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1 bag of marseille soap 1 bailing pump 1 plastic shopping bag 1 cotton shopping bag 1 small repaired tarpaulin 1 brush 1 black flexible tube with grooves 3 spanners to fix the solar panel clips 2 clothes pegs 2 clotheslines installed 1 control lever 2 battery operated lights, flat looking 1 small black bin 4 BRYC masks 2 strings 1 used sock 2 dethol hand soaps 1 AA rechargeable battery 1 D battery adapter 1 other small container 1 piece of thick twisted wire 1 broom from the pick-up 1 white garbage bag window cleaner 1 modern surface cleaner 1 spray paint matte black 1 4-digit padlock 1 bag of wet baby wipes

1 hand hygiene gel 1 hard brush 1 tensioner 1 plastic clamp various survival foods kitchen utensils, disposable plastic plates metal cutlery 1 bottle opener 1 bottle opener bowls cups 1 camping car stove with a CP250 SP isobutane mix tank without screw thread 1 frying pan 1 other stove with Standard camping canister (but without canister) 7 paper rollers, at varying levels 1 Bialetti coffee maker 1 large plastic bowl 1 small metal salad bowl 1 coffee filter holder 1 sponge multiple rolls of aluminium foil multiple rolls of cling film 1 saucepan 1 lid 1 bottle of cinnamon rum liqueur 1 bottle of dishwashing detergent





During the winter of 2009, three Lithuanian artists – *Julius Markevičius*, *Aurimas Lažinskas* and *Linas Markevičiu* – built a boat following the plans of Danish naval architect *Morten Olesen*. They named it *Buratinas*.

Buratinas

During the summer of 2010, *Buratinas* went on a four-month trip that took them from Lithuania via Poland, Germany and the Netherlands to Belgium.

The trip turned out an artistic project, with the three artists organising workshops, presentations, encounters in and alongside their boat at each stopover. *Buratinas* became a floating arts centre that eventually reached Brussels.

Already at the start of their project, *nadine* was charmed by this initiative. When it turned out that the artists wanted to leave the boat in Brussels, we adopted the project `for further development'. The acquisition of this boat was a rather symbolic action but pushed *nadine* in a new direction of activities.

'The Solar Camper' has since been the vehicle for multiple projects serving as a summer residency space, a public taxi, a floating concert hall, a radio transmitter – in short, a place for new encounters in and around the Belgian waterways.

This publication gives an overview of *Buratinas*' adventures over the last 10 years.

Buratinas – the making of and first travels

https://doitondeck.wordpress.com/2010/10/02/buratinas-success-fully-reached-brussels-on-28th-of-august/



BARTAKU Captains PACÔME BÉRU PIETER DEWEL LOES JACOBS TILLO HUYGELEN VARIOUS ARTISTS NADINE FOAM





05 *Buratinas* was stationed at BRYC in Brussels, but there 2011 were complaints about the boat's appearance. In any case, it needed to be restored after the four-month trip, so we organised a workshop to repair, refurbish and refresh the looks of the boat. Together with a committed group of young people from Ghent, the boat was taken out of the water, sanded and painted with some more neutral colours.

- 06____Rocket Boat Day organised by FoAM as part of 2011 the European project Resilients on the Brussels-Charleroi canal in Brussels. Buratinas participated as a small scale maquette made by Various Artists.
- 08____ In the context of *Waterfeest/Fête de L'eau*, organised 20]] by the Staten Generaal van het Water in Brussel/Etats Généraux de l'Eau à Bruxelles, celebrating the Maelbeek River, *Buratinas* was transported over land to the Etangs d'Ixelles. The boat served as a floating platform for a classical music concert; perfect to try out the new electric motor.

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10____ In October, we sat down with a team of artists and tech-2011 nologists to determine the technical requirements for running Buratinas on solar power. We calculated which solar panels and batteries we would need based on the size of the boat, the average speed we wanted to travel and the use of our boat. *nadine* purchased an electric motor and batteries to replace the diesel engine. The quality, durability and sailing pleasure increased significantly.















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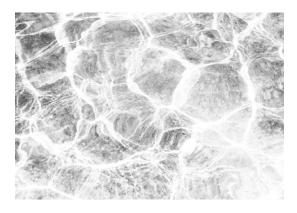




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06____Buratinas Cruise called for Brussels-based artists to join 2013 a boat trip as an alternative travel residency. Buratinas travelled via the Brussels-Charleroi Canal to Dendermonde. Several people embarked along the route. A total of ten people took part in the journey. This residency wanted to offer artists a delay of time through journeys whereby they could take time to rethink their artistic creation processes.

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 could map out the places where *Buratinas* had traveled.
 The collective *Atelier Cartographique* created a site where we can easily upload all documentation material, and the accessible navigation system of the website also allows the public to follow our travel stories online.





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05____Buratinas took part in the Brabantse Vaarhappening 2014 organised by Brussels by water.

At the stand of *Buratinas*, people could get more information about the boat, its activities and register for a boat trip on the canal with *Taxi Buratinas*.

06____Buratinas was located at boat club RNV in Vilvoorde 2014 where Pacôme Béru (also coordinator of the Tour de Belgique project) and Dimitri Fache took care of the yearly maintenance 07____ Tour de Belgique #1 travelled in a loop by Brussels, 2014 Charleroi, Mons, Tournai, Roubaix, Ghent and Brussels. Several people embarked along the route. A total of twelve people took part in the journey. With Buratinas, we try to offer artists a delay of time through such journeys so they can take time to remember their artistic creation processes. Buratinas was in fact used as a mobile artistic studio during this trip, mapping out the route in an artistic, cultural and social manner. The participating artists used the specific context of the waterways to feed their work with new inspiration during this residency trip.

Micro-events were set up at various locations to present the project to a diverse audience of boaters, residents of towns and villages along the canal, and the many smaller ports of call. The whole project was documented online via the mapping website and a publication was made during the trip with drawings and travelogues by the participants.

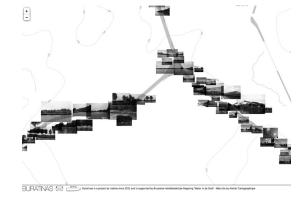
Halfway through the journey, a larger public exhibition, *Buratinas Tour de Belgique* was organised in Tournai on July 19 at the gallery and bar Chez Tatie Danielle. This event gathered a diverse audience of about a hundred people from different places in Belgium.

09___ *Wandering Arts Biennial* is an artistic project about 2014 mobile artistic practices of artists.

WAB presented several mobile projects during the summer of 2014, highlighting multiple mobile artistic practices. Mobility within *WAB* stands for both artistic work that is performed in a certain environment or in motion (such as artistic walks or performative walking projects for and with a given audience), as well as artistic research that uses movement in a landscape to produce new work.

WAB's projects thus focus on different interpretations of mobile art practices such as performance in public space, nomadism as an artistic research method, public space as a meeting and experiential space and/or mobile temporary, alternative studio. *WAB's* closing event on September 20 consisted of an exhibition and several performances. During the finissage of *WAB*, the works produced during *Tour de Belgique* were exhibited and the website of *Buratinas* was presented.









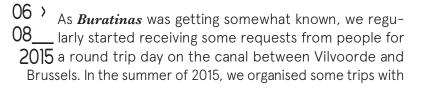
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05____After the *Tour de Belgique* of *Buratinas* in 2014, the 2015 boat was again in need of some serious maintenance. During one month, the boat was repaired and cleaned at Boatclub RNV in Vilvoorde. This process was coordinated by *Pacôme Béru* (also coordinator of the *Tour de Belgique* project), in collaboration with *Raphael Ory*.



06____Atelier Cartographique, who created the interactive 2015 website of *Buratinas*, presented their online mapping tool at *nadine* during a so-called *CartoParty*. The *Buratinas* website was presented there and serves as an example of the possibilities of a mapping website that people can manage themselves online.



interested people where *Buratinas* was the suitable vehicle for conversations about the city, the landscape and mobility.

O8 > For a month, the art students Noëlle Bastin & Baptiste
O9____Bogaert from La Cambre explored the Belgian waters
2015 with Buratinas. Their residency served as inspiration to write. The slow speed, the moving landscape, the small space, are all unusual elements that contributed to their writing experience. Noëlle Bastin & Baptiste Bogaert travelled as far as France. They processed their experience into a series of texts and visual material that was included in the 1st WABook. Artist Raphael Ory helped Noëlle Bastin & Baptiste Bogaert with their audio-visual recording material.

09 We ended the year 2015 with another heavy mainte-10____ nance of the boat. After two years in the water, it was 2015 also necessary to take the boat out of the water again for a refurbishment of the bottom.









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Captains





06 Buratinas Captains was initiated as an artistic project by 09 Pacôme Béru as a follow-up of the Tour The Belgique, 2016 an expedition of artistic research on the waterways of Belgium. A group of artists would leave Brussels with Buratinas for a minimum of three days. Another group took over the boat when possible and Buratinas continued to sail, but changed captains continuously. Knowledge and experience was passed on through the logbook to accompany each other

during the sailing trips. This enabled a more autonomous way of travelling, where the need for one person to continuously be on the boat was no longer necessary.

The project took place in the summer of 2016 and was part of the *Wandering Arts Biennial* 2016 programme.

The aim of the project was on the one hand, to both continue and expand the artistic component of *Buratinas* with artistic research that happened on the boat. And on the other hand, to expand the *Buratinas* platform and allow new artists/captains to navigate so that they can undertake their own projects with *Buratinas* in the future.

Through this project the network of *Buratinas* was greatly expanded and enabled *Buratinas* to be used more autonomously by artists as a workspace.

09____ Wandering Arts Biennial (WAB), a research and pro-2016 duction biennial which focuses on mobility, deviant production and presentation formats and nomadic practices of artists, celebrated it's second edition with the launch of a publication, 1\$ WABook, and accompanying exhibition curated by Maud Salembier. David De Tscharner, Pacôme Béru and Léa Mayer were selected from the Buratinas Tour de Belgique project to show works.

1st WABook gave an overview of WAB 2014 and was designed by Überknackig. The publication presented multiple contributions by Buratinas captains such as Noëlle Bastin & Baptiste Bogaert, Pacôme Béru, David De Tscharner, Sebastian Dingens, Florence Doléac, Nicolas Matzner Weisner, Léa Mayer, nadine and Various Artists.

10____ The Wild Cartography workshop was organised by Atel-2016 ier Cartographique, who created the Buratinas cartography website. This Brussels-based organisation researches subjective and critical cartography and realised an online tool that enables people to create their own online map. They conduct long-term research on how territorial narratives can be represented and collaborate with artists, universities, researchers and citizens. During the workshop, participants learned to use *Wænd*, an online web platform for subjective and collaborative spatial publication. This application is open source and is continuously developed.

Using Wænd, participants were able to translate their projects to the web platform.

The first map of *Wænd* is the visual archive of *Buratinas*, all trips realised so far with the boat were mapped online.







MINOK AN Captains FRÉDÉRIC BECKER PACÔME BÉRU SOPHIE BOIRON SEBASTIAN DINGENS ALBERTO GARCÍA DEL CASTILLO AN GOOVAERTS DANBI HUR PIERRE HUYGHEBAERT LOES JACOBS STEVEN JOUWERSMA STEEV LEMERCIER RACHEL MAGNAN PTERRE MARCHAND LÉA MAYER ANTOINE MEYER KRYSTYNA POLTOWICZ STÉPHANE STADLER CHRISTINA STADLBAUER VARIOUS ARTISTS ATELIER CARTOGRAPHIQUE NADINE



06____ The *Keyholders* are artists who are closely associated 2017 with *nadine*. They follow their own artistic path which takes place both outside and inside the cultural field. They experiment with different working and presentation methods, whereby the process is equivalent to the outcome. The results of the artistic research are not predetermined. Most artists have a multi- or transdisciplinary practice and are not tied to a fixed medium.

nadine supports the *Keyholders* on a long-term basis and offers them customised support for their artistic research or projects. *Keyholders* are also invited to curate so-called *Keyholder Dinners*, where around 20 people are invited to discuss a chosen theme.

In June, part of the *Buratinas Captains* presented their research on *Wænd*.

This evening, we want to explore how our experiences with Wænd provide a context for research and ways of mapping various building blocks and tools to bring different perspectives on the space that is in focus. This leads to questioning the authority of the map, its dominance and its ancestry and to exploring how we can facilitate encounters and research dedicated to cartography, about the space and its representational possibilities, in view of the decolonisation of the imaginary.

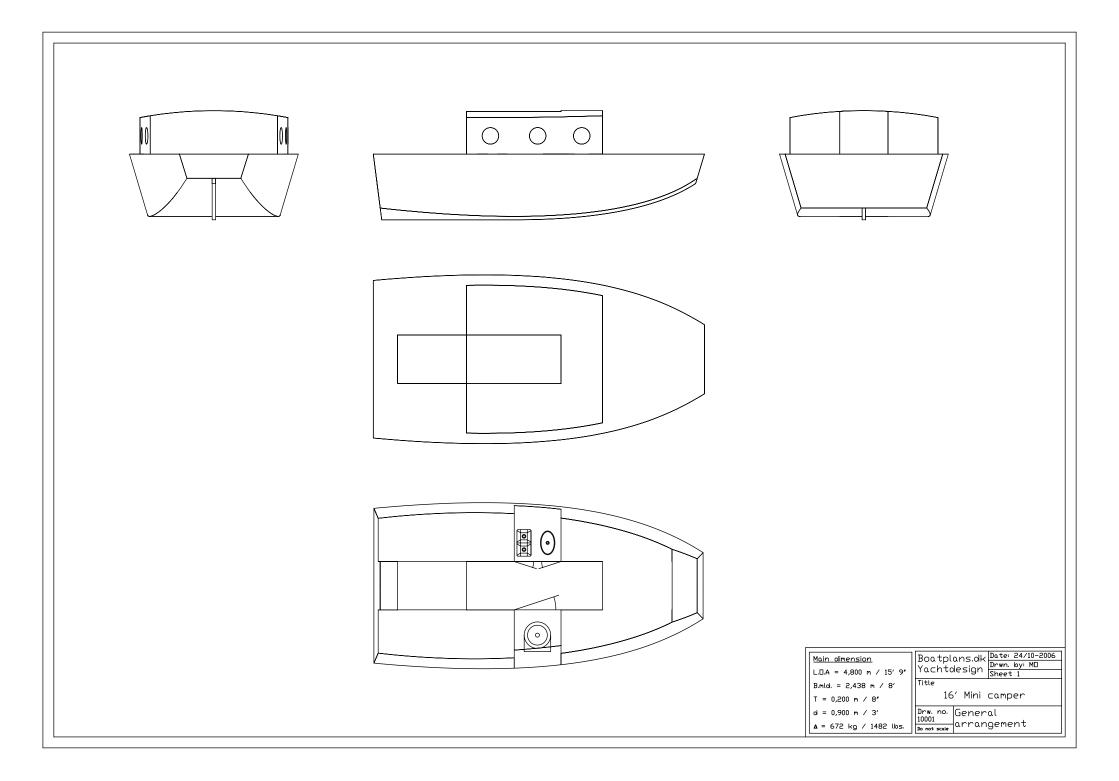
For the past two years, Wænd has been a tool for the collective creation and publication of maps. Now that we have received a grant, we would like to start a formal association. Anchored in aesthetics, Wænd is an invitation to create cultures of cartography beyond the technical. Along the way, we have seen the range of questions expand, as well as the desire to create a wider framework for shared reflection on the possibilities of representing space. We already have some ideas, which we would very much like to exchange with you 06 As a result of the *Keyholder Dinner* in June, a network 12_____ of interested people emerged around *Buratinas* and 2017 *Atelier Cartographique* who met up monthly to discuss cartography and mapping in Brussels, the *Carto-Criti-Club*.

10____ *Wandering Arts Biennial (WAB)* is a research and pro-2017 duction biennial that focuses on mobility, wandering production and presentation formats and nomadic practices of artists. In 2017, a number of print residencies were organised by *nadine* during which all participants in *WAB* printed their chapters for the upcoming *WABook*.

Buratinas Captains Contre-Poisse (An Minok, Danbi Hur, Rachel Magnan) were in residence in October to print their chapter for the 2nd *WABook* about their experience with Buratinas.

À l'origine, ils devaient partir quatre jours en voyage fluvial sur le bateau de l'association nadine (de Bruxelles... que tu connais peut-être). Bref. Le jour du départ, le moteur du bateau fume, et puis il explose. Tout est annulé : déception. Ils y sont retourné pour réaliser le film du voyage de quatre jours initialement prévu, en une journée seulement, sur le bateau qui pour seul mouvement, n'imprime plus que le triste roulis du canal. Des stragèmes rudimentaire simulent le déplacement et ils prennent 12 repas en un seul jour... Tout ça en devisant des oeuvres ou projets qu'ils pourraient réaliser en voguant vers Charleroi.

-Grégoire Motte, Relance appel à participation 'Utopies Fluviales', 13 Janvier 2017





Captains



PACÔME BÉRU, BOLWERK (MARTHE VAN DESSEL) MARZIA DALFINI KASPER DEMEULEMEESTER SEBASTIAN DINGENS FLOATING POINTR_ (PIETER HEREMANS) ALBERTO GARCÍA DEL CASTILLO AN GOOVAERTS CHRISTIAN HANSEN PIERRE HUYGHEBAERT LOES JACOBS MARIALENA MAROUDA LÉA MAYER ORACLE (COLLECTIVE WITH CAROLINE DAISH, JUSTINE MAXELON, MICHEL YANG) DAVIDE TIDONI CLÉMENT THIRY VARIOUS ARTISTS LEONARDO VERGARA ALICE VERSIEUX ATELIER CARTOGRAPHIQUE BUENOS TIEMPOS INT NADINE NGHE



02____ In 2018, we decided to become a member of the Brussels Royal 2018 Yacht Club in 2018 so *Buratinas* could have a permanent home in Brussels. One of the *Buratinas Captains – Caroline Daish –* volunteered to be a candidate and was appointed to be a member. 03____ A first important preparation for the artistic activities 2018 of 2018 was the repair of the boat. Sealing a leak in the bottom and side of the boat and giving it a new coat of paint was necessary. The boat was taken out of the water in March and was repaired by volunteers for three weeks. The wharf was overseen by *ooooo* and *AV.net*.

03 Buratinas' residencies in 2018 were part of the *Wander-*12____ *ing Arts Biennial (WAB)* project that *nadine* organises 2018 every two years. *WAB* is an artistic project that frames the mobile artistic practice of artists. The third edition of *WAB* took place from March to December 2018. http://wab.zone



O4 > From April 15 to June 15, Antwerp-based collective
O5_____ bolwerK (with Marthe Van Dessel and Alice Versieux)
2018 organised Crystelling, or 'open biochemical lab sessions' at three different locations in Brussels: W-O-L-K-E, a former public radio studio; the World Trade Center (Constant vzw Studio) a remnant of Brussels' modernist ambitions; and Buratinas – a floating lab that navigates the city's much-disputed canal zone – each space with its own history, architecture and climatic conditions.



In each of these places, the practice of *Crystelling* was presented. These are lab sessions in which piezoelectric crystals are grown. These piezo crystals, Rochelle salt, are home grown mineral formations that under physical pressure produce electrical signals that can be amplified and converted into sound.

During the open lab sessions, the crystals grew and bolwerK experimented with the public around the physical, acoustic, electrical and electromagnetic properties of these crystals and their applications.

O6____ Christian Hansen, participant of WAB 2018, had a resi 2018 dency on Buratinas called Habitats for moving Entities.
 During his trip, he tested the use of the boat as a `dolly' for

documenting waterways. He explored and recorded the traffic and infrastructure of the Brussels and Flemish waterways. The collected footage is also part of his project on European traffic corridors and ecological corridors.

07 > *Tour de Belgique III* brought a number of *Captains* to 09____ the boat during the summer.

2018 *Clément Thiry*, participant of 3rd *WAB*, invited the *NGHE* library to join him in the *Tour de Belgique*. They took the opportunity to browse through the *NGHE* media library while sailing the waterways. They played their cassettes and own music on the canal between Thieu and Tournai.

The oracle collective sailed on the canal as a floating performance platform to carry out their body-voice practice. In this way, they escaped the rhythm of the city. They invited interested parties to participate during their trip on the canal.

10____ In October, 2nd WABook was launched. The new books 2018 were transported by boat to the Akenkaai where the launch event took place with all the artists involved and the public. 2nd WABook contains contributions by some Buratinas' Captains, was designed by Überknackig and bound by Atelier Sans Nom (with Song Yi Han, assisted by Danbee Hur, Minok An). One of the chapters covers the project of Contre-Poisse, a collective project that made a documentary and work on Buratinas in 2016.

During a *WAB* weekend, Marialena Marouda, participant 2018 of the *3rd WAB*, realised the performance *Oceanographies* at Buratinas in collaboration with *JuStine Maxelon*.

Oceanographies is a research project that collects stories and objects about the relationship between the human body and the mass of water that is the ocean. The work focuses on the fusion of testimonies, feelings and ideas about the ocean, and the ocean `in itself'.

During the performance, the collected interviews and demonstrations about the ocean were shared with a small audience. After three performances of the research project in the city, this was the first performance on water. The performance took place within the framework of the *Wandering Arts Biennial* and invited the audience for a half-hour ride on the Brussels canal in the boat.

Who knows what an ocean is? Or, for that matter, what counts as valid knowledge of ocean(s)? Apart from more or less objective – and objectifying – definitions, isn't an ocean a thing that each person would define in a different way? As different human bodies encounter this immense body of water differently and singularly?









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03____ Important for the artistic activities is always the main-2019 tenance of the boat. In March, some patching up was done on the outside of the boat, in April new batteries for the electric motor came in, at the beginning of the summer some purchases were made to make the boat safer and the steering wheel was repaired at the end of 2019.

04____ During the Oscillation Festival of Q-O2, an arts labora-2019 tory for sound art in Brussels, the collective ooooo (bolwerK) participated with sonic interventions called ~~~..... CQ CQ CQ.....PAN PAN PAN../...**./. Buratinas served as a platform for these interventions and ooooo invited captain Christian Hansen and artist Lucie Vítková to participate in the intervention on the water.

ooooo transformed **Buratinas** into a public performative interface for translocal radio telecommunications. After the open lab session **Crystelling** in 2018 in which they grew crystals and experimented with their physical, acoustic, electrical and electromagnetic properties, they were now used to transmit signals over water to intra-active frequencies.

05____Léa Mayer and Sebastien Dingens took the boat together 2019 to find new inspiration for their artistic practice: from observation to contemplation, to the collection of visual and audio material.

Both have a very different artistic practice. *Léa* is a visual artist and focuses on shapes and colours, which she draws and photographs. *SebaSian* is a sound artist and makes field recordings of specific sounds, but also of larger ecosystems. Since 2013, they have been undertaking trips together to nurture their respective practices. Although they are on the road together, these gleaning activities rarely happen at the same time, nor in the same place. Often, one must wait for the other. Often, while waiting for the other, one discovers a new sound or image, they gather again and the wait is prolonged. During this kind of exploratory wandering, accompanied by coincidences and encounters, time, weather,

wrong turns, the seasons... the world offers itself in a pure form. The distance covered has no fundamental importance. It is the generous landscapes and encounters, the road that unfolds, that matter.

The physical and mental effort influences their senses and their thinking. Perception is sharpened, and the eyes and ears widened. The journey with *Buratinas* of several days in autonomy invited them to contemplate. Once they returned to their daily reality, the recorded sounds, shapes and colours were used in compositions: be they sonorous, visual or a combination of both.

Being on the road also invites conversation, reflection and the exchange of observations and ideas. Thus, they are always looking for a point of convergence, a crossroads where both their practices meet.

06____ From June 15-16, Kasper Demeulemeester was in res-2019 idence at Buratinas to commemorate the 470th anniversary of the opening of the Brussels-Schelde Canal. For this occasion Kasper Demeulemeester took Buratinas to Klein-Willebroek, where 469 years ago on June 16, the Brussels mayor Jean de Locquenghien put the first spade into the ground. Kasper invited Alex Deforce, Benjamin Sprengers and Matthias Ver Eecke to join him in forming a Brussels-Antwerp 'all-Cis-white XY' crew for this commemoration. This two-day trip marks the beginning of several commemorative actions.

06 During a WAB weekend in 2018, Marialena Marouda
08 realised the performance Oceanographies on Buratinas
2019 in collaboration with Justine Maxelon. This performance grew into a research project that collects stories and objects about the relationship between the human body and the mass of water that is the ocean. The work focuses on the fusion of testimonies, feelings, and ideas about the ocean. The Oceanographies Institute uses Buratinas as an additional research tool to invite people in and around the water. By

exchanging the usual surface of artistic practice – the ground – for water, she explores how the fluidity and totality of circumstances in those practices can leak – or even flood? What does it mean to understand water as a collaborator?

07____ The NGHE Médiathèque sees music as a political force 2019 capable of cultural hybridisation and bridging borders. They regularly organise live events and concerts, always keeping in mind the context in which the music is created i.e. the bands invited, the special acoustics of the chosen locations and the audience that can be reached. The *Buratinas* boat made the media library temporarily nomadic. *NGHE* sailed along the canals, broadcasting its collection of cassettes, improvised music and a capella singing from the boat. Every now and then the boat would moor and invite people to spontaneous music events. Drawings, texts and recordings were made during these moments, from which a new cassette with the collection of sounds emerged.

08 In 2018, *Christian Hansen* made a trip with *Buratinas* 09____ where he tested the use of the boat as a 'dolly' for 2019 documenting waterways. He explored and recorded the traffic and infrastructure of the Brussels and Flemish waterways. He processed the collected visual material in a video installation which he showed during the art route *Kunst & Zwalm*, in the Zwalm region, organised by the local organisation *BOEM* and curated by *nadine vzw*. The video is part of his broad research on European traffic corridors and nature corridors.

07____ In preparation for their performance lecture *Exist – Dis-*2019 *appear, Chloé Schuiten* and *Clément Thiry* used the boat to work out their *expériences de vie* in text and drawings. These life experiences are moments when the duo withdraw from the `normal' world. They stop talking and eating. They communicate with the surroundings and become one with the landscape. During a two-hour performance conference,



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EERSTE SPADESTEEK door Jean de Locquenghien, burgemeester van de saad Brussel KANAAL BRUSSEL - SCHELDE *Chloé* & *Clément* shared their latest experiences of delicate situations.

During this residency, a video clip *Sous les Palmiers* was also recorded in collaboration with the *NGHE* médiathèque.







PACÔME BÉRU Japtains AURORE BILLION BOLWERK (MARTHE VAN DESSEL) FRANCESCA CHIACCHIO KASPER DEMEULEMEESTER SEBASTIAN DINGENS FLOATING POINTR (PIETER HEREM AN GOOVAERTS PIERRE HUYGHEBAERT LOES JACOBS MAËLLE MAISONNEUVE MARIALENA MAROUDA PLAN incliné de Ronquières LÉA MAYER ORACLE (COLLECTIVE WITH CAROLINE DAISH, JUSTINE MAXELON, MICHEL YANG) MIRA SANDERS CLÉMENT THIRY LOTTE VAN DEN AUDENAEREN ED VAN DER VEN VARIOUS ARTISTS LEONARDO VERGARA ALICE VERSIEUX ATELIER CARTOGRAPHIQUE NADINE NGHE

01 In 2020, *Buratinas* turned out to be the perfect localiz_____ tion for short residencies for artists' 'bubbles'. In the 2020 summer, another *Tour de Belgique* was organised, as well as a series of concerts on the water, which provided the perfect corona-proof stage during the corona pandemic.

The Buratinas residences were part of the 4th Wandering Arts Biennial. Many public activities became impossible. Many initiated moments of reflection, re-evaluated their connection with an audience and found creative ways to further develop their work. Transdisciplinary practice and working in public space proved to be two important assets in remaining active towards an audience.

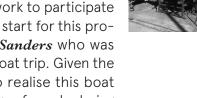
07____ *oracle* invited artists from their network to participate 2020 in the project *Reading the City*. The start for this project was a writing assignment for Mira Sanders who was invited to write a text about oracle on a boat trip. Given the corona measures, it was not possible to realise this boat trip. Instead, Mira received the recordings of oracle during one month (recorded on the shore and on the boat). The resulting science-fiction text was launched on vinyl in 2021.

07____ *Chosen Family* is a family of individuals who consciously 2020 choose to play an important role in each other's lives. They are emotionally close and are considered `family' even though they are not biologically or legally related. At Buratinas ooooo and AV.net explored how it is to travel on a boat together, sometimes in silence. They question 'conventional' social behaviour within traditional family pathologies while sailing, passing through locks, docking... and inhabiting the waterways and harbours.

They practice astro-navigation from the water i.e. discovering the celestial bodies as cardinal directions and calculating angular measurements in lunar distances. Their journey is documented by formalised radio transmissions, log entries and horoscope measurements, etc.

08____ Ed van der Ven and Sebastian Dingens recorded a mini 2020 album during a boat trip of several days on the Belgian waters inspired by the landscape, impregnated by the wind, to the rhythm of the splashing waves.

Metamorphosis is an evolving composition in which mate-















riality and ephemeral thoughts meet. Principles of human memory are applied to sounds of erosion processes.

The processes that distort and blur memories are musically translated and applied to field recordings of wind and water erosion, earthquakes and solar storms.



During this residency on *Buratinas*, underwater recordings of the water in the locks were made with hydrophones attached to *Buratinas*.

Léa Mayer and *Maëlle Maisonneuve* also travelled on *Buratinas* to work on a series of small sculptures: *La collection des Empathiques*. This project uses natural and found materials as the basis for their creations. They cultivate wandering and randomness in their creation process.

During their residency, they search for materials floating in the water or on the sides of the canal in order to grow *La collection des Empathiques* while travelling on *Buratinas*. The inertia, the relation of the boat to its immediate environment, the specificity of the materials available on the canals, all contributed to the overall project.

08____On Thursday, August 27, *Buratinas* took part in *Wa*-2020 *terlilies – Nenuphares – Waterlelies*, an event organised by *Mothers & Daughters*. The public was invited to walk or cycle along with the queer boat cruise filled with performances, mermaids, captains and other water fairies, which ran along the Brussels canal. They sailed from BRYC to Anderlecht with three boats, presenting four performances during five moorings.

09____Buratinas Band's Tour is a project initiated by NGHE 2020 Médiathèque. Buratinas Band is a semi-improvised music band, using the spatial limitations of the Buratinas Boat and the places it travels through, such as canals, bridges, locks, industrial zones... The music on the boat was played with portable acoustic or self-powered electronic instruments, and distributed through a portable and self-powered mini-sound system, made of second-hand electronic components (camera batteries, radios and cassette players...). *Buratinas Band's Tour* planned a four-day trip from Brussels to Ronquières, with live concerts and music broadcast live on FM waves. The boat became a wandering music player interacting with the environment. Because *Buratinas* sails so slowly, people could follow it on a bicycle or on foot.





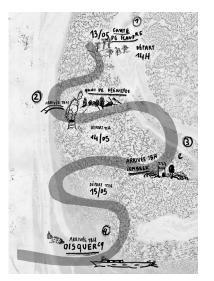






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HÉLÈNE BALLE PACÔME BÉRU SOPHIE BOIRON AURORE BILLION BOLWERK (MARTHE VAN DESSEL) FRANCESCA CHIACCHIO ALEX DEFORCE KASPER DEMEULEMEESTER SEBASTIAN DINGENS FLOATING POINTR (PIETER HEREMANS) ALBERTO GARCÍA DEL CASTILLO AN GOOVAERTS MARILYNE GRIMMER CHRISTIAN HANSEN PIERRE HUYGHEBAERT LOES JACOBS MATHILDE MAILLARD MARIALENA MAROUDA LÉA MAYER ORACLE (COLLECTIVE WITH CAROLINE DAISH JUSTINE MAXELON) MAËLLE MAISONNEUVE MAHÉ RIPOLL STÉPHANIE ROLAND MAXIMILIAAN ROYAKKERS CLÉMENT THIRY LOTTE VAN DEN AUDENAEREN JAKOB VAN DEN BROUCKE ED VAN DER VEN



VARIOUS ARTISTS ALICE VERSIEUX AGATHE VOISIN ATELIER CARTOGRAPHIQUE NADINE NGHE 05 In the early summer of 2021, the kick-off of the new boating
06 season took place during the festival *La Croisette* in Tubize
2021 (May 15-June 15, 2021). The festival is an initiative of *Boot Tenace*, a barge boat that serves as a travelling space where various small-scale experiments, concerts and exhibitions can happen. Opposing capitalist logic, they set up a festival autonomously run, with the means at their disposal, where monetary capital and the pursuit of profit are of no importance. *Buratinas* set off for Tubize and participated in the festival, with a series of concerts and an exhibition providing the perfect corona-proof stage during the corona pandemic.

06____ The NGHE Mediathèque embarked on a journey, Floating
202] Radio Walk Show, by boat Buratinas towards Tubize. This time, NGHE proposed a three-day musical walk following Buratinas along the banks of the canal. Each day, sound was broadcast from the boat interacting with the spaces along the Brussels-Charleroi canal, from Comte de Flandre to Oisquercq (Tubize), where the small floating village of Boot Tenace is located.

The succession of industrial estates, residential areas, motorway bridges, cycle paths and other bucolic forests formed the score that guided the content of the radio programme. During the walks, broadcasts were made via an FM transmitter located on the boat. Thus, the boat became a walking music player that interacted with the environment. On the banks, radios and ghetto blasters broadcast the stream for the walkers. Those who brought their own stand-alone radio could become part of the sound system.

Use Château is a nomadic art platform founded in Brus sels in 2013 by Léa Mayer and Maëlle Maisonneuve. This non-profit exhibition space is shaped like a miniature castle. The aim of Le Château is to offer (young) artists an autonomous place, which is also easy to travel, to promote their artistic practices.



For this 3rd cycle, artist *Mahé Ripoll* made an intervention on *Buratinas*, propelling *Le Château* towards some of her pop-cosmic landscapes. This proposal is part of a larger investigation that focuses on the notions of infinity, interstellar and space-time.

Her drawings here take on a sculptural dimension and reinforce the architectural essence of the castle. *Superficies d'un for long temps* offered viewers an unprecedented sky journey aboard the castle-spaceship in Tubize. A plastic tour through panoramas where the plan embraces the volume and platonically imbues it with its tones.

06____ As part of the *La Croisette* festival, *Francesca Chiac-*202] *chio* and *mott flyf* (*Clément Thiry*) sang an alphabet of flower names in Latin and English on the boat *Buratinas*. The performance *LATIN FLOWERS PROMENADE MANTRA POP* was a kind of homage to the flowers, their properties, powers and energy, which they conveyed to the audience. After a picnic, the audience was invited to walk along the canal at dusk, which provided a beautiful palette of colours as the sun set. Following the mantrapop performance, flower name tags were placed in various places. People could pitch their tents and stay overnight after the performance.

07____ In mid-July, *Constant* vzw sailed from Dinant on the 2021 Meuse River towards the Tower of Eben-Ezer, Bitsingen, for a study session *DownDwarsDela*, an experimental geological research on organisms formed by the sea, and then exploited as material by mankind to build forts, houses and roads...

The river led them near the island of Monsin to a junction with the Albert Canal, a busy transport route of cement, lime, marl... and other natural resources. The self-constructed flint Tower of the Apocalypse or recently recognised 'Temple of Peace', on the hilly canal banks, haunted them. The mines and quarries told them a story of 'the Powers of Ten' in geological formations.

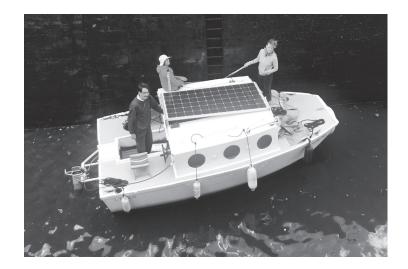














07____ As part of the happening *De Verderzetting*, the second 2021 phase of *Kasper Demeulemeester* and *Jakob Van den Broucke's Heimat* project, *Buratinas* sailed towards Mol. The aim of the project *Kempisch Kanaal (i.h.k.v. Heimat, fase 2: De Verderzetting)* was to document the landscape in an independent way and to collect information about the environment. The history of the Kempen is very much intertwined with the history of artificial water environments: from the sand extraction lakes (Zilvermeer...) to the canals that brought the region 'in progress', water is an essential and controversial part of the contemporary Kempen landscape. As an artistic research vessel, *Buratinas* opened new perspectives on this issue.

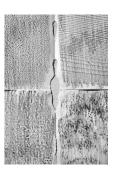




08____ The *oracle* collective travelled with *Buratinas* from Tub-2021 ize to Dinant and from Kanne to Mol. With their vocal practice, they focused on the theme of sailing songs, also known as *She Shanties*, which were sung to the rhythm of the boat. New stories were shared between the sails, new songs were created. *Captain Mathilde* made sound fragments based on this (*She Shanty, Interdit Song*).

Captains Agathe & *Clément* also provided sound waves to accompany the windmill scenery and the Ronquières boat lift. The group learned from the lock operators that all the locks will be automated in the coming years. The contact of the 'lock babble'/lock babble, their main source of information during this trip, will not be possible in the future...

08____DVDV-(Sebastian Dingens - Ed Van Der Ven) contin-2021 ued their search for hidden sounds in and around the water on the Buratinas. They spent their days carving out partitions from the earth and fishing for sounds in the water. This resulted in a series of drawings. They also did some radio experiments on the boat, which resulted in sound compositions that represent the unpredictable behaviour, the dark massiveness and also the nurturing forces of the underwater sound world: always moving, always changing.



09____Clément Thiry and Agathe Voisin took the Buratinas 2021 and floated on the canals to make drawings. The drawings were made using meditative gestures, reflecting the waves. They drew lines on the paper under the influence of whirlpools, without projecting the shape of the drawing in advance.



In order to impregnate their drawings with the fluids and raw materials of the site, they collected the muddy water and the remaining particles that mixed with it. As a result, sometimes ghostly creatures appeared. Their project resulted in a series of vague, floating or flowing drawings, or even drawings carried away by the wind.

09____ During her residency at Le Vector Charleroi, *Stéphanie* 2021 *Roland* came up with the idea that the city of Charleroi is the exact opposite of the *Inaccessibility Sea Pole*, also known as Point Nemo. This geographical point is the furthest away from all forms of human life and earthly space. A perfect starting point for *Stéphanie*, whose favourite themes are haunted places, as well as the immaterial and invisible entities generated by the Western world.

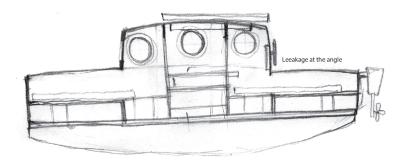
Together with *Marthe Van Dessel* and *Alice Versieux*, she fictitiously explored this submerged point at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean through experiments at local water points on the way to Charleroi. With the *Buratinas*, they went to explore the bottom of the canal. In doing so, they created their own camera, a hydrid object that is halfway between a sonar and an astronomical instrument for measuring exoplanets, and operated thanks to sound waves.

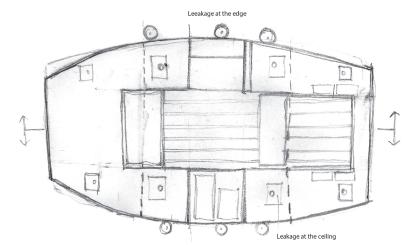


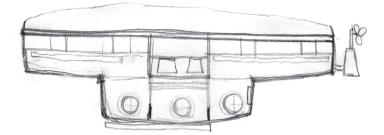


10____ Pierre Huyghebaert (Atelier Cartographique) made 202] a trip on the Buratinas together with Sophie Boiron, Maximiliaan Royakkers and Hélène Balle, Buratinas Cocoon: bunkers after holds. The starting point was to reflect on Buratinas as a container, with functions and objects that are constantly being redefined according to the artistic practices that are being explored. They made a list with codes of everything on the boat, which they also translated into English. Then they completed the plans of the boat drawn from the inside. All the objects in the *Buratinas* inventory were also drawn.

Buratinas drawn from the inside during the rain









barbecue equipment dish warmers * lots of them 2 candles cotton cloths leftover metro newspaper 1 bag of various candles small bins 1 massive citronella candle in a bucket 1 roll of blue paper towels (garage type) 1 sieve (finished Strainer) 1 very small cooler bag (hiking type) 1 stove a bit far away 1 barbecue 1 bag of coal spices 2 x 50 cl bottles of spa hydroalcoholic gel 1 anti-mosquito stick 1 anti-bite lotion 1 packet of herbal tea 1 onion 1 corkscrew 1 toilet paper roll 1 jar of honey 1 jar of coffee (a little) 1 empty bottle of olive oil 1 box of matches 1 roll of wide black tape 1 foam only 1 m long 2 thick foams 1 wool blanket 2 cushions

1 duvet cover 4 batteries 2 extension cords, one of which is external 10 or 15 m 1 caravan plug adapter (CEE plug) 1 rope 1 power Strip 1 key lock with key 1 canister loose electrical wires 1 empty silicone gun 1 boat silicone gun 1 spare propeller dust masks 1 small old anchor 1 piece of metal 1 white and blue flag screwdrivers 1 soldering iron 1 sugar 1 spool of string collars x full socket spanners 1 sanitary silicon WD40 Abrasive discs wooden stirrers various types of rapes repar'express in paste form 1 repair kit 1 rope handle 1 boat code attachment 1 tube of je-ne-saisquoi 1 small led 1 charger box with plug 1 box with lugs for

testing (picto battery) 1 multimeter that doesn't work - it seems 1 transformer (probably) 1 set of lamp switches 1 wooden support for the stairs 1 display box in the door, does not work 4 mooring ropes 6 protective buoys 1 tarpaulin made to measure 1 motor 1 electric cable 1 transmission cable 1 Steering wheel 1 cable for the control lever, to be screwed on and passed through the ceiling on the right-hand side 1 very heavy rubble bag 1 very heavy rubble bag, probably ballast 1 main switch $2 \times 5l$ plastic water bottles 1 x 10l water jerry can 1 work bucket 1 dish bucket 1 scraper is missing

Content of the boat

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