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*A while ago, not far from here, in the stormy story sewer, swam a hungry fish with keen fins and greedy gills, eating what she found: fact or fict, she didn't care. Seaweeds, seawords, swords, mouldy pirates' t-shirts, she ate it all up. From sky high to hell low, bible to belly, fairytop to fairytail, she swam and ate and swam and ate. Occasionally red faced pleasure cruise passengers would throw tiramisu or pieces of flame grilled steak overboard for her. Once she got caught on a fisherman's hook but she escaped with a scar to prove it. After several years she looked back at her body and realised she was no longer a fish but a ship with huge funnels and roaring engines and greasy cabins. Appalled at this cumbersome situation, she resolved to lose excess baggage, and cough cough bleurgh, she spewed out the entire contents of her body. Then she swam off. Two restaurant managers who happened to be out sailing in the sewers, came upon the potent smelling remains of the fish's insides. The bottled it up and became very rich selling fish sauce.*

Fishra uses film and music to tell old stories and tell them again, fresher: Niche narratives are deployed for social and political comment. Speedy speech joins hands with wild props and costumes to turn familiar setting inside out and upside down.

She likes words. Phonically, meaningfully, in sense and nonsense.

Fishra recently graduated from the audio-visual department of the Gerrit Rietveld Academie. She lives and works in Amsterdam.

## C.V

### PRIZES AND SELECTIONS

- Startpoint Prize 2021 - winner - *Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- Ron Mandos Best of Graduates - *Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- Rietveld Review(ed) - category visual art - *Rebecca and Her Daughters*

### EXHIBITIONS

#### 2022

- Startpoint Prize- Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam  
Film: *Rebecca and Her Daughters*

#### 2021

- Startpoint Prize 2021 - Galerie Hyberniska, Prague  
Film: *Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- Best of Graduates - Ron Mandos Galerie, Amsterdam  
Film: *Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- Rietveld Academie Graduation Show - Amsterdam  
(work selected by Rietveld Reviewed Committee)  
Film: *Rebecca and Her Daughters*

#### 2020

- GYM FEST- Dokhuis Galerie, Amsterdam (self organised/curated)  
*Archive gym film reel*

#### 2019

- TRAM FEST - Tramlijnmuseum, Amsterdam (self organised/curated)  
Participatory Performance: *Terminating At*
- Short film festival - Neverneverland, Amsterdam  
Film: *With a Mighty Hand and an Outstretched Arm*
- Group show - Neverneverland, Amsterdam  
Film: *The Miracle*

PERFORMANCES (*rage hymn duo with dick huppes (unless otherwise stated)*)

## 2022

- Literanita - De Nieuwe Anita, Amsterdam
- Vuurige Tongen - Ruigoord, Amsterdam

## 2021

- TAC|united edition - TAC, Eindhoven
- SNDO Late Bloomers Festival - AHK, Amsterdam  
*movement/dance performance*
- Grote Glazen Kleine Lettertjes - Molli Chaoot, Amsterdam
- Rietveld Academie Graduation Show Opening ceremony - Amsterdam

## 2020

- Rietveld Academie open day - Amsterdam
- BLOK Festival - Lolaland, Amsterdam
- Rietveld Academie open day - The Pinkhouse
- Peace Be With You - Tramlijnmuseum, Amsterdam  
*group performance*
- Rietveld Uncut- Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam  
*group performance*

## FILM FESTIVALS/SCREENINGS

### 2022

- Rietveld TV - broadcast on AT5 and online  
*Meeuw: The Fall*
- OCCII, Huis van der Wijk de Meeuw, De Valk Talent Factory  
*Meeuw: The Fall*
- Filmhuis Cavia  
*The Fish Prince*

### 2021

- Jeffrey's Underground Cinema - Nieuwe Anita, Amsterdam  
*Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- Rietveld Graduate film screenings - Eye Film Museum, Amsterdam  
*Rebecca and Her Daughters*
- SWARM mag - online platform

## *Most Gracious & The Fish Prince*

2020

- Manchester Lift Off Festival - Manchester  
*The Fish Prince*
- Weimar Poetry Film Award - Online  
*The Fish Prince*
- One Minutes Screening - Neverneverland, Amsterdam  
*Gore to Glory*
- New Cinema Lisbon Monthly Film Festival - Lisbon  
*The Fish Prince*
- Eye on Art - Eye Film Museum, Amsterdam  
*Most Gracious*

## PUBLICATIONS

2022

- W.C: an Unabridged Collection *self-published*

2021

- The Devil's Grandmother (thesis) *self-published*

## SUBSIDIES

2021

- AFK - Mijn Eerste Aanvraag, Amsterdam  
*Meeuw: The Fall*
- Rietveld Academie - Extra/Intra curricular programme funding  
*Writing Classes*

## EDUCATION

Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam

- B.A - Audio-Visual

Graveney School

- A levels - Art, English, Philosophy

## EXPERIENCE

2022

Art workshop provider - British School Amsterdam

- painting/sculpture workshops for primary school children

2021 - 22

Extra curricular programme organiser - Gerrit Rietveld Academie

- Initiating and developing writing class programme
- Publicity for workshops/student gatherings
- Planning and leading classes

2020

Working student - Rietveld Academie

- Building up and building down graduation show infrastructure

2020 - 22

Volunteer food collection/packing - Guerilla Kitchen

- Collecting and packing and distributing waste food

2019 - 20

Intern - stichting ACCU

- Music workshops in schools
- Music performance, parades
- Community mosaic workshops

Intern - Pretvormer

- Puppet workshops in schools
- Workshops and performance at festivals

2017

Scenic artist apprentice - Iris Theatre

- Set painting, prop making, scenic carpentry and construction

2016 - 18

Trumpet teacher (private students)