

Sasha Dees

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Lives and works in Amsterdam and New York

Work experience:

- *1998 – Present*
Founding director [SDPM](#) and [John106](#) (with Philip Powel) international production companies for all art disciplines, focus on emerging, international and interdisciplinary art.
- *1991 – 1998*
Freelancer: cultural producer, consultant and artist manager in performing arts.

Publications:

By Sasha

2016 Bridge Art & Text – Karen Blixen Museum publication
2016 Jamaica Flux 2016
2014 → contributing writer [Africanah](#)
contributing writer [Trendbeheer](#)
2014: Imago Mundi - Caribbean Together Apart
2013: contributing writer Free Pass Magazine
2012→ contributing writer [ARC Magazine](#)
2008-2009 contributor Couscous Global global web network
2008 CrimeJazz 10 years 1998 – 2008 (with Philip Powel)
2005 CrimeJazz CD (with Philip Powel)

On Sasha:

2012 Fresh, Bold, & so def women, 100 influential women in Hip Hop by Martha Diaz (New York University)
2009 Put your dreams first, how to handle your (entertainment) business by Thembisa Mshaka
2009 Smoelwerk De ontwikkeling van HipHop in Nederland 1999-2009

THE NETHERLANDS (1991 → present)

Performing Arts

- 91-94: Prepre Theater – producer
- 96-03: Made in da Shade – producer
- 97-02: Jorgen Raymann - producer/manager
- 98-08: CrimeJazz words poetry & beyond – producer / programmer
- 01-05: ACT Theater Festival – international programmer
- 01-06: Urban Myth – consultant
- 03-13: MCTheater / TokoMC – international consultant
- 10 → BIRD – music/film program consultant
- 13: Koos – Bellevue Amsterdam/mugmetdegoudentand - research

Film/TV

- 97-98: On Track – hiphop magazine – MTNL - producer
- 97-00: MTNL acquisitive & publicity
- 98: Marival documentary – F. de Rooy - producer
- 98-03: de Balie – programmer special events (black films)
- 98-11 [Africa in the Picture film festival](#) – programmer
- 99-00: Comedy Factory – NPS – scout
- 00: Da Bounce filmnights - scout
- 03: Sci-fi Noir – Double Talk – filmprogrammer
- 03-09: Black Soil film festival – founding director (producer and programmer)
- 05: Firmeza Total – Koolhaas/MTV – exec. Producer
- 06: Straight outa Turkye – Koc/MTV – exec. Producer
- 08-12 Streetscience urban festival – programmer film
- 10: Africa in the Picture film festival – interim directeur (juli – januari)
- 13-> Witte Dieren –experimentele film- producer
- 15/16 Progress vs Regress – documentaire Melanie Bonajo – producer

Visual Arts

- 00: Chinese Whispers I - Right About Now – live paint performance - producer
- 03-04: International Court – multimedia Blunoise / McCallum & Tarry - producer
- 04: DistrictQ – Locus 010 – exhibition
- 05: DistrictQ – Loods6/museumnacht – exhibition
- 06: DistrictQ – W139 – exhibition
- 07: Project7002 – Boymans van Beuningen – video installation - exec. Producer
- 10-14: OAZO-AIR- Artists in Residence – founding curator
- 11: Illustratie Bienale – consultant
- 11: Sharing Identities – exhibition – co-curator with Renske de Jong
- 12: Amsterdam in Front of You – exhibition – co-curator with Lena Davidovich
- 12: Be You – CBK Amsterdam - exhibition – co-curator with Renske de Jong
- 13: Free Spirits – CBK Amsterdam – exhibition – co-durator with Renske de Jong
- 13: Yana Dimitrova – CCE – exhibition
- 14: Wanderlust – CBK Amsterdam - exhibition
- 15: (t)huis – CBK Amsterdam – exhibition
- 16 Unland – CBK Amsterdam – exhibition
- 16 Overvloed – videoinstallatie - producer
- 16 visiting curator/critic – Gerrit Rietveld Akademie

06-09: Alliance Sociale – Network events for the creative industry – producer

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USA (2000 → present)

Performing Arts / New Media

01-06: Gabri Christa/DanzAisa – producer

06-09: Meditations with the Goddess – Rha Goddess – producer

Film/TV

99: Surinamers in NY – MTNL – research

00: Women in divorce battle on tour – VPRO – locations

01: E Minha Cara (That's my Face) – Harris/Sundance Channel – line producer

01: Vara – research (09/11)

02: Wassup goes Bronx – Spohr/MTNL – producer

03-04: Mr. Right– Dree Andrea – research/preproduktie

04: Couscous & Cola – Nevejan/BNN – research / line producer (*Emmy nomination*)

05: Saint of Avenue – Alberta/BET - producer

06: Twins of Mankala – da Silva/PBS – research / producer

07: Over the Hill (Beperkt Houdbaar) - Bergman/VPRO – line producer

08: Bloody Mondays and Strawberry Pies – Schrijber/IKON – line producer

Awarded gouden kalf (Dutch Oscar) Best Documentary

09: Say My Name – Peled/NPS – research / line producer

11: Pauw & Witteman – research

11: Memories – KRO – research

14: The Groove of Joseph Bowie – van Erven Doorens / BO – line producer

Visual Arts / New Media:

01: Chinese Whisper II – Chelsea Art walk - exhibit

02: Chinese Whisper III – New Museum – exhibit (+ educational youth program)

09-16 My American Dream – Sietske Tjallingii – serie of short artfilms – producer

10-12 Mondriaan Foundation advisor for USA and Caribbean

11: Antonio Guzman – Rush Arts Gallery

11-12: Negotiating Identity – CCCADI – advisor

11→ visiting curator/critic Residency Unlimited, Brooklyn

12: Piertopolis – Corridor Gallery – curating consultant

12: Faces of Curacao – Residency Unlimited - exhibition

14→ visiting curator/critic – Art Omi, Ghent

(Advisory)Boards:

Gabri Christa/DanzAisa; HipHop Theaterfestival; Black Lily Music & Filmfestival;

Chris Elam/Misnomer, Organic Magnetics

Panels/Committees:

2004: Theater Resources Unlimited (TRU)

2005: Hip Hop Theater festival

2006: APAP

2007: Black Lily Film & Music festival

2010: Department of Cultural Affairs Los Angeles – CEI (international grant)

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SURINAME

Producer, tour management, fundraising and educational program

Performing Arts (Theater/Dance)

- 94: Al(lochtoon) gaat met Au(tochtoon) - PrePre- Theater Thalia
- 94: Theater Thalia consulting international exchange
- 95: Orgeade Overzee - Bodil de la Parra/ C. Mout - Theater Thalia (fundraising)
- 96: Booyaka!Booyaka - Made in da Shade - Cultural Centrum Suriname (CCS)
- 97: Hoofden van Oayapok – DNA – Theater Thalia (consultant)
- 98: Fresh Wagon & Eric van Sauers – CCS e.a.
- 98: Kotabra - Jorgen Raymann - Theater Star
- 99: Angel - Made in da Shade – CCS
- 99: Seven Arts / Frank Wijdenbosch – Unique Theater (consultant)
- 00: De Dood en het Meisje – Thalia/H.Kamperveen (consultant)
- 00: Hal4/Digital Playground research trip in Suriname with directors
- 01: Seven Sins – Hal4/Rotterdams Lef - Theater Thalia / PepSur
- 02: Vaders - SDPM - tour in elementary schools Paramaribo and districts/interior
- 03: YeYe & Immi-G - Gabri Christa/Danzaisa (US) – CCS
- 04: Jalaani & the lock – Lorenzo Pace – KIT/Urban Myth – NAKS (concept/consultant)
- 06: Slangenvel – Orkator – Thalia (consultant)

Music

- 94: Harto Soemodihardjo - Suripop CD
- 96: Fra Fra Sound
- 97: Fra Fra Big Band
- 98: Kaseko Revisited
- 98: Sur5
- 99: Derick & Etienne Stadwijk (NL/US)
- 99: Terese Ines (Brazil/US)
- 99: Philip Hamilton (US)

Literature/Music

- 07: CrimeJazz words poetry & beyond - erfenis der slavernij
- 09: CrimeJazz words poetry & beyond

Visual Arts:

- 16: 25 Jaar Surinaamse Kunst – Readytex Art Gallery, curator

VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL

- 04-10: Kiasma Museum / URB festival – Helsinki Finland – programmer film
- 05-06: Nova – Gent/Brussel Belgium – program advisor
- 05: Crossing waters and borders down memory lane – Cork Ireland – curator/participant
- 05-08: BASS/Punch – Manchester – advisor
- 06-07: Rising Styles festival – Brighton UK – programmer film / advisor
- 06: Hip Hop Festival – Curacao / NA – programmer film
- 09: Grolsch Festival – Sofia, Bulgaria – programmer film
- 10→ Alice Yard – Trinidad/Tobago – collaborator/curator in residence
- 10-12: Rokkumentti – Joensuu Finland – programmer film
- 11-12: Roots & Wings – photo exhibition Brighton, UK and tour – consulting curator
- 11 Zo'la – film Philip Rachid – Koerdistan, producer
- 11→ UniArte – Mentor/consultant – NL/Curacao
- 12 Curator in Residence, Alice Yard, Trinidad
- 13: Curator in Residence Projects & Space Barbados
- 14: Curator in Residence, Alice Yard, Trinidad
- 14: Juror AKRAI Residency, Sicily, Italy
- 16: Visiting curator UniArte, Curacao
- 16: Visiting curator Danish Art Foundation