



ACADEMY GARDEN – the garden as a work of art

Workshop Andre Dekker, artist collective OBSERVATORIUM (Rotterdam NL, 1998)

October 10 – 20 2023

The workshop is part of the regular program of the master program of department of sculpture and is open to students of design, painting and sculpture.

Program

10 – 13 October

Cleaning the yard

Survey of soil, roots, former use, future use

Interviews with owners, users, and neighbours

Defining growth, plant life, water, sunlight, soil, maintenance

Defining atmosphere, use, works of art, architecture, murals, communication

Harvesting used materials

12 – 14 October

Weekend: rest, reflect, new energy, refreshing ideas



15 – 20 October

Final design in collaborative effort

Collecting materials

Construction, painting, printing

Lecture Andre Dekker

Inauguration

International artists like Finlay, Monet, St Phalle, Jarman, Holzer, LeRoy, Noguchi, Armajani,

Nolde, Hepworth have realized gardens as a living entity as a work of art. Plants, roads, walls, sculpture, murals, text, architecture and sculpture are all part of the garden.

Students from the disciplines space (sculpture), image (painting) and word (design) create a garden providing a place for plant growth, maintenance, reflection, joy and beauty which places itself in the tradition of city gardens and embankments of Ljubljana. In earlier years gardens and monuments expressed political events or f.i. the drainage works of the river Ljubljanica. The academy garden expresses the will to combine academia, art and the living environment.

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