

MARK VERDOES



'PARTITIONS' - VIA ENERGETICA , 2013

Art installation with ceramic objects

"Put a spade in the ground and take out a part of mother earth. Look closely and see that the matter you have collected contains all that is needed to create anything you can imagine". Like the lotus that grows to heaven from mud or a Lingam showing power and potent fertility, this 'partition town' - made from earth - exists somewhere between Nadir and Zenith. It visualizes the 'Via Energetica' - "All is changing shape continuously".

The up to 75 individual pieces are ordered depending on available space and light conditions. All pieces are made from traditional Indian terra-cotta and finished by hand using different kind of materials, like mud, shellac, iron

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& marble powder, steel balls, natural indigo,
acrylics etc...

Above picture is an 'in studio' installation, it
shows about 40% of the individual partitions.

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According to Mark Verdoes (The Hague, 1960) art should be an experience that forces the mind to transcend the obvious. In his contemporary vision, Verdoes contemplates the position of human kind in the cosmos. His work is a reflection on how he perceives the world, in which all is changing shape continuously.

In his unique blend of techniques and materials, the guided coincidence plays a major role. Nature is the main driving force behind everything. He crafts the elements, eagerly using the unpredictability of air (heat) and water. Many of the required techniques have been developed in-studio, for example his methodology to integrate photography, paint and his unique procedure to capture the natural process of cracking mud.

Mark Verdoes started his career as a photographer for the magazines Esquire, Avantgarde and others. Following his need for artistic freedom made him into a versatile, multi-disciplinary artist with exhibitions from the early nineties onwards. Over time, he has built an oeuvre strongly inspired by the Tao and nature.

Education:

1997-1999 Fine Arts, Royal Academy of Arts, The Hague

1985-1988 Photographic design, MTS Photography & Photonica, The Hague

Mark Verdoes lives and works in the Netherlands.