Exhibition and Catalogue IPMAP 2025 - CONNECT in Eindhoven 17-27 July 2025

Dear friends,

More than 250 artists from 26 countries responded to the open call for the International Print Mail Art Project 2025, organised by the Grafein Foundation.
We have received prints from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, Israël, Japan, Malaysia, Montenegro, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Sweden.

Printmakers all over the world carved, etched, printed, and pressed their thoughts on connection: to nature, to history, to memory, to music, to themselves, to each other. They approach the theme *Connect* through many angles - emotional, physical, social, environmental, and symbolic. Their interpretations vary widely, yet they share a desire to bridge distance: between people, places, memories, and even species.

Some explore human connection - friendships, family ties, or anonymous encounters in nature and cities. Others reflect on our bonds with animals, the earth, or inner worlds. Many artworks turn inward, seeking connection with the self through rhythm, gesture, or repetition. The artworks the printmakers created crossed oceans and borders by mail, arriving in the Netherlands, bringing a visual message of a shared world.
The use of printmaking techniques adds depth to these explorations of the theme *Connect*. Traditional methods like etching, aquatint, mezzotint and linocut allow for both detail and bold expression. Experimental and recycled materials, such as Tetra Pak or collaged print scraps, reflect how connection can grow from what's already there, from what's been used, loved, or left behind.
In every print, the act of making - working on the printing plate, inking, printing - becomes part of the story. Printmaking itself is about connection: between plate and paper, image and viewer, idea and emotion.

The exhibition takes place from July 17-20 and 23-27 at De Kruisruimte, Generaal Bothastraat 7E, Eindhoven.
You are welcome to visit on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. The space is closed on the other days.

The printed catalogue will be available at the venue. Each IPMAP25 participant can pick up one free copy in Eindhoven. If you'd like to receive a copy by post, we'll ask you to cover the shipping and packaging costs.
A digital version will also be available from July 17. To receive it, please email us at expo@grafein.nl.

Please let us know if you want to come to the exhibition in Eindhoven.

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