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**#VISUAL IDENTITY #RESEARCH** ORGANISING BY DESIGN

#HUMAN CENTERED #STRATEGIC

# VISUAL CULTURE & LANGUAGE

#SPECTACULAR CONCEPTUAL

The Studio for Visual Pop.

branding, identity design

**Culture** is a studio for

and design research.

With our background in

and design thinking, we

solutions made for the

future.

marketing-communication

create conceptual, strategic

and human centered design

Together we will to find your

authenticity and purpose,

effective and spectacular

We use our own critical

curiosity and custom made

design methods to explore,

unravel and analyse your

The Studio for Visual Pop.

**Culture is founded by Mark** 

Mulder; a graphic designer,

and cultural organiser

who lives and works in

design researcher, educator

Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

business and the visual

world it is part of.

and develop this into

conceptual work.

#CRITICALLY CURIOUS

#MAKE IT POP.

#MARKETING #REMIX STRATEGIES

#ANALYSIS #PURPOSE #CONTEXT

WHAT WE DO

2024

Studio.

design maturity.

1. INTRODUCTION

In our first meeting, we

explore the possibilities of

our collaboration; how the

ambition and potential of the

client match with the skills,

Topics The project and its origin story; references and inspiration;

Practical Time and planning;

budget; possible outcomes.

WHAT MAKES IT POP?

With empathy and critical

fascinations, professional

ambitions and ideological

motivations meet.

2. BRIEF > DEBRIEF

curiosity, the Studio looks for

the sweet spot where personal

dreams and ambitions: limitations:

expertise and drive of the

Practical presentation of a

### WHAT MAKES IT POP?

Visual storytelling is essential. The Studio establishes a relationship between visual concepts and how that could be realised strategically.

We translate the results of the This phase is characterized first meeting, supplemented with additional input, into an brief/debrief in which we formulate the expectations of the collaboration.

Topics Tasks and roles in the collaboration; relevancy and limits of the project; ambition and fascination translated into challenges and action; research questions and topic; possible

Practical Document describing the different phases, including deadlines, presentation moments and costs.

### WHAT MAKES IT POP?

and are ambitious, realistic and

### **3. RESEARCH & ANALYSIS**

Topics Human centered field research (observation and participation); internal and external analysis; visual analysis; expert interviews: corporate culture.

insights of research and redefines the project and its challenges

### WHAT MAKES IT POP?

WHAT WE BELIEVE WHAT WE VALUE

### At the core of the Studio for Visual Pop.Culture is the drive to create.

AROUT

We use the life force energy of creativity to envision new worlds, to visualise new businesses and to reveal your identity. Creativity helps us imagine who we are in the world we live in.

### Good design transforms ambition into action.

The Studio for Visual Pop.Culture believes that good design gives people, communities and organisations the confidence to put their products or services out into the world. **Design that manifests** the drive and purpose. empowers and enables you to take the first step into the right direction.

### **Originality is innovation** by appropriation.

The Studio believes in the power of remix. Our designs do not stand alone. they are part of existing society and culture. We embrance that our work is indebted to popular culture, sociopolitical movements and art & design history. Our designs conceptually refer to, subvert or build upon this heritage to create something new.

### **Empathy & dialogue**

When we work on a project. we will work together. side by side. We value an open, honest and equal conversation. We approach a project and the people involved with empathy.

### **Critically curious &** purpose driven

For good design solutions, we have to be critically curious. Why do you do what you do? Are the assumptions that we both have true? Based on experience. intuition or research? To get to the founders energy we aim to find the intrinsic motivation of your business.

### Methodology, analysis & process based design

In order to work as effective as we promise, the Studio makes use of a large variety of tools, methods and visual models. They help us to get to the point as quickly as possible.

### **Conceptual & strategic**

When we design, we always look for meaningful, visionary and urgent idea, that will be translated in a durable and strategic design made for the future.

### **Intellectual & accessible**

We love art, design, cultural and socio-political theory and history. We love to make theoretical ideas accessible through design. We love to appreciate and appropriate visual culture.

### **Authentic & loyal**

When you engage with the Studio for Visual Pop.Culture, you get a loyal partner that does not hold back and will get the job done.

The Studio for Visual **Pop.Culture creates** brands & strategies. visual identities, editorial designs and research projects.

We design, research, educate and organise. We create, produce, observe and collect. We analyse, write, lecture, moderate, coach, learn and share. We conceptualize, strategize and visualize.

Over the past years, the Studio for Visual Pop.culture has designed: album covers; animation; appropriations; archives; art poster; articles (text); banners; balloons; blog; booklets; brand design; brand guides: brochures: business cards; buttons; calendars; (post)cards; car lettering; certificates; coins (commemorative); collections; concept books; conversations; curricula; dialogue sessions; documentation; do-it-yourself manuals; editorial design; essays (visual); events; exhibitions; flyers; folders; forms; gatherings; guidebook/ guidelines; identity toolkits; identity design; indexes; infographics; information design; interventions; interviews; invitations; jewellery; lectures; lesson plans; logo's; manuals; mappings; merchandise; newsletters; newspapers & journals; patches; posters; presentations; process and evaluation reports; promotional items; stands; stationary; stickers; social media templates; tablecloth; tape (signalling); templates; timelines; timetables; tote bags; tombstones; t-shirts; typefaces; vouchers; websites/shops; window lettering & dressing; workshops.

Some stuff that's on our wishlist: motion graphics, a clothing line, zeppelin, wallpaper, Al-generated images, a podcast, a documentary, a non-fiction book on visual remix strategies, and more.



## outcomes

### The expectations are described inspiring and leave room for exploration.

The purpose of this phase is to gain an understanding of the project, the client, the stakeholders, the competition, the market, the target group/ user and the context of the project.

Practical presentation that shares

### The Studio places an extra focus

on socio-political and pop.cultural trends and how they manifest themselves visually. We research the industry's visual language as part of cultural and historical context.



After feedback on the analysis, we start generating ideas that (and possible stakeholders) a conceptual direction is chosen

Topics Brand/core values; concept

selection of conceptual directions.

### **5. TACTICS & EXECUTION**

by the implementation of the conceptual and strategic directions into effective (media) products. The building blocks for the (brand) identity are the foundation of the strategic brand design that is able to grow and develop in the future.

Topics Identity toolkit or brand guide; communication tools & media products.

Practical Deadlines: instruction and guidance of production by third parties; planning & budget

### WHAT MAKES IT POP?

The Studio for Visual Pop. Culture loves to make designs that are beautiful, professional and detailed, with the sole purpose to turn it into an effective and spectacular conceptual work.

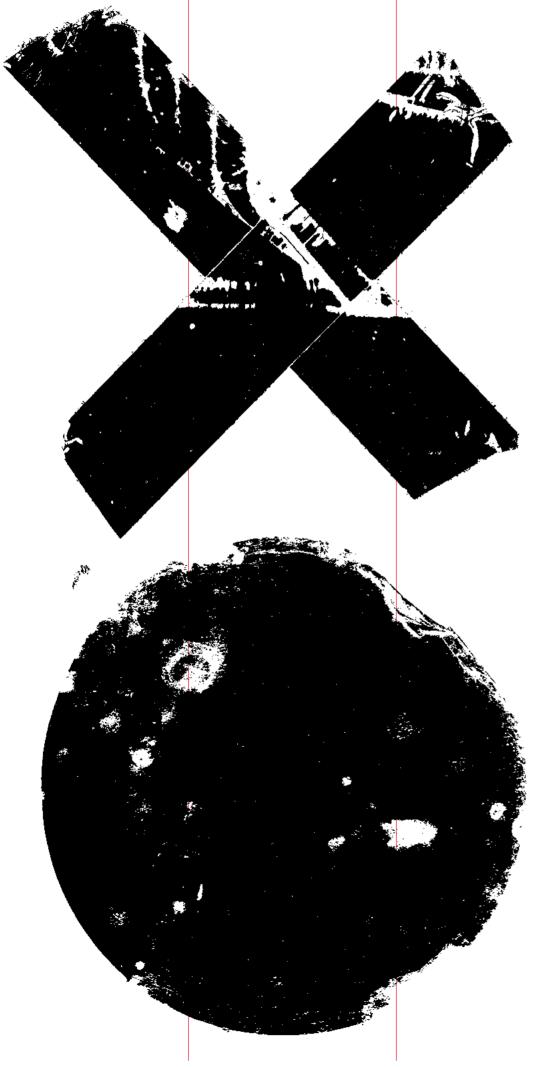


## THE STUDIO FOR VISUAL POP. CULTURE IS THE POLITICS OF MUSIC AND THE MUSIC IN POLITICS.

For the rebranding of Provocateur, a company that designs and produces luxury leather kink gear, we followed Roel Stavorinus' Strategic Brand Design Canvas. In the research and analysis phase we extensively made use of methods and models to engage and interact with Provocateur,

the kink market and competitors, the visual language of the BDSM genre and many kink communities. From this analysis, the defined brand values and core values evolved into a brand concept that centers around 'empowerment' and 'transformation'.

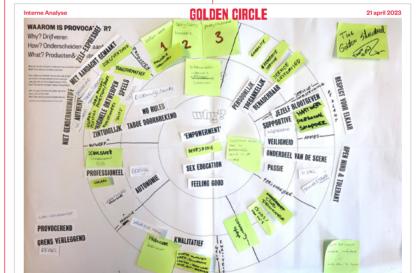
This concept was translated into visual, textual and conceptual building blocks of the brand identity, a campagne strategy and a loyalty program. We presented this in a brand guide that leaves room to grow and adapt into a future market.

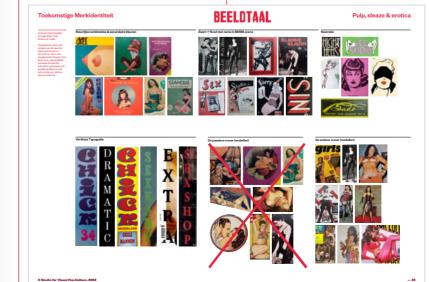


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Context analysis: vintage pulp. sleaze & erotica



Internal analysis: ame, origin, semiology and historical/political references















Future brand identity: Brand values & core values

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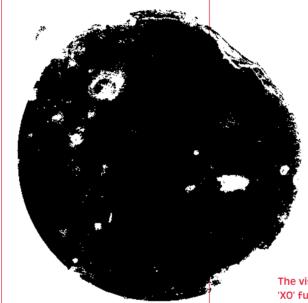






### PROPOSATEUR LEATHER BADASSERY





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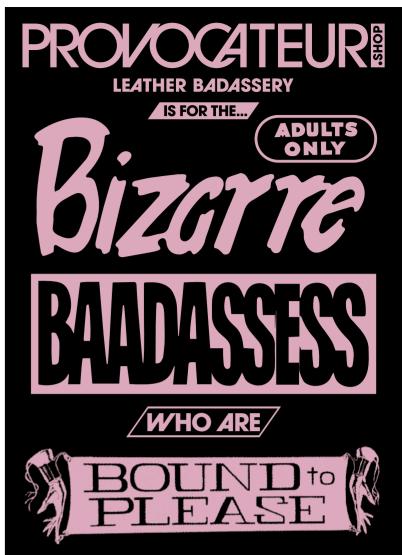
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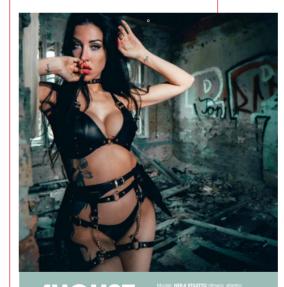


Loyalty: 2024 Calendar made for resellers, models and other stakeholders.



















## GIRIOS ANALYSE

RESEARCH ON REMIX STRATEGIES THROUGH THE **BIOGRAPHY OF** THE ICONIC IMAGE OF HUEY NEWTON

Huey Remixed is a research project that investigates how remix strategies are used in design, art and visual culture through the reproductions and appropriations of the iconic image of Huey P. Newton in a Rattan Chair. This project is rooted in the database of (160+) found footage

that we collected throughout many years of visual crate digging. The collection was the motivation for us to dive deeper into the footage itself and into the relationships between the different images. For us, it made sense to organise them first and foremost in chronological

order. The Timeline shows how the images follow each other and how they respond to their predecessors. We published this sequence in a book and a movie. Next to that, we made a tourshirt that emphasises the places the image travelled to.



Download the book

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On September 21, 1979, in Detroit (MI), USA, a photograph of George Clinton as Uncle Jam in a rattan chair, made by Diem M. Jones, was published on the cover of Funkadelio's Uncle Jam Wants You.



On June 19, 2017, in Hollywood (CA), USA, a movie poster of Chadwick Boseman as Marvel's Black Panther sitting on a throne was made by Art Mack



### 1967-1970: BLACK PANTHER PARTY & FREE HUEY!

FOUR STAGES IN THE LIFE OF A REVOLUTIONARY ARTWORK

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On May 15, 1967, in Emeryville (CA), USA, a photograph of Huey P. Newton in a rattan chair, composed by Eldridge Cleaver and (presumably) shot by Blair Stepp.

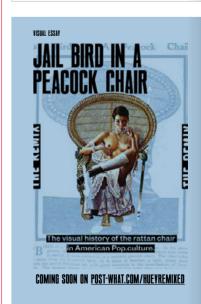
was published on page 3 of The Black Panther. Black TIONAL DEFINITION Community News Service, Volume I, Number 2.

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WHAT WE WANT NOW! WHAT WE BELIEV

On November 25, 2003, in USA, a photograph of Missys
'Misdemeanor' Elliot in a rattan ohair flanked by to
black women in black leather, made by Warwick Saint, was published on the back cover of the CD booklet o









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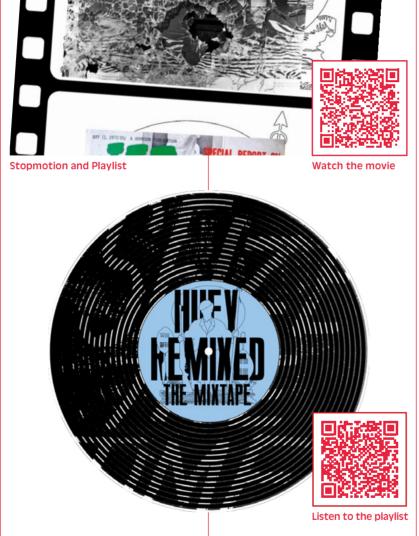


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Worldtour Tshirt with all tourdates on the back.







From: "A Timeline of Found Footage"



also noticed via the marketing campaign. From The Drum's article: "How Marvel's Black Panther marketing campaign married movie and

"As Variety reports, Black Panther has mobilized a grassroots marketing movement unlike any movie preceding it in the series. The film will be released during Black History Month, and our protagonist T'Challa shares a name with the Black Panther party of the 70s – although he was named before the group was formed. Nonetheless, the movie lands at a time when the Black Lives Matter movement and the visibility of POC talent in Hollywood especially is becoming prioritized by many,

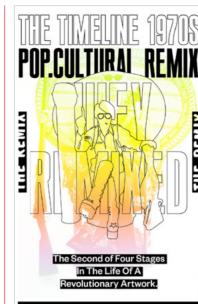
One of the first major stories to emerge around the film was a crowdfunding effort to ensure the Boys & Girls Club of Harlem could all secure seats to what will likely be a lasting role model in the superhero genre. The GoFundMe page said: "This ntation is truly fundamental for young people, especially those who are often underserved. unprivileged, and marginalized both nationally and globally."

[...]

The attachment of a Disney movie to a powerful social movement empowering black creatives, and audiences, has inspired some skepticism on Twitter.
Black Panther is after all a movie, designed to make a profit, produced by one of the largest companies in the world."

» Source: The Drum

From: "Huey's Re-Mix 2017: Chadwick Boseman'



Stage 2/4 In The Life Of A **Revolutionary Artwork:** 1970s-80s: Pop.Cultural **Appropriations** 

Through the process of re-chronologizing the collection, we distinguished four stages of the live of Huey in a rattan chair. Essential in the definition of the stages is the role of the author. Or, in other words, who is remixing the original image to tell their story?

Written by: Mark Mulder, 2022

Even though Huey and the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party banned the image from the Party's official communication strategy, it was in the public domain for the taking. In the 1970s and 80s, the image is appropriated by others than the Black Panther Party. The image moves from the political to the pop.cultural arena. New versions were made by music-and-magazine-cover-artists and photographers. This is the first moment that other artists use the image of Huey in a rattan chair as a template to build derivative work on. We see next to references to the struggle for black liberation (e.g. the cover art for Eddie Kendricks People... Hold On, 1971), a cynical caricature of the rattan chair on the cover of Tom Wolff's essay Radical
Chic (1971), that criticizes the role of white celebrities that affiliate themselves with black radical groups.

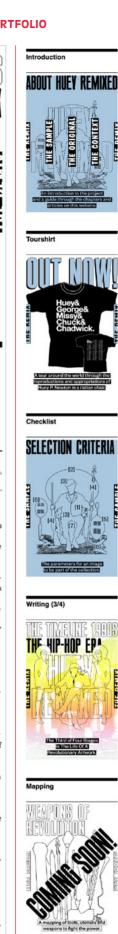
A <u>new original</u> was conceived through the album cover of Funkadelic's Uncle Jam Wants You, rescue dance music "from the blahs" (1972). The cover features a photo by Diem Jones of George Clinton in the role of Uncle Jam sitting in a rattan chair, with patent leather boots, holding a 'bopgun' in one hand and some sort of metallic-tube-with-globe (resembling a Van de Graaff generator) on the other side with the one-nation-under-a-groove flag in the background. This image is a humorous remix that teletransports the militancy of black liberation to the dancefloor (to rescue it "from the blahs"). On the inner sleeve, graphic artist Pedro Bell, turns Jones' version upside down and outer space and transforms Uncle Jam into the psychedelic sci-fi cartoon superhero sitting on a skull.

The rattan chair and the 1970s and 80s are undeniably linked to each other. In this age, the rattan chair has become a popular fashion prop, that transforms every person in it into a cool, hip and sexy superstar. From Al Green's I'm Still in Love With You (1972) to Francis Giacobetti's photo of Sylvia Kristel as Emmanuelle (1974), the examples are abundant. They are, however not always a distinctive reference to 'Huey in a rattan chair'. For that, we need more than the chair alone with a rebel or a person of color in it.

### From: "1970s: Pop.Cultural Remix"

Kathleen Cleaver: "This is a Black Panther, so there's a lot of African symbolism [...] it looks like a warrior". Emory Douglas: "An urban warrior!" Cleaver: "A BLACK URBAN WARRIOR! A Black Panther!... This was early, the Black Panther Party was very small when this picture was taken". (All Power to the People!, 2018)

"Newton is not an object controlled by Western colonists, [...] he acknowledges the centuries-long history of colonialism and threatens to break down the system itself." -Anna Gedal, 2015





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FOUND FOOTAGE



From: "A Black Urban Warrior"



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## PUPCULTURE S MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES IN AN ALEMANE FAREE

**VISUAL IDENTITY** 2021/2022 STUDIO FOR VISUAL POP.CULTURE **PORTFOLIO CAN! CREATIVE ACTION NOW** 

IDENTITY FOR A **FOUNDATION** THAT EMPOWERS UNPRIVILEGED YOUTH THROUGH

**CREATIVITY** 

During the first meeting with the founder of CAN! Creative Action Now! we defined the challenge of this project: there was a need for an identity that shows the professional values to the stakeholders and investors, and a desire to involve the people that

CAN is made for: urban youth in Rotterdam West. Fisrt, we made the communityand employees of CAN part of the design decision process. After that, we made a toolkit and guideline for the visual identity for other to work with. And third,

we designed workshops (such as a community paper) on ways to use the toolkit together with the community. Unfortunately, we could not realise the last part. But the identity remains and is now developed by the community.







Business card (front and back)

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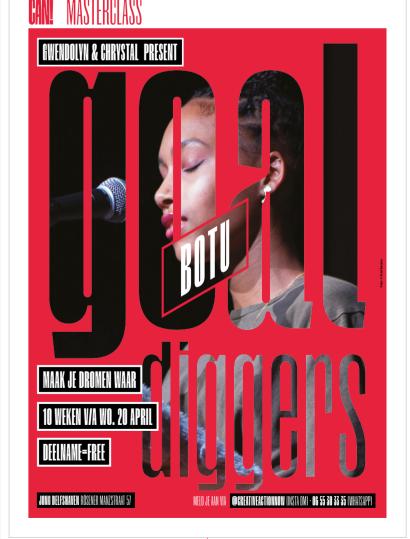


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HET IS EEN PLEK WAAR KLEINE BIJEENKOM Sten, workshops en vergaderingen Worden georganiseerd, waar nieuw Talent zigh ontwikkelt en bewoners Elkaar kunnen ontmoeten. Voel je welkom en doe meel



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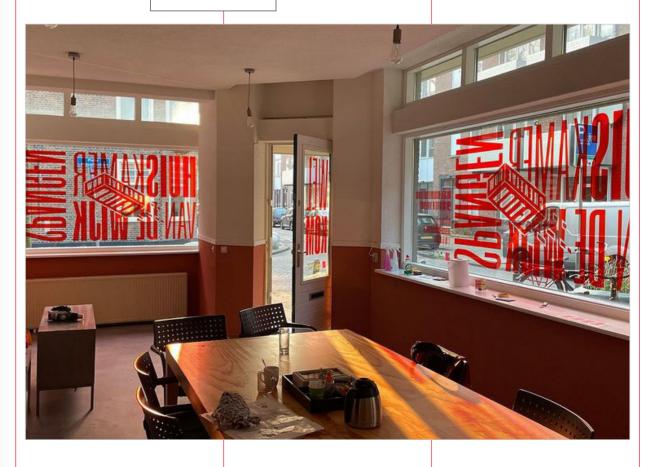
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## PUP GULTURE IS NOTA GOLLECTION OF IMAGES,

**ORGANISING BY DESIGN WILLEM DE KOONING ACADEMY** 2018-2020

PROGAMMATIC **DESIGN OF AN EXPERIMENTAL** AND CONNECTIVE **SPACE** 

With an awareness and appreciation of the historical heritage that was represented by the media-library, the Research Station took a turn away from the traditional theoretical approach of research towards an open, connective and experimental

space for students, faculty and research professors to explore what research could mean in art and design education. In the position paper we called it an interface where space, people, knowledge and program meet.

Activities include: positioning, management and programming of the space, curriculum development, creating network of collaborative educational partners, organising research projects, artdirection and exhibition design.



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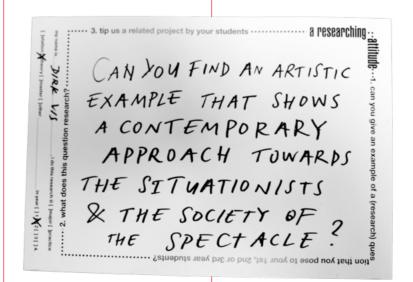






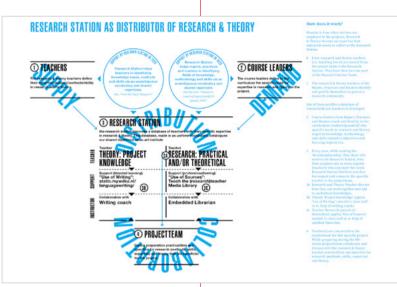


Workshop (i.c.w. Poster N°524)



A researching attitude: An inquiry on Research in art eductaion

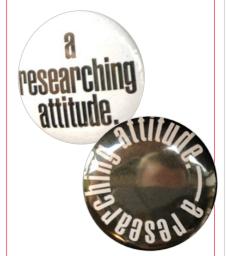




Proposal for re-organising research and theory



Interactive inquiry





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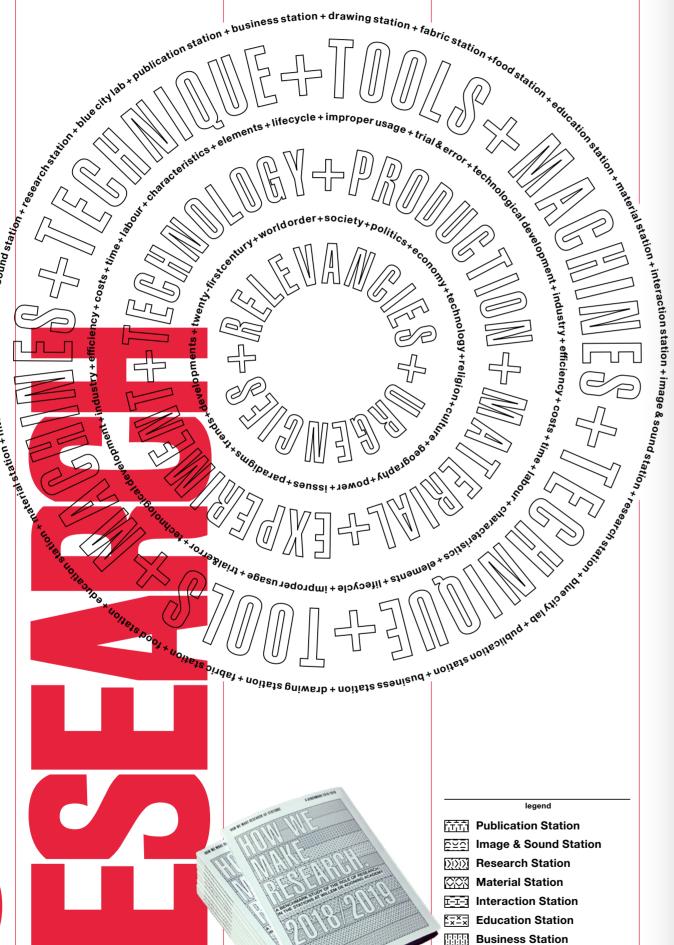
A BENCHMARK RESEARCH ON RESEARCH-**BY-MAKING** 

How We Make Research is a benchmark research initiated by Aldje van Meer (innovation manager Stations), the Research Station and PhD-candidate Critical Making Shailoh Phillips at the Willem de Kooning Academy.

How We Make Research consists of a series of interviews with station coordinators, documented in a booklet, an exhibition on display at the Research Station, and a series of conversations.

The goal of this project is show and share knowledge about research-by-making at the stations: to become aware of expertise, to find connections, to reflect on what research is and to strengthen collaborations.

Fabric Station Drawing Station **Blue City Lab** Food Station



We are trying to change the workshop from a place for production and execution, to a place where research through making can take place.

Spreads from the booklet



Exhibition

CRITICAL MAKING. RESEARCH.

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TU 18 JUNE TU 25 JUN. TU 25 JUN HYBRID CLOSING PUBLISHING EVENT



**Conversations & presentations** 

The 'Hollander' is designed to shred paper, but we use it to shred all kinds of materials. Students are able to make fabrics from anything, for example leaves and plants.

That's the biggest job we have; taking different 불 tools to see what they can produce together. It is research as an attempt to anticipate needs, a kind of appropriatability research.

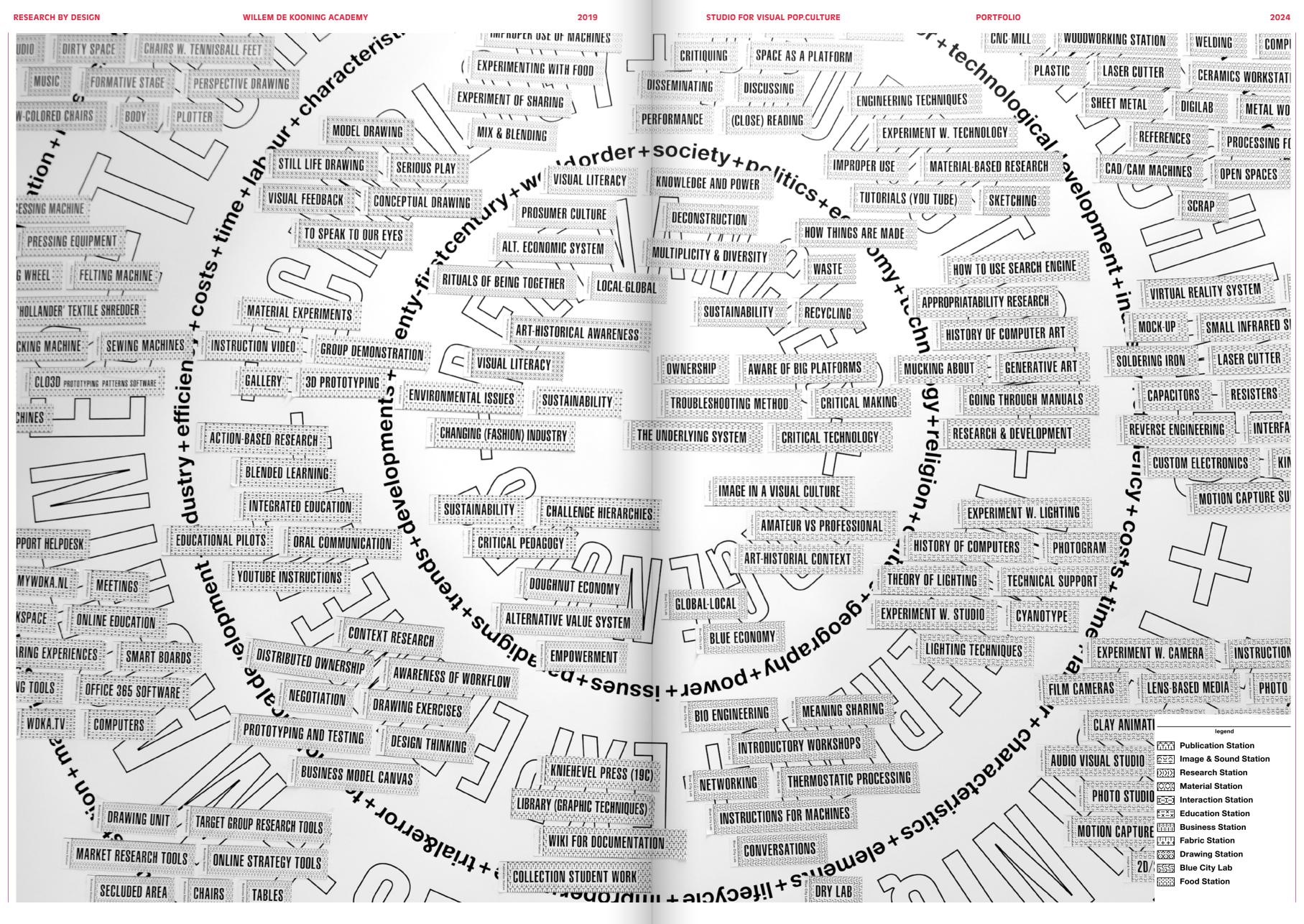
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**VISUAL IDENTITY** 

**ACTION BASED** 

**FOR CRITICAL** 

SAFE SPACES

**VISUAL IDENTITY** 

CREATING 010

The signaling tape made of

WdKA Makes a Difference is an action based research project interested in the possibilities of decolonial approaches within art education. Research Professor Nana Adusei-Poku initially asked the Studio for Visual Pop.Culture to design a reader —a collection of research articles made for

students— to close of the project and present it at a closing event. Next to the reader, we designed an identity toolkit that work as a call to action and an invitation for the future generation of students. faculty and management to embrace decolonial practices to reach an inclusive art school.

compound words becomes a tool to demarcate safespaces for open and critical dialogue, and a leitmotiv for the do-it-yourself



# Compound words on the tape

Introduction or on the danger of "acting normal"

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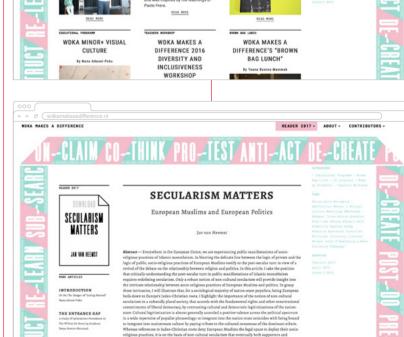
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