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Zahar Bondar was born in 1992 in Daugavpils, Latvia to two circus artists.

His art practice is simultaneously process and result-oriented, just think of a rope walker which is focused on the end point while also fully concentrated on the moment itself. And just like a rope walker, Bondar emphasises concepts of balance and precarity, engaging with bodily movement, voice, the performative use of objects and space, and the dialogue between these.

**upcoming** currently working on a book "*Soups and Tiles*" which will be co-published by Vleeshal, Middelburg and Page Not Found, The Hague in June 2026

Performance / Exhibition :

2025	<b>performance group</b>	Art Island, curated by Juliette Jongma, IJmuiden <i>Stage Left</i> , curated by Roos Gortzak, Vleeshal, Middelburg Stroom, The Hague
2024	<b>group project</b>	Kunstverein, Amsterdam <i>If you do it well, I will do it better</i> , Het Pennywafelhuis, Middelburg, commissioned by Vleeshal, Middelburg
2023	<b>performance group</b>	<i>ArtBar</i> , BillyTown, The Hague Annastate, The Hague
2022	<b>performance group</b>	<i>Exhibiting a poem</i> , ...ism project space, The Hague <i>I am going to make it, you are going to make it</i> , BillyTown, The Hague
2021	<b>performance group</b>	Kunstenlab, Deventer <i>Petanque</i> , Annastate, The Hague <i>Koninginnedag Tentoonstelling</i> , Hgtomi Rosa, The Hague
2020	<b>performance group</b>	<i>Raus</i> , Coehoornpark, Arnhem <i>Kijf the kid Saloon</i> , Billy town, The Hague Drift, Breda
2019	<b>performance performance performance solo</b>	Korzo, The Hague Museumnacht and HOOGTIJ, Heden gallery, The Hague <i>UITfestival</i> , West The Hague, The Hague Heden gallery, The Hague

	<b>group</b>	<i>Progeny</i> , hosted by Peter Brinkman and Titus Bovenberg, The Hague
	<b>group</b>	Bart gallery, Amsterdam
	<b>group</b>	SBK, Loods 6, Amsterdam
	<b>graduation</b>	<i>I would like to be a dancer, to be able to dance with the circumstances</i> , The Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
2018	<b>project</b>	<i>Sculpture in the sea</i> , Normandy, France
	<b>performance</b>	<i>The New Reach</i> , De School, Amsterdam
	<b>group</b>	<i>A balancing act</i> , Kunsthall KAdE, Amersfoort
	<b>group</b>	<i>Outermost Corner</i> , NEST, The Hague
2017	<b>performance</b>	<i>CASS Concert</i> , Koninklijk Conservatorium, The Hague
	<b>performance</b>	Billy town, The Hague
	<b>group</b>	<i>The Essence</i> , Vienna, Austria
	<b>group</b>	<i>Cafe am Heumarkt</i> , organised by E++, Vienna, Austria
	<b>group</b>	<i>Learning from Shans Habus</i> , Shizle, Vienna, Austria
2016	<b>performance</b>	<i>Graduation festival 2016</i> , The Royal Academy of Art, The Hague
	<b>performance</b>	<i>As close to black as blue can be</i> , MegaStores, The Hague
2015	<b>performance</b>	<i>Old kwantum</i> , Leon's place, The Hague

Other projects:

2024/25	<b>workshops</b>	with artists Fatemeh Heidari and Ola Vasiljeva, Stichting De Vrolijkheid, the Asylum Seeker Centre, Katwijk (AZC Katwijk), commissioned by Page Not Found, The Hague as part of <i>Page of Possibilities</i> series
2024	<b>workshop</b>	Team V public program, commissioned by Vleeshal, Middelburg

Education:

2014 - 2019	Royal Academy of Art, Fine Arts, The Hague
2016	Die Angewandte, Skulptur und Raum, Vienna, Austria
2010 - 2012	Worked as a traveling circus artist in an equilibrium performance

Masterclasses / Residencies:

2020	<b>mentorship</b>	by Hans van der Ham, The Hague
2019	<b>residency</b>	Tusheti, Georgia
2017	<b>masterclass</b>	Tirzo Martha, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague
2016	<b>masterclass</b>	Simone Forti, Vleeshal, Middelburg
2015	<b>masterclass</b>	Tino Sehgal, KABK, The Hague

Stipendia:

2025	<b>grant</b>	Spot subsidies, Stroom, The Hague
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2024	<b>grant</b>	Mondriaan Fonds Voucher
	<b>grant</b>	Werktuig PPO development subsidies
2023	<b>grant</b>	Project subsidies, IONA funding
2021	<b>grant</b>	PRO Kunstproject, Stroom, The Hague
2019	<b>grant</b>	Invest prijs, Stroom, The Hague
	<b>grant</b>	Heden startprijs
	<b>grant</b>	Residency subsidies, Stroom, The Hague