

## HENK VAN PUTTEN

Amsterdam born artist Henk van Putten is a Dutch artist who calls India home. He settled in Auroville, Puducherry, in 2001. After his studies at the Technical School Amsterdam Henk worked as a designer at various studios and in 1965 he set up his own consultancy. From 1970 onwards he became an Independent designer and sculptor. Soon afterwards he started participating in exhibitions and art fairs across Europe. Some included the Art Basel-Cologne-Frankfurt, ASB Galleries London and Barcelona, PAN Amsterdam, Galleria Carl VanderVoort-Ibiza, Gallery Bozar-Antwerp and Gallery Am Zee-witzerland among many others

In 2014 his work 'Stretching' won the Liu Kaiqu Excellence Award, Wuhu, China. He works with various materials like steel, stone, bronze and wood from the building blocks of his sculptures and multi-dimensional objects.

He strongly believes that an exhibition is in complete without new work. He says "A reasonable human being should avoid situations of stress but it is striking how I willfully create, again and again, a lot of unnecessary tension by adding new pieces."

While constructing a new object, he ardently visualizes it in monumental proportions in his mind and chuckles at the wonderful vision while pondering about the different material possibilities for its realization.

He reckons that his profession is rather a strange mission as ideas appear at their own will at inconvenient times but they fulfill their purpose by keeping him engrossed with work.

### SOLO SHOWS:

1970 - Arti Domo, Deventer, The Netherlands

1972 - Galleria Carl VanderVoort, Ibiza, Spain

1978 - Museum Fodor, Amsterdam

1980 - Galerie de Sluis, Leidschendam, The Netherlands

1985 - ASB gallery, London

1985 - Avant Grade Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium



- 1985 - ASB gallery, Munich, Germany
- 1987 - Gallery Bozar, Antwerp, Belgium
- 1988 - Gallery Am See, Zug, Switzerland
- 1989 - ASB gallery, Barcelona, Spain
- 1989 - Museum van Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands
- 1992 - Gallery Liehrmann, Luik, Belgium
- 1992 - Gallery Amaryllis, Brussels, Belgium
- 1993 - Gallery Vieleers, Amsterdam
- 1993 - Gallery Professor Brummelkamp, Amsterdam
- 1994 - De VierdeDimensie, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 1996 - De VierdeDimensie, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 1997 - Gallery Carla Koch, Amsterdam
- 2000 - De VierdeDimensie, Nijmegen
- 2004 - De VierdeDimensie, Nijmegen
- 2007 - Gallery De Muelenaere and amp Lefevere, Oostduinkerke, Belgium
- 2009 - Gallery Art Stable, Presentation '40 paintings at the Asser institute' The Hague, Netherlands
- 2010 - SavitriBhavan with AgnusGastmans, Auroville
- 2011 - Gallery Art Stable, Amsterdam. The Netherlands
- 2013 - Gallery Carla Koch, Amsterdam. The Netherlands

**GROUP SHOWS:**

- 2005 - Gallery Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas, Auroville
- 2005 - Exhibition House, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry
- 2006 - Art World, Sarala's Art Centre, Chennai
- 2006 - Gallery Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas, Auroville
- 2007 - Cymroza Gallery, Mumbai
- 2008 - Harmony Art, Mumbai
- 2008 - Indus Vista gallery, Mumbai
- 2008 - Shilpataru Foundation, Pondicherry
- 2009 - Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas, Auroville
- 2011 - Art on Sunday, Auroville
- 2012 - Art on Sunday, Auroville
- 2012 - Geometric-abstract, Dom Umenia, Bratislava
- 2014 - Four generation of geometric-abstract art from The Netherlands

**FAIRS:**

- 1972, 1974, 1983, 1984 - Art Basel, Basel Switzerland
- 1983, 1984, 1993, 1995 – 1998 - Art Cologne, Cologne Germany
- 1995 - 2001 - Art Frankfurt, Frankfurt Germany
- 1984 – 1985 - Art Fair London, London UK
- 1991, 1992, 1999 - LINEART Ghent Belgium

1996 – 2005 - PAN Amsterdam, Amsterdam The Netherlands

1995 – 1997 - Holland Art Fair, The Hague The Netherlands

1995, 1997, 1999 - KunstRai, Amsterdam The Netherlands

2000 – 2002 - Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam The Netherlands

### **COMMISSIONED WORKS:**

1982 - Arnhem, The Netherlands

1982 - Sculpture for National Sports Centre Papendal

1984 - The Netherlands

1984 - Paper Press for Publisher Wolters Samson

1985 - London, UK

1985 – Sculpture for Herman Miller Furniture

1990 - Amstelveen, The Netherlands

1990 - Wall relief for Buma-Stemra

1994 - Woerden, The Netherlands

1994 - Time piece for the City Hall chamber

1995 - Amsterdam, The Netherlands

1995 - Floating sculpture for Spinhex Printers

1996 - Leiden, The Netherlands

1996 - Table and chairs for Leidengallery

1997 - Heemstede, the Netherlands

1997 - Light object for The Kuiper Group

1998 - Heemstede, The Netherlands

1998 - Balancing object for The Kuiper Group

1998 - Den Bosch, The Netherlands

1998 - Spring in stainless steel, SAP

2000 - Amersfoort, The Netherlands

2000 - Kinetic object for Wolter and amp, Dros, oeuvre award

**COLLECTIONS:**

Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Ibiza, Spain

City-collection, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

City-collection, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

BUMA-STEMRA, Amstelveen, The Netherlands

Museum Het Valkhof, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Museum Schloss Moyland, Bedburg-Hau- Germany

SAP Den Bosch, The Netherlands

Art parks International, Guernsey - UK