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Press Release

Roos Theuws, *New Works*

Slewe Gallery

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Opening Saturday 19 April 5-7 pm

Slewe Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition with new works by Dutch artist Roos Theuws. The exhibition opens Saturday April 19 and will run until May 17. Theuws, a.o. known for her video installations, in which light and sound are subject matter, will show two new video works and eight related photoworks as inkjet prints.

One video installation, entitled *Fences & Pools* (2012), originated as a result of her residency in Utah in the United States some years ago. Inspired by the bare desert-like scenery she connected the old Apocalyps text from the Biblical Book of Revelations with a native American mythological text and descriptions by an American scientific explorer in the Mid-West from the nineteenth century.

The other video installation *Kitab al Manazir (Book of Optics)* (2013) shows the optical instruments, which are at display at the Museum Boerhaave in Leiden and the Arabic text of the medieval physician Ibn al Haytham. The text and instruments show an intriguing theory on the physical perception of light by human eyes and how we observe images.

Roos Theuws, born in 1957 in Valkenswaard (NL), works and lives in Amsterdam. Since 1984 she shows regularly her work internationally. They have been collected by several important private collections in the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States and public collections, such as Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam and Huis Marseille Amsterdam.

For this occasion Ernst van Alphen, Professor Literature Studies at Leiden University, has written a text on Theuws' work, entitled *Slow Seeing. Grasping the Image and the Way We Process It*. It will be published in a cahier and will be available during the exhibition. For more information please contact the gallery.

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