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A COLLECTIVE CHOREOGRAPHY FOR SINT MAARTEN PARADE 2023

WORKSHOP

22 Oct
Dreaming

28-29 Oct
Making

4-5 Nov
Making

PARADE

9 Nov
Rehearsal

10 November
Show

**Pinay sa Holland
GABRIELA**

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**Tools for
ACTION**

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basis voor actuele kunst

BAK Community Portal presents . . .

22 October–10 November 2023
12–18 hrs, generally
See schedule below for details

For Sint Maarten Parade 2023, Tools for Action—a non-profit organization that develops artistic interventions for political actions—collaborates with Utrecht-based members of the Filipino and Surinamese-Caribbean communities to collectively dream a parade compartment.

Developed through a seven-day training cycle facilitated by Bambi van Balen, Carmen Branco van Gelder, and Christy Westhoven from Tools for Action, this parade compartment consists of inflatable light and sound sculptures with choreography. The Sint Maarten Parade’s theme for this year, “water,” is interpreted through the idea of (gender-)fluid solidarities.

How do we address and resist the weight of patriarchy within cultures of grassroots organizing? How can we develop visual language in public space that represents the rich difference of bodies and experiences involved in justice mobilization, including factors such as gender, race, class, cultural background, education, and ableness, among others? How can liquid, flowing connections be generated between communities whose struggles have many points in common? How do we want to respond to the context of the Sint Maarten Parade?

This training cycle is named after an essay by Filipino academic Marlon Lacsamana, who conducted academic research on how frontline guerrilla fighters—of diverse SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression)—aligned with the Communist Party of the Philippines experience queerness and femininity. Lacsamana discusses some of his research in a ritual lecture on day one of this cycle: see schedule below/at bakonline.org for details.

DAY 1 DREAMWORK
Sunday, 22 October 2023
12-18 hrs

Tools for Action present their practice, show inspiration for the use of inflatables in protest and parades, and facilitate a collective dreaming session to come up with the concept for the inflatable sculptures and choreography of the parade compartment.

Marlon Lacsamana leads a ritual lecture and discussion group on his 2015 essay "Rainbow Warriors: Strategies of War in the Inclusion of Persons of diverse SOGIE in the Maoist Insurgency in the Philippines."

DAY 6 DRESS REHEARSAL
Thursday, 9 November 2023
12-18 hrs

Fabrication lab opens at 12 hrs, dress rehearsal begins at 17 hrs.
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DAY 2-3 INFLATABLES
Saturday-Sunday, 28-29
October 2023
12-18 hrs

Inflatable sculpture prototyping with Bambi van Balen and Carmen Branco van Gelder from Tools for Action.

DAY 4-5 ELECTRONICS
Saturday-Sunday, 4-5
November 2023
12-18 hrs

Coding responsive light and sound electronics and integrating them into the inflatables with Christy Westhoven from Tools for Action.

DAY 7 PARADE!!!
Friday, 10 November 2023
15-20 hrs

Meet at BAK for finishing touches and then move together to the assembly point, then march with The Sint Maarten Parade.
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HOSPITALITY Free admission.No registration required.Complimentary vegan meal. All activities are held on BAK's wheelchair-accessible ground floor.

NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN On days one to five, collective vegan lunch is served at 12 hrs, care of the b.ASIC a.CTIVIST k.ITCHEN. On days six and seven, free vegan merienda (afternoon snack-meal) will be served at 16 hrs. As much as possible, meal ingredients are harvested from the generous dumpsters and restaurant waste disposal cycles of Utrecht, recycling viable food that would otherwise go to waste. The variety and abundance of the menu depends on the luck of the dive.