



Pieter 'Parra' Janssen

Dutch artist Parra (1976) is best known for his curved post-Pop imagery, highly saturated colours, vibrant hand-drawn letters and worlds inhabited by hybrid, surreal characters. Celebrated by galleries and championed by an underground following from the outset, Parra has quickly become a respected and eclectic artist worldwide. Working across drawing, painting, animation and sculpture, Parra creates an enigmatic and instantly recognisable style that defies easy categorisation. Parra is cofounder of cult apparel label ByParra and a member of electronic music groups Le Le and Mich. Parra lives and works in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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## Solo Exhibitions

2016  
No Work Today, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York  
I Can't Look at Your Face Anymore, Ruttkowski;68 Gallery, Cologne

2015  
Yer So Bad, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York  
Parra (a 10 year survey, The story so far), Kunsthal, Rotterdam  
Salut, Alice Gallery, Brussels

2014  
Same Old Song, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2013  
And Wait for Something to Happen, Ruttkowski;68 Gallery, Cologne  
Il Senso di Colpa, Galleria Patricia Armocida, Milan  
Tracy Had a Hard Sunday, Jonathan Levine Gallery, New York

2012  
Kind Regrets, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles  
Weirded Out, 60 feet indoor mural for the SFMOMA, San Francisco

2011  
The How Original Show, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2010  
The Amsterdam Show, Common Gallery, Tokyo  
Yes Yes Yes, Project Space, Los Angeles

2009  
I Like the Tee Shirt but I Will Get the Painting, Pool Gallery, Berlin  
The Disco of Italo, Patricia Armocida Gallery, Milan  
Is That a Gun My Friend?, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles

2008  
Boo to the Hoo, Lazy Dog Gallery, Paris

2007  
Parrived, Arrive, Miami  
LaLaLa, HVW8 Gallery, Los Angeles  
The Of Best, Vallery Galley, Barcelona  
Random Tits, Reed Space, New York

2006  
Tits and Typo, Kemistry Gallery, London  
The Art of Parra, Toykyo, Ghent  
I really like it but could you change the colors & the design?,  
Lazy Dog Gallery, Paris

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2013  
UNLIMITED, A Poster Project, Musée des beaux-arts,  
Le Locle. (Curated by Thibaud Tissot, onlab)

This is not Music, La Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille

2011  
Animate Everything, Protein Gallery, London

2010  
Never Judge...?, Stolen Space, London  
Go Font Yourself, Peer Gallery, Sydney

2009  
Smile On Your Brother, Livestock, Vancouver  
Bad Day issue #4, Emporium Gallery, Montreal, Canada

2008  
Yes, Gallery Mama, Rotterdam

## Awards

Winner, D&DAD silver pencil for illustration for  
Tastebuddies campaign (2011)

Winner, De Amsterdam Prijs voor de Kunst (Amsterdam Art  
Prize 2010)

Winner, Best Illustration, Dutch Design Awards (2010)

## Works in Public Collections

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

## Selected Press

Chris Read, Parra: Short for Paranoid, Hypebeast, 18 March  
2011

Bradley Carbone, The Top 25 Artists of 2010, Complex  
Magazine, 20 December 2010

Arye Dworzen, Piet Parra: My Life Has Surpassed  
Expectations, The 99%, January 2010

Charly Wilder, Parra and the Case of Art v. Commerce, New  
York Times, 14 September 2009