Iridescence and the Rising Wave
Iridescence and the Rising Wave includes all artists from our exhibitions to create an ever-expanding downloadable exhibition that gives an intimate behind the scenes peek into practices and exhibition making. Iridescence and the Rising Wave is between the online and the hand-made, a project that sits between (or outside) the ‘online/offline’ binaries of our contemporary moment.

Iridescence and the Rising Wave includes images from the ‘behind the scenes’ process of Shimmer; hand developed in a makeshift darkroom: the unwrapping, the installing and the decision making with the artist onsite, or online. Alongside this, we have invited Rotterdam based architect Dirk Ozinga to draw the artworks from the digital documentation into vector drawings with precision and care. Adding to the expanding exhibition of film photos and vectors, each artist sends a fragment of their studio; a scan (pressed flowers, dried orange peel) or lyrics to a song; text, recipe, affirmation, shopping list and so on.

In our first iteration of the downloadable exhibition, we include works by international and Rotterdam artists from our recent exhibition Higher! Higher! Lower, Lower! Louder! Louder! Softer, Softer. As the project progresses photos, drawings, past exhibitions such as Ever!, Post-Solar, Our Time Together Is Uncertain, LW/LW, and our future exhibition World as Lover, World as Self will be added.

Image description: Black and white photograph of Shimmer’s interior. There are several people standing and sitting waiting for an event to begin.
A scan from Reinier Vrancken's studio, 2020
A scan of a lined piece of paper upon which a Reinier's current reading list has been written in black ink.
From Gordon Hall’s studio wall, 2019
Colour photo of Gordon Hall’s studio wall
Upon the wall are references for new works and references to old works.
From Gwenneth Boelens's studio, 2020
Colour photo of three sprigs of deep green mugwort hanging from a loom to dry.

Gordon Hall, Set (IX), 2020, cast concrete, 24 ×16 ×6 cm

Image description:
Black and white photographs of Shimmer's kitchen and common area.
Kate Newby, *You can do hard things*, 2020
Seven colour photos taken on a walk from Utah to Iowa (while Kate’s artworks were installed at Shimmer)
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Joseph Grigely, Conversations With The Hearing (1994/2020), #2 of #5, 15×10.5×0.1 cm

From Zarouhie Abdalian’s Studio, 2020
Colour photo of glass calibration slides leaning against frosted windows

Image description:
black and white photograph of Shimmer’s interior with a long sheet of paper on the floor ready to be turned into an artwork by Gordon Hall. Nearby the door length of paper is three plinths of different sizes holding three works by Zarouhie Abdalian.
Scans from Liu Chao-tze's Studio; 2020
Scans of Chao-tze's Zongzi recipe written by her hand in Taiwanese Mandarin.
From Shanta Rao’s Studio, 2020

Colour photo of an ornate cast metal tray

Image description:
Black and white photographs of Shimmer’s interior. Vegetables are being prepared for “Cooking together, Eating together” during LW/LW, with Louwrien Wijers and Lawrence Weiner, 2019.
From Eloise Sweetman's Studio, 2020

Colour photo of glass orb with a flower inside.

Shanta Rao, Untitled, 2018, Polymer paint, 120 x 140 x 0.2cm

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Black and white photographs of Shimmer’s interior full of people listening to Dr. Cissie Fu as she gives a talk on “How To Enter An Encounter” for Sunday Morning With Dr. Cissie Fu.

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Colour photo of the corner of a tiled platform. Upon the platform are a pair of sculpted feet and legs partially in view. Behind is a deep orange wall.
Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior full of people listening to Dr. Cissie Fu as she gives a talk on "How To Enter An Encounter" for Sunday Morning With Dr. Cissie Fu.

Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior. Most of the image is taken up by a. r. Nef's Gonfable, 2013 by Ian Kiaer. His artwork is transparent with sections of light brown. It is almost inflated to capacity. An old fan stands upright blowing air to inflate the artwork.

Black and white photograph of a lily that is out of focus.

Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior full of people listening to Dr. Cissie Fu as she gives a talk on "How To Enter An Encounter" for Sunday Morning With Dr. Cissie Fu.
A colour photo of thin pieces of cardboard forming a sphere-like object. It leans against a piece of neutral fabric and a wooden worktop.

Marcel Duchamp, Coffee Mill, 1911/1947, work-on-paper in frame, 21 cm x 29.7 cm x 2 cm

From Ian Kiaer's Studio, 2020
A colour photo of thin pieces of cardboard forming a sphere-like object. It leans against a piece of neutral fabric and a wooden worktop.
Gordon Hall, Set (VIII), 2020, cast concrete, 15×14×3 cm

Image description:
Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior. In the image are the boxes packed to send back to an artist, behind it are the archive boxes that will hold Shimmer's archive one day.

Image description:
Black and white photograph of the letters S, E, A. From Lawrence Weiner's work "A Wall Built to Face The Land & Face The Water (At Sea The Level of the Sea)"

Image description:
Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior. Vegetables are being prepared for "Cooking together; Eating together" during LW/LW, 2019.
From Ma Qiusha's Studio, 2020

left: Colour photo of dried bugs that have accumulated on the studio floor
right: Colour photo of animal leavings found on the floor.

Image description: Black and white photograph of Shimmer's interior. Vegetables are being prepared for “Cooking together; Eating together” during LW/LW, 2019.
Theo van Doesburg, Colour Harmony IV, 1921, Collage and Gouache. 9×8.5cm.

Image description: Black and white photograph of Shimmer’s interior. There is a bench topped with a vase of flowers. Behind it is a frame with several polaroid photos documenting the action by Malin Arnell in 2018.

Image description: Black and white film photograph of Shimmer’s interior. Most of the image is taken up by aRj Nef; gonfable, 2013 by Ian Kiaer. Behind it a man is examining a Marcel Duchamp work, while another man walks past the camera taking off a glove.
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On the edge of Rotterdam’s port, Shimmer is an exhibition space that operates with an ever-changing studio-like mentality where knowledge arises through participation and experimentation. Alongside the exhibitions are platforms such as the events program Sunday Mornings and the online mixtapes On the Waves, as a means to move through personal and public space. Shimmer is co-initiated by Eloise Sweetman and Jason Hendrik Hansma.

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