee programs, New York, NY

2006

L'autoportrait c'est moi, Galerie Bob van Orsouw, Zurich, Switzerland

Tweeduizendzes, De Hallen, Haarlem, Netherlands

2005

L.A.C. (with Manuel Ocampo), Sigeon, France

2004

Andrew Mummery Gallery, London, UK

André Simoens Gallery, Knokke, Belgium

Gorney, Bravin + Lee, New York, NY

Studio Manuela Klerkx, Milan, Italy

2003

Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2001

Gorney Bravin + Lee, New York, NY

2000

Galerie Bob van Orsouw, Zurich, Switzerland
Andrew Mummery Gallery, London, UK

1999

Baumgartner Gallery, New York, NY
The Mirror's Secret, Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, Netherlands
Torch, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1998

Andrew Mummery Gallery, London, UK

1997

Galerie de Lege Ruimte, Ghent, Belgium

1996

Baumgartner Galleries, Washington DC

1995

Galerie Johnen&Schottle (with Stephan Balkenhol), Cologne, Germany
Galerie Bob van Orsouw, Zurich, Switzerland

1993

Baumgartner Gallery, Washington DC

1992

Philip Akkerman Self-Portraits, Witte de With center for contemporary art, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Galerie De Lege Ruimte, Brughes, Belgium
Galerie Johnen & Schottle, Cologne, Germany

1988

Gemeentemuseum Arnhem, Arnhem, Netherlands

1983

Bonnefantenmuseum (with Marie Ponchelet), Maastricht, Germany

1982

Passionata I.B.K., Nijmegen, Netherlands

Group Exhibitions

2026

Transmission, Two-Person Show with Erik Parker, Long Story Short, New York, NY
Out of Office (Still Here), Nest, The Hague, Netherlands
Van Gogh Influenceur, Château d'Auvers-sur-Oise, Auvers-sur-Oise, France

Humanist Touch: Works from the Weber Collection, curated by Laura Roulet, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC

2025

Stay Frosty, BravinLee Programs, New York, NY
MPM / IRL, MEPAINSTME, New York, NY

2024

Philip Akkerman: Self Portraits 1983–2024, Richard Heller Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Guillaume Bijl & Philip Akkerman, TORCH Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Alfabet Zelfportretten, TTHQ, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Hoofden en Woorden, Two-Person Show with Euf Lindeboom, Kunstkamer De Grutmolen, Zutphen, Netherlands
Self-Portraits, GRIMM, New York, NY
Inaugural Group Exhibition, Derek Eller Gallery, New York, NY
EIGENBEELDIG: Piet Mondriaan, Karel Appel, Philip Akkerman, Villa Mondriaan, Winterswijk, Netherlands
TKNNGN, Galerie Lutz, Delft, Netherlands
Speechless #1, Kunstruimte Speechless, The Hague, Netherlands

2023

40 schilderijen 1981–2022, Galerie de Zaal, Delft, Netherlands
Philip Akkerman – Zelfportretten, Stedsmuseum Grave, Netherlands
50 zelfportretten à-la-carte, Magasin Horaz, The Hague, Netherlands
Telephone, Two-Person Show with Jameszoo, Nest, The Hague, Netherlands
Pas de deux, Bonnefantenmuseum, Maastricht, Netherlands
Same Same, But Different, Galerie Atelier Herenplaats, Rotterdam, Netherlands
The Leisure Centre, The Brown Collection, London, UK

2022

Love Stories – Art, Passion & Tragedy, Hermitage Amsterdam, Netherlands
UNLIMITED – Zelfportretten uit eigen collectie, Drents Museum, Assen, Netherlands

2021

Universes 5, The Hole, New York, NY
The Rogues Gallery, mepaintsme.com
Depot, Boymans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands

2020

Listen to Your Eyes, Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands

2019

Comeback, Kunsthalle, Tübingen, Germany
Top Floor, Kunstmuseum, The Hague, Netherlands

2018

Warum Kunst, Museum Ulm, Germany

De Meest Eigentijdse Schilderijen Tentoonstelling, Dordrechts Museum, Dordrecht, Netherlands

2016

Beheaded, Richard Heller Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
KREW-WERK, Foksal Gallery Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
How Long Is Now?, KINDL, Berlin, Germany

2015

Spiegeloo, Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, Netherlands
Psychiart, State Gallery of Art, Sopot, Poland

2014

Surreële werelden, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands

2013

Stop Making Sense, Dordrechts museum, Dordrecht, Netherlands
Das doppelte Bild, Kunstmuseum Solothurn, Solothurn, Switzerland
Face to Face, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China

2008

Biennale van de Schilderkunst, Museum Dhondt Dhaenes, Deurle, Belgium

2007

Francis Alys, Philip Akkerman, Stephen Bush, Goff+Rosenthal, New York, NY

2006

The Kingston Turnpike, The Turnpike Gallery, Leigh, UK

2004

Other Aristocrats, Alexander and Bonin, New York, NY
Neue Ansichten vom Ich, Anton Ulrich Museum Braunschweig, Germany
Altered States, Leo Koenig Inc., New York, NY

2002

Selbstbildnisse, Tradition und Neue Sicht, Kallman Museum, Ismaning, Germany
Imagine, you are standing here in front of me, Museum Boymans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
From the Low Countries, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark

2001

Face off, Aeroplastics, Brussels, Belgium
Looking With/Out, The Courtauld Institute, London, UK
Sammlung Hauser und Wirth, Lokremise, St. Gallen, Switzerland

2000

The Insanity Benefit, Vilma Gold Gallery, London, UK
Das Gedächtnis der Malerei, Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau, Switzerland

Salon, Delfina Project Space, London, UK
De Voorstelling, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1998

From Here to Eternity, Max Protetch Gallery, New York, NY
It's a Curse, It's a Burden, The Approach, London, UK
Small Truths, Repetition and the Obsessional in Contemporary Art, Todd Gallery, London, UK
City Art Gallery, Leeds, UK

1997

Kunsteler/innen, Kunsthaus, Bregenz, Austria

1995

Inside out, Psychological Self-Portraiture, The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT

1994

Der zerbrochene Spiegel, Kunsthalle Wien and Deichtorhallen, Hamburg, Germany
Du concept à L'image, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France
Untitled Streamer Eddy Monkey Full Stop Etcetera, Anthony Reynolds Gallery, London, UK

1993

Any Given Day, John Post Lee Gallery, New York, NY
Akkerman, Van Lieshout, Jacobs, Strik, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
Medium Messages, Wooster Gardens, New York, NY
Negen, Witte de With, Center for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, Netherlands

1980

Ateliers 63, Museum Fodor, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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2026

Verbeek, Anke. "Stadstekenaar Philip Akkerman legt Den Haag vast voor de gewone Hagenaar: 'Ik wil dat mensen denken: hé, daar woon ik.'" *de Volkskrant*, 3 Aug. 2026. Print/Web.

2021

"Philip Akkerman: 'The Mirror Is My Greatest Teacher.'" *Gallery Viewer*, 31 Aug. 2021. Web.
Koomen, Kees. "REFLECTIE – Philip Akkerman – Het zelfportret als spiegel." *Jegens & Tevens*, 25 Aug. 2021. Web.

2020

Ribbens, Arjen. "Philip Akkerman: 'Alles wat ik maak, dat ben ik. Ook als ik lieg.'" *NRC Handelsblad*, 28 Oct. 2020. Print/Web.
Bogojev, Sasha. "Philip Akkerman, One of the Truly Unique Figures in the Global Art Scene." *Juxtapoz*, 5 Mar. 2020. Web.

2014

Zürcher, Sophia. "Philip Akkerman: Mysterie." *Kunstbeeld*, no. 9, 2014. Print.

2013

Sam, Sherman. "Philip Akkerman/Maria Chevaska." *Artforum*, Oct. 2013. Print/Web.

2011

Ting, Selina. "Philip Akkerman – The Akkermaniac Painter." *InitiArt Magazine*, 15 May 2011. Web.

2010

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2008

Robecchi, Michele. "Philip Akkerman." *Flash Art*, no. 260, May–June 2008. Print.

van der Elst, A. "Je bent jezelf een raadsel." *De Groene Amsterdammer*, no. 5, 2008. Print.

2006

Smallenburg, S. "Philip Akkerman: 'Wat wij nu schilderen is troep.'" *NRC Handelsblad M*, Apr. 2006. Print.

Evenhuis, A. "Het zelfportret als oeuvre – schilder Philip Akkerman is zijn eigen muze." *Trouw*, Sept. 2006. Print/Web.

2004

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2000

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1999

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Messler, Norbert. "Philip Akkerman." *Artforum*, Dec. 1992. Print/Web.

Stigter, B. "De mens heeft teveel hersenen." *NRC Handelsblad*, 15 May 1992. Print.

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Public Collections

Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands

Drents Museum, Assen, Netherlands

Ferens Art Gallery, Hull, UK

Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum, Braunschweig, Germany
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC
Kunstmuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, Leicester, UK
Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, Netherlands
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Museum MORE, Gorssel, Netherlands
Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands
Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed, Amersfoort, Netherlands
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
SCHUNCK Museum, Heerlen, Netherlands
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Teylers Museum, Haarlem, Netherlands
Today Art Museum, Beijing, China
Vrije Universiteit Art Collection, Amsterdam, Netherlands