press release

SASKIA OLDE WOLBERS

21 January – 26 February 2012 private view: Saturday 21 January 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Maureen Paley is pleased to present a new video work *Pareidolia* by Saskia Olde Wolbers in her third solo exhibition at the gallery. Recently shown in her solo exhibition *A Shot in the Dark* at the Secession, Vienna in 2011 this is the first London screening.

Pareidolia's narrative is based on the events surrounding the creation of Eugen Herrigel's book *Zen in the Art of Archery*. The German author's interpretation of Zen archery pivots on an incident he observed while living in Japan in the 1930s; the shooting of two arrows – one bisecting the other - by his eccentric archery master, Awa Kenzo, in a darkened hall. "It, the Divine, has shot!" the master allegedly exclaimed, although the presence of a translator has since been disputed, raising questions of subjectivity, interpretation and belief.

Pareidolia is told from the point of view of a fictional translator between the master and his German apprentice, and the translator's alter ego, a bird. The title points to the need for caution in storytelling: Pareidolia refers to the tendency of human perception to discover meaning in random structures. The film's visuals are shot inside model sets of a university lecture theatre, an archery hall and various traditional Japanese interiors that fold into themselves, alternated with animatronic birds drinking from dripping plants. The soundtrack is composed by Daniel Pemberton.

Saskia Olde Wolbers was born in The Netherlands in 1971. Recent solo exhibitions include *A Shot in the Dark* at the Secession, Vienna in 2011 (with accompanying catalogue), and at the Goetz Collection, Munich in 2010. Olde Wolbers has had previous solo shows at the Art Gallery of York University in Toronto and the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo. Other recent exhibitions have included *Monanism*, Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania; *The Cinema Effect: Illusion, Reality and the Moving Image*, Hirshhorn, Washington; and *Automated Cities*, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego. She lives and works in London.

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Education

1996	Chelsea College of Art & Design London MA Fine Art
1990	Rietveld Academy Amsterdam BA Fine Art
1989	Central St Martins School of Art & Design London Foundation course

Solo Exhibitions

(C) denotes that a catalogue was published in conjunction with the exhibition.

2012	Maureen Paley, London.
2011	Wiener Secession, Association of Visual Artists, Vienna, Austria, (C)
2010	Goetz Collection, Munich, Germany
2009	Automaton 01, Stichting HSL Amsterdam Centraal Station, Amsterdam.
2008	Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan. (C)
	Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, Canada. (C)
	Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan
	New Media Series, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis
2007	Maureen Paley, London.
	Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal.
2006	The Falling Eye, Stedelijk Museum CS, Amsterdam.
2005	Trailer, South London Gallery, London.
	Trailer, AGNSW (Art Gallery of New South Wales).
2004	Maureen Paley, London.
	Baloize Prize 2003 SMAK, Gent, Belgium.
	Now that part of me has become fiction, Kunsthalle St Gallen (C).
2003	Statements, Art Basel - Galerie Diana Stigter.
	Lightbox, Art Now Film & Video Tate Britain.
	Now that part of me has become fiction, Museum Het Domein, Sittard The Netherlands (C).
	Placebo, Transmission Lower Floor Gallery, Glasgow.
	Interloper, Galerie Diana Stigter Amsterdam.
2002	Büro Friedrich Berlin.
	Gallerie Laura Pecci Milan.
2000	Gallery Tydehalle, Helsinki.
2000	Mind-set, Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam (C).
	Cosmos, Institut D'Art Contemporain Geneve.
1000	Day-Glo, Gallery Herold, Bremen.
1999	Huis in Park Ostermann-Petersen, Kopenhagen.
1998	Cross Currents Gallery 291, London.

Group Exhibitions

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2011	Monanism, Museum of Old and New Art, Tasmania (C)
	John Kaldor Family Collection, AGNSW, Sidney, Australia (C)
	The Cinema Effect: Illusion, Reality, and the Moving Image, Caixa Forum, Barcelona /
	Madrid, Hirshhorn exhibition touring exhibition
2010	In What We Trust, Art Miami (C)
	For Real, video art in public space, Hasselt / Maastricht

Dying in spite of the miraculous, Gertrude Contemporary

Melbourne International Arts Festival

A Bluebird in My Head, National Gallery Harare, Zimbabwe

Deception of the Eye, Special Effects in Contemporary Art, Kunsthalle Wilhelmshaven, Germany (C) 2009 Manipulating Reality, Centro di Cultura Contemporanea Strozzina, Florence, Italy (C) Heaven, 2nd Athens Bienal, Athens (C) Automated Cities, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego (C) Stressed Spaces, KW14, s'Hertogenbosch (C) Virtuoze Zinsbegoochelingen, Stedelijk Museum Schiedam 2008 Four Thursday Nights: Creative Imagination, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen. The Cinema Effect: Illusion, Reality, and the Moving Image, Part I: "Dreams", Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C. Space Now, Space Studios, London. 2007 Genesis: Life at the end of the information age, Centraal Museum, Utrecht. Love and Politics, in a minor key, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul. Stop, Look and Listen, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, New York, 2006 Visibilities: Between Facts and Fictions, Edith Russ Site for Media Art, Oldenburg. 2005 "The Plain of Heaven", The High Line, organised by Creative Time, New York, (C). The British Art Show 6, Hayward Gallery Touring exhibition. (C). two by two, FOR AIDS AND ART, Sotheby's auction, 2005 (C). 2004 Into My World / Recent British Sculpture, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Connecticut (C). WonderHolland. Mercati di Traiano, Rome (C). Real World Theatre - encapsulated in life, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh (C). Becks Futures, ICA, London (C). Another Zero, L'Arte Enterprize Museum, Bergamo (C). Bloom Govett-Brewster Contemporary Art Museum, New Zealand (C). Vis/Vitalis, Centraal Musem, Utrecht. 2003 Displaced, Armand Hammer Museum Los Angeles (C). Fast Forward, Media Art Sammlung Goetz, ZKM, Karlsruhe (C). Shine, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam (C). Turbulence, Museum voor Moderne Kunst, Arnehm (C). Anti-Pure, Kunsthalle St Gallen / Ursula Blicke Stiftung (C). Models en Mavericks, Museum Het Domein Sittard, Nano, Gallerie Fraich Attitude, Paris (C). Wonderland, Artspace, Auckland. 2002 Reality Check, British Council touring video show Slovenia, Prague, London, Zagreb, Cracow, Riga (C). 20202, Galerie Diana Stigter, Amsterdam Prix de Rome Award film & video Montevideo, Amsterdam (C) 2001 Casino SMAK, Gent, Belgium Tirana Biennial National Gallery of Albania UK (C) New Acquisitions, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam Nuove Scene dall'Olanda, Museo Castello di Rivoli, Italy screening Echt Kunstraum Walcheturm, Zurich Insider Trading, Mandeville Hotel London 2000 Pusan International Contemporary Art Festival screening In Your Dreams, FA1 gallery London El mes de holanda, Museum of contemporary Art Buenos Aires screening Soft City Word Image, Sound House London Include me out, Provost Space London I'm Really Sorry, Gallery Luciano Inga-Pin Milan Nowhere Fast, Century Gallery London 1999 New Work, UK Chisenhale gallery London (installation with Sigalit Landau) Remote Sensing, The Living Art Museum Reykjavik Coffee Time, Crowbar London - Bookshow Day-Glo, Veemvloer / World Wide Video Festival, Amsterdam (C) Huis in Park Ostermann-Petersen, Kopenhagen Passion, Gasworks London Cave, Sali Gia London

Videarte, Mexico City - screening Festival do Fim Lisbon - screening

Impakt Festival Utrecht - screening

Homebrew: visions, optics and eye-rotics, Lux Centre, London - screening

1998 *Pandemonium*, festival of the moving image, Lux Centre, London

Light, De Vaalserberg, Rotterdam - screening Hedah Cinema Hedah, Maastricht - screening

Videonale 8 Bonnerkunstverein Internationaal Video Festival, Germany

Adhocracy, Gallery Herold, Bremen

Home Case Study, Skuc Gallery, Ljublijana, Slovenia

Ladies Smoking, St Pancras, London

20 years of digging, De Begane Grond, Utrecht Huis in Park Ostermann-Petersen, Amsterdam

1997 Travel Light, Birmingham Art Trust

World Wide Video Fest Volksbuhne, Berlin International Video Festival

First Base Award, ACAVA, London

Curatorial Projects (selection committee)

2009 Bloomsberg New Contemporaries 2009, A Foundation, London, touring to Cornerhouse,

Manchester, (C)

2006 Blink, Gasworks, London.

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