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Honors and Awards (selection)

- Golden Nica Hybrid Art, Prix Ars Electronica, Linz (AT), 2013
- Pavilion 0 Global Artist's Award, Venice (IT), 2013
- Doctor Honoris Causa UHasselt, 2010
- Honorary citizenship Sint-Truiden, Belgium, 2005
- Gustav-Henemann-Friedenspreis (with Gregie de Maeyer for Juul, Altiora), 1996

Exhibitions

Solo-exhibitions (selection)

2013

- Leaving Paradise, CONNERSMITH., Washington (US)
- Handmade - C.C.P., LOMAK, Tessenderlo (BE)
- The Mechelse Styrian - 17th generation - C.C.P., Galerija Kapelica, Ljubljana (SI)
- Inception - C.C.P., Wasserman Projects, Detroit (US)

2012

- COMBAT, Landcommandery Alden Biesen, Bilzen (BE) and Art gallery De Mijlpaal, Heusden-Zolder (BE)
- Hotel de Inmigrantes 2 – Cosmopolitan Stranger (Collateral Event Manifesta 9), Open University of Diversity, Hasselt (BE)

2011

- Nato a Venezia, Collateral Event of 54th Biennial of Venice, Venice (IT)
- Breaking the Cage, IKOB, Museum of Contemporary art Eupen, Eupen (BE)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Art Labor, Shanghai (CN)
- C.C.P. – In-vetro, Mediaruimte, Brussels (BE)
- King's Crown – C.C.P., Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke (BE)

2010

- 14th Generation: Mechelse Silky, Himalayas Center, Pudong Shanghai (CN)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken – Diversity, Espace Européen pour la Sculpture, Parc Tournay-Solvay, Brussels (BE)

2009

- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Conner Contemporary Art, Washington DC (US)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ, Amsterdam (NL)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project - Orloff, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem (BE)
- Unicorn, 53rd Venice Biennale, 2009, Venice (IT)
- Connection, St. Lucas Gallery, Brussels (BE)

2008

- Breaking the Cage – The art of Koen Vanmechelen, Victoria and Albert Museum, Arts & Business, curator Mike Phillips, London (GB)
- The Chicken's Appeal, Museum Valkenhof, curator Frank Van der Schoor, Nijmegen (NL)
- CCP Ten Generations, Galerie k4, München (DE)

2007

- CCP Ten Generations, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem (BE)
- CCP Au Salon, Marijke Schreurs Gallery, Brussels (BE)
- The Accident, Cornice, Venice Project, Venice (IT)

2006

- The Accident, curator Agnes Husslein, Palm Court, Miami Beach (US)

2005

- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project - Virtual Mechelse Fighters, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem (BE)
- Red Jungle Fowl - Genus XY, CRAC, Hilde Teerlinck, Altkirch (FR)

2004

- Red Jungle Fowl - Genus XY, Z33, curator Jan Boelen, Hasselt (BE)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Bourbourg (FR)
- Mechelse Dresdner, Galerie k4, München (DE)

2003

- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Musée Départemental de l' Abbaye de St. Riquier (FR)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project – Desire, De Brakke Grond, Amsterdam (NL)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project – Mechelse Owlbeard, GEM Den Haag / KunstRAI, curator Wim Van Krimpen, Amsterdam (NL)
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project – Second Generation: Mechelse Bresse – Sex & Mortality, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem (BE)
- Visible / Invisible, Galerie Tapper, Malmö (SE)

2002

- Artificial Cross-breeding, Berengo Fine Arts, Miami Art Fair (US)
- Who's Calling, Berengo Fine Arts, Mi Art, Milaan (IT)
- Smak, smak, The Mechelse Bresse, S.M.A.K., curator Jan Hoet Junior, Ghent (BE)

2001

- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem (BE)

2000

- Performance Blood & Colours, Filmfestival, Venice (IT)

Group exhibitions (selection)

2013

- New Generation - C.C.P., Belgian Embassy (curated by Z33), The Hague (NL)
- Protected Paradise, Guy Pieters Gallery, Saint Paul de Vence (FR)
- Symbiosis - C.C.P., Museum de Mindere, Sint-Truiden (BE)
- Grale - C.C.P., Kortrijk Vlaandert, Kortrijk (BE)
- Cosmopolitan Fossil, The Eggcord and In Transit - C.C.P., Kunstenfestival Watou (BE)
- De Wachtkamer, Schatten van VLIEG, Kruidtuin Leuven (BE)
- Spawn - C.C.P., Murano > Merano, Glasstress, MERANO ARTE (IT)
- Evolution of a Hybrid, Pavilion 0, Palazzo Donà, Biennial of Venice (IT)
- Under my Skin and Patience - C.C.P., White light/White Heat, Glasstress, Biennial of Venice (IT)
- Inzicht and Coming World - C.C.P., Artzuid, Amsterdam (NL)
- Modified Spaces - C.C.P., (Re)source, Beelden op de Berg, Wageningen (NL)
- Re-Cycling Birth, O-Parade, Genk (BE)
- Frantic – C.C.P., The exposition Vrouwenkuren, IPSOC and Dr. Ghislain, Kortrijk (BE)
- Pro-Historic, ART COLOGNE 2013, Cologne (DE)
- Tabula Rasa - C.C.P., Studio Vera Vermeersch, CC Hasselt, Hasselt (BE)
- BRAFA 2013, Tour&Taxis, Brussel (BE)
- Pedigree - C.C.P. and Hybridity in Art & Science – C.C.P., Cultural Freedom in Europe, EESC (European Economic and Social Committee), Brussels (BE)
- Hybridity in Art and Science - C.C.P. and Symbiosis - C.C.P., Lieux Communs, Walloon Parliament, Namur (BE)
- The Walking Egg, Transformation, Garage Rotterdam, Rotterdam (NL)

2012

- Hybridity in art and science – C.C.P., dOCUMENTA 13 ('The Worldly House'), Kassel (DE)
- Instead of sleeping, Glasstress Beirut, Beirut Exhibition Center, Beirut (LBN)
- Hotel de Inmigrantes – Cosmopolitan Stranger, Open University of Diversity, Hasselt (Collateral event Manifesta 9) (BE)
- In Transit – C.C.P., ManifestAanwezig, Kasteel d'Aspremont-Lynden, Oud-Rekem (Collateral Event Manifesta 9) (BE)

- Without Time Frame, Parallel Worlds, CIAP, Hasselt (Collateral Event Manifesta 9) (BE)
- Under Pressure – C.C.P., Leaving for a Living, ArtAndAdvice, Hasselt (Collateral Event Manifesta 9) (BE)
- Coming World – C.C.P., Kunstenfestival Watou, Watou (BE)
- Conservation – C.C.P., De Etende Mens, Designhuis Eindhoven, Eindhoven (NL)
- Inzicht – C.C.P., KANAL – Ondernemen is een kunst, Danis, Izegem (BE)
- Communicating Vessels – C.C.P., KANAL – Ondernemen is een kunst, Vanden Avenne, Ooigem (BE)
- Vesta – C.C.P., Lieux-Communs, Namen (BE)
- Disabled – C.C.P., SCOPE NY, New York (US)
- Entwined - C.C.P., Breaking the Mold, Glasstress, MADmuseum, New York (US)
- De Nieuwe Gouden Eeuw, Abbey of Sint-Bernardus, Bornem (BE)

2011

- Modified Spaces – C.C.P., 4th triennial of Guangzhou, Guangdong Museum of Art (CN)
- Genetic Freedom – C.C.P., Scenarios about Europe, GFZK, Leipzig (DE)
- Glasstress, Venice Projects, Venice (IT), Oslo (NO)
- Sjamanism – C.C.P., Andermans Veren, Art Gallery De Mijlpaal, Heusden-Zolder (BE)

2010

- Mediations Biennial Beyond Mediations, Tower of Babel, Poznan (PL)
- Schone Schijn, Beeldende kunstmanifestatie, Heemskerk (NL)
- InGewikkeld, Art Gallery De Mijlpaal, Clarissenklooster, Hasselt (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project - Feed the world, Wijheizijweihij, Vredeseilanden, Eliksem (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project - Innovations and adaptation, Dak'Art Biennial, Dakar (SN)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Frozen Culture Balance, Mediations, National Museum Warsaw, Warschau (PL)
- Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam (NL)
- Art Paris, Paris (FR)
- Arco Madrid, Madrid (ES)
- The Armory Show, New York (US)
- Parallelepiped, Museum M, Leuven (BE)
- Figure it out?!, China China, Ceramics, Art Gallery De Mijlpaal, Heusden-Zolder (BE)
- FADA Los Angeles Art Show 2010, Los Angeles (US)
- Ant)arcticmatters, Frozen Culture Balance, Verbeke Foundation, Kemzeke (BE)

2009

- Lineart art fair 2009, Blikvanger: Unicorn, Showcase; Figure it out, Ceramics; China China, Flanders Expo, Ghent (BE)
- PULSE Miami 2009, The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Pulse (US) Contemporary Art Fair, The Ice Palace, Miami (US)
- Becoming Intense, Becoming Animal, Becoming ..., Völkermuseum von Portheim-Stiftung, Heidelberg (DE)
- In Bed Together, Breaking the Cage, Royal/T, curator Jane Glassman, Culver City (US)

- The Toronto International Art Fair 2009, Toronto (CA)
- Against Exclusions, The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Mechelse Orloff, 3rd Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, curator Jean-Hubert Martin, Moskou (RU)
- Boer zoekt stijl, Designhuis, Eindhoven (NL)
- Glasstress, 53ste Biennial of Venice, Venice (IT)
- VOLTA Basel 2009, Bazel (CH)
- CIGE 2009, China International Gallery Exposition, Beijing (CN)
- 101 Tokyo Contemporary Art Fair 2009, Tokyo (JP)
- Superstories, 2de Triënnale Hasselt, curator Koos Flinterman, Hasselt (BE)

2008

- Kort is de tijd en onherroepelijk, Landgoed Groot Vijverburg, Tytsjerk (NL)
- Dat de verte nabijer dan ooit was, Salvator Globe, curator Giacinto di Pietrantonio, St. Bavokerk, Watou (BE)
- Genesis: CCP 10 Generation, Zentrum Paul Klee, curator Fabienne Eggelhöfer, Bern (CH)
- The Salvator Globe, Art Brussels, Brussels (BE)
- The Cathedral – Ectoplasma – CCP, Congress Centre, Davos (CH)
- Doing it my way, MKM Museum Küppersmühle für Moderne Kunst, curator Lorenzo Benedetti, Duisburg (DE)
- Zerbrechliche Schönheit, The Accident, museum Kunst Palest, curator Thijs Visser, Düsseldorf (DE)
- Ad Absurdum, Mechelse Bresse, MARTA, curator Jan Hoet, Herford (DE)
- Die Hände der Kunst, Koen Vanmechelen x Mechelse Koekoek, MARTA, curator Jan Hoet, Herford (DE)
- Ephemeral Fringes, CCP Mechelse Cubalaya, curator Filip Luyckx, Art Brussels, Brussels (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken: 10 Generations, Mediations Biennial, curators Yu Yeon Kim, Lorand Heg Yi, Gu Zhenqing, Poznan (PL)
- Betrekkelijk rustig, Lab, Kasteel Rekem, curator Annemie Van Laethem, Rekem (BE)
- Somewhere in the Middle of Nowhere, CCP, curator Arno Vroonen, München (DE)

2007

- Troubleyn / Laboratorium, Ab Ovo, Antwerp (BE)
- Genesis - The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Centraal Museum Utrecht, curator Emilie Gomart, Utrecht (NL)
- Totemisimi, Medusa, National Gallery of London, London (GB)
- De Kunstkas, Bio, Verbeke Foundation, Kemzeke (BE)
- Some make – Some take, Art Köln, Keulen (DE)

2006

- Facing 1200° - Glass from the Berengo Collection, Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten, Klagenfurt (AT)
- DOTS, curator Stef Vanbellingen, Sint-Niklaas (BE)
- Handle with care, Pushkin Museum, Moskou (RU)
- Field Work met Hans Op de Beeck en Ricardo Brey, curator Roel Arkesteijn, Kunstvereniging Diepenheim (NL)

2005

- LAT, Oda-Park, curator Marijke Cieraad, Venray (NL)
- Super! curator Edith Doove, Hasselt (BE)
- Slow Art - Neue Akzente aus Flandern und den Niederlanden, Museum Kunst Palast, curator Thijs Visser, Düsseldorf (DE)
- Two Asias, Two Europes, Duolun Museum of Modern Art, curator Gu Zhenqing, Shanghai (CN)

2004

- Cultivando la Naturaleza, Fundacion César Manrique, curator Bianca Visser, Lanzarote (ES)
- ECLIPS / 25th Birthday Deweer Art Gallery, curator Jo Coucke, Transfo Zwevegem (BE)

2003

- Le Coq, Musée Départementale de l'Abbaye de Saint-Riquier, Picardie (FR)
- Beaufort 2003, curator Willy Van den Bussche, Blankenberge (BE)
- Cinecittà, Berengo Fine Arts, Filmfestival, Venice (IT)
- The Walking Egg, Shinchu Museum, Taipei (TW)

2002

- 3 FEB 02, Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens, curator Edith Doove, Deurle (BE)
- Attitude, Château du Pauly (FR)
- Cinecittà, Berengo Fine Arts Filmfestival, Venice (IT)

2001

- Secret Gardens, curator Annemie Van Laethem, Rekem (BE)
- www.murano.be, Venetiaanse Gaanderijen, Oostende (BE)
- Wir sind die ander(en), curator Jan Hoet, Herford (DE)

2000

- The Walking Egg, Arco 2000, Madrid (ES)
- Storm Centers, curator Jan Hoet, Watou (BE)
- A Shot in the Head, curator Jill Silverman, Lisson Gallery, London (GB)

Permanent Works (selection)

- Infinity - C.C.P., Sint-Trudo Hospital, 2013, Sint-Truiden (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Celestial body, VOKA Kamer van Koophandel Limburg, 2010, Hasselt (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken – Time Temperature, BioVille, Campus UHasselt, Biomedical Research Institute (BIOMED), 2010, Diepenbeek (BE)
- High-Breed, The European Academy of Gynaecological Surgery, 2009, Leuven (BE)
- Troubleyn / Laboratorium, Ab Ovo, 2007, Antwerp (BE)
- The Walking Egg – Born, Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg, 2005, Genk (BE)

Lectures/debates (selection)

2013

- Evolution of a Hybrid, A vision of the future, Pavilion 0, Biennial of Venice (IT)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, ISA (Instituto Superior de Arte), Havana (CU)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, CONNERSMITH, Washington (US)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Galerija Kapelica, Ljubljana (SI)
- When happiness happens, BOZAR (in cooperation with United Nations), Brussels (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, KATHO, Kortrijk (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Community Center De Markthallen, Herk-De-Stad (BE)
- The Cosmogolem Foundation, JOC De Kouter, Poperinge (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, CIMIC, Hogeschool Mechelen, Mechelen (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Het Paleis, Antwerp (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, EuropeN, EESC (European Economic and Social Committee), Brussels (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Cranbrook University, Detroit (US)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Wayne State University, School of Medicine, Detroit (US)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit (US)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Day for Cultural Education (by the Flemish Government, Ghent (BE)

2012

- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Tori Oso (SR)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, COMBAT Alden Biesen, Bilzen (BE)
- The Open University of Diversity, Z33, Hasselt (BE)
- The Open University of Diversity, TEDxYouth Flanders, Antwerp (BE)
- The Open University of Diversity, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing (CN)
- This is not a Chicken, World Appreciative Inquiry Conference, Ghent (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Genetic Freedom, Europe (to the power of N), Berlin (DE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Bioethics Congress, Rotterdam (NL)
- The Walking egg, Unite for Sight Global Health & Innovation, Yale University (US)
- Artist talk met Marcel Pinas, VUB university, Brussels (BE)

2011

- This is not a chicken, Galerie Für Zeit Genössische Kunst, Leipzig (DE)
- Modified Spaces –C.C.P., with Peter Noever, Guanzhou Museum of Art, Guangzhou (CN)
- In-Vetro – C.C.P., Symposium Transparent vision – the art and science of glass Kijkduin Biënnale (NL)
- The Open University of Diversity, Creativity World Forum, Hasselt (BE)
- The Chicken's Appeal, Pecha kucha, Brussels (BE)

2010

- The Chicken's Appeal, TedxFlanders, Antwerp (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, European Conference On Computational Biology,

Ghent (BE)

- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Belgian pavilion World Expo, Shanghai (CN)
- Arts meets Science, Doctor Honoris Causa, Faculty of Medicine UHasselt, Hasselt (BE)
- The Accident, Debate with Professor J.-J. Cassiman, Dr. Mike Philips, Dr. Luc Vrielinck and Peter Adriaenssens, moderator: Indra Dewitte, Museum M, Leuven (BE)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, PULSE New York (US)

2009

- The Chicken's Appeal, 3rd Moscow Biennial of Contemporary Art, 2009, Moskou (RU)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, 53e Biennial di Venezia, Venice (IT)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project – Culture and Nature Balance Climat Change Congress, 2009, Kopenhagen (DK)

2008

- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Debate, World Economic Forum, Davos (CH)
- Day of Hope, Cosmogolem, Jeanne Devos Fonds, Mumbai (IN)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Victoria and Albert Museum, London (UK)
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Creativity World Forum, Lotto Arena, Antwerp (BE)

2007

- The Walking Egg, Expert meeting Fertility in Developing Countries, Arusha (TA)

2005

- CosmoGolem, Child abuse: Neglecting the Facts, Leuven (BE)

2004

- CosmoGolem en Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, The Jacobs Foundation, Zurich (CH)

2002

- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Natural History Museum, London (GB)

Publications (selection)

- Facts, Views & Vision, The Low Countries Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Health. A scientific Journal of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, June 2009.
- IVF in developing countries: an artist's view, Human Reproduction, An Oxford Journal, published by Oxford University Press, July 2008. Eshre Special Task Force on Developing Countries and Infertility.

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- COMBAT, Koen Vanmechelen, Guy Pieters Editions and Lancommandery Alden Biesen, Bilzen, 2012
- The Accident III, Chronicles of The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Guangzhou, 2011
- The Accident II, Chronicles of The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Hasselt, 2010

- The Chicken's Appeal, Museum Het Valkhof, Nijmegen, 2008
- The Accident, Het Glazen Huis, Lommel, 2007
- The Accident, Chronicles of The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Verbeke Foundation, Kemzeke, 2007
- The Walking Egg/Born, P. Dupont, Fertility Hospital, Genk, 2005
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Virtual Mechelse Fighter, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem, 2005
- Cosmopolitan Chicken Project, Barbara Simons & Wouter Keirse, Ludion Gent-Amsterdam, De Brakke Grond, Amsterdam, 2003
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Sex & Mortality, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem, 2003
- The Cosmopolitan Chicken, Between Natural breeding and genetic engineering, Deweer Art Gallery, Otegem, 2001

Artistic-Scientific projects (selection)

- CC@P; this artistic, genetic project is an alliance between Professor Jean- Jacques Casimian and artist Koen Vanmechelen. The objective is to investigate the genetics of the chicken and thus achieve a new angle in developing the Cosmopolitan Chicken Project.
- The Walking Egg; Art meets science, together with fertility specialist Willem Ombelet, Koen Vanmechelen plunges himself into the international science world. Accompanied by a team of scientists, journalists and thinkers. Welding his art into science and vice versa. This led to the birth of the quarterly magazine 'The Walking Egg' and to innovating art/science projects as for example 'Born' in the hospital ZOL in Genk (Belgium).
- Frozen Culture; as a result of the pandemic bird's flu Koen Vanmechelen has decided to safeguard the genetic material of his Cosmopolitan Chicken Project. He therefore freezes in the sperm of his Cosmopolitan cocks, a highly technological operation that is made possible through befriended scientists.
- The Golden Spur; after having lost a spur in a battle a rooster was treated by a surgical team. The purpose of the treatment was to provide a bone-anchored support, on top of which a screw-retained golden spur was placed. The operation was carried out by Dr. Luc Vrielinck at Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg in Genk, a regional hospital in Limburg, Belgium.
- Lambo; This crossing between Lama, Ovambo and Labo, is a recent project which attempts to cross in a new way and is still in an experimental fase. A first result is the installation Connection.

Foundations

- The CosmoGolem Foundation; founded in 2010, the goal of this foundation is to coordinate the project behind the growing series of towering wooden sculptures symbolizing children's rights. Chaired by Peter Adriaenssens, child - and youth-psychiatrist (MD, K.U.Leuven), honorary member is Jeanne Devos (DR).
- The Walking Egg Foundation; founded in 2010 to support the Walking Egg Project and the research on (in)fertility in developing countries. Chaired by fertility specialist Willem Ombelet (MD, PhD).
- CC@P Foundation; wants to bridge the gap between art and science, through the work of Koen Vanmechelen. It is the intent of the foundation to create the possibility for scientific research as well as to support social projects. Chaired by architect Alfredo De Gregorio, secretary Luc Vrielinck, honorary members Steve Stevaert, Prof. JJ Cassiman, Dr. Agnes Husslein, Dr. Mike Phillips, Jill Silverman, and Koen Vanmechelen.
- The Open University of Diversity; 2011, an intellectual space unifying the artistic projects of Koen Vanmechelen and a place where science and art can intersect. It serves as a think tank and is a meeting place for people to discuss the core themes relating biocultural diversity which are found in the artist's work.