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Museum night Amsterdam (n8)

Stichting Museumnacht Amsterdam (Museum Night Amsterdam Foundation), in short n8, is to link the museums of Amsterdam to a new and young public on Saturday 5 November 2011. More than 35 museums are to open their doors from 19.00h until 02.00h during the sparkling Museum night. All of the participating institutions are to organise special events. These include performances and tours given by Dutch celebrities. Special transportation throughout the city will be available during the Museum night in the form of busses *and* boats, which is included in the ticket price.

More information: www.n8.nl

- Various locations in Amsterdam

Flemish painters from the Hermitage

The Hermitage Amsterdam is to exhibit an impressive selection from the collection of Flemish art of the Hermitage St.-Petersburg from 17 September 2011 through 16 March 2012. An overview of 75 paintings and approx. 20 drawings, including numerous masterpieces by the major three of the School of Antwerp: Peter Paul Rubens, Anthonie van Dyck and Jacob Jordaens, supplemented with works by various also well-known contemporaries.

More information: www.hermitage.nl

- Hermitage, Amsterdam

Visit Fort Island IJmuiden

6 November 2011 is the last day of the 2011 season upon which *Forteiland IJmuiden* will be open to the public. Visitors depart from the Kop van de Haven per boat to the island and can explore the island in the form of a guided or unguided tour. With its armoured fort, bunkers and trenches, this island guarantees adventure, discovery and amazement. The 19th-century fort has an extensive network of corridors and more than 100 rooms. The fort was put into operation in 1888 as part of the Position of Amsterdam.

More information: www.fortijmuiden.nl

- Forteiland IJmuiden



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National Sand sculptures championship

The National sand Sculptures Championship is to take place from 26 August through 13 November 2011 in Zandvoort. Five sand sculptures are to be erected on the Middenboulevard, near the Badhuisplein. The sand sculptors are to create objects based on the theme "Walk of Fame" in which they are to depict a famous inhabitant of Zandvoort in the form of a corresponding object. The images will measure approx. 3 by 3 metres with a height of 3.5 metres. No less than 200,000 kilograms of special sculpturing sand (40,000 kilograms per sculpture) is to be dumped on the boulevard.

More information: www.vvvzandvoort.nl

- Middenboulevard, Zandvoort

Beach marathon Hoek van Holland - Den Helder

A Beach biking marathon on 13 November 2011 from Hoek van Holland to Den Helder. A stretch of 135 km of beach across the coastline of the Netherlands is to be covered per mountain bike. Hoek van Holland – Den Helder is still the most appealing mountain bike event of Beach-biking Holland. The participants include mountain biking lovers from both home and abroad. The popularity of this event is meanwhile such that the number of entries has been set at a maximum of 1000 participants for organisational reasons.

More information: www.beachbiking.nl

- Hoek van Holland



Food film festival Zaandam

Film theatre *De Fabriek* is to organise a weekend full of short and long dining films on 12 and 13 November 2011. Historic material from the Zaanland food industry will be shown as well. The weekend also offers workshops and tasting rooms.

More information: www.de-fabriek.nl

- Zaandam

International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA)

Fans of this genre can truly enjoy themselves with the touching, compelling and sometimes shocking (inter)national documentaries that can be viewed on the big screen from 16 through 27 November 2011. The IDFA is to show around 250 documentaries on a diversity of subjects. Regular programme items include Panorama, on urgent topical issues, Kids and Docs, on children and documentaries and the Top Ten by Nikolaus Geyrhalter.

More information: www.idfa.nl

- Amsterdam, various locations



PAN Amsterdam

PAN Amsterdam is to be the most important national art and antique fair from 20 through 27 November 2011 and is a must for any art-lover. Contemporary and modern art and design go hand in hand with art objects with a very long history. PAN Amsterdam attracts more than 40,000 visitors annually. Ranging from young to old, from museums to private art-lovers, art advisors and interior decorators. PAN Amsterdam is an inspiring place for anyone who appreciates beauty, who wishes to give a personal touch to the interior of his/her home or who is looking for a gift with a history.

More information: www.pan-amsterdam.nl
- RAI, Amsterdam

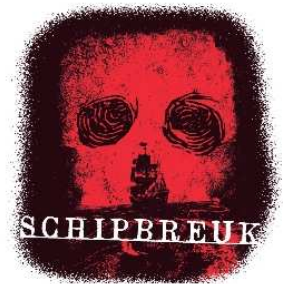


Shipwreck Batavia

This exhibition is to take place from 8 October 2011 through 29 October 2012. The brand new VOC-ship (cargo ship of the Dutch East India Company) *De Batavia* leaves the shipyard of Texel on 28 October 1628 for a long and dangerous voyage to East India. A voyage that the ship will never complete. The huge drama occurred amongst the crewmembers after *De Batavia* was lost along the coast of Australia. The exhibition *Schipbreuk* (Shipwreck) lets you relive this fatal voyage. Sail along on this fatal journey of *De Batavia* with one of the crewmembers as your guide. *Bataviawerf*, *Nieuw Land* and the *Rijksdienst* together are to organise this high-profile exhibition of the story of the old and the new *Batavia*.

More information: www.schipbreukbatavia.nl

- Nieuw Land heritage centre, Shipyard Bataviawerf Lelystad



Holiday On Ice

Holiday on Ice is to perform from 8 through 11 December 2011. The strength of Holiday on Ice lies in the combination of more than 60 years of experience in creating high-quality ice skating shows. The audience will be amazed by the new, innovating ideas and techniques. The dreams and fantasies of the audience will become reality in a mix of dance, glittering costumes and music.

More information: www.holidayonice.com

- Amsterdam, RAI

Restoration of a masterpiece

The restored painting *De slaapkamer* (The Bedroom) can be viewed in the Van Gogh Museum from 10 June 2011 through 15 January 2012. *De slaapkamer* from the year 1888 is one of the most popular works from the oeuvre of Vincent van Gogh. The restoration was completed in 2010 and it was displayed shortly before being transported to Japan. This presentation in the Van Gogh Museum, called *Slaapkamergeheimen* (Bedroom secrets) also includes a life-size, 3D-version of the bedroom. The artist made the painting while living in Arles. He took great care in choosing the composition and the colours and we know from his correspondence that he was very satisfied with the result. Unfortunately, *De slaapkamer* has had much to endure from the very beginning. This piece of work was damaged for the first time while Van Gogh was still alive.



More information: www.vangoghmuseum.nl

- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Ringvaart running event 2011

The running event Ringvaartloop in Aalsmeer is to take place on Sunday 27 November 2011. AV Aalsmeer is to see to the organisation of this event.

More information: www.hardloopkalender.nl

- Aalsmeer

Exhibition Zaans Schoon: 50 years Zaanse Schans

The exhibition *Zaans Schoon* (Beautiful Zaanland) is to take place from Thursday 2 June 2011 through Sunday 25 March 2012. The *Zaanse Schans* is a world-famous neighbourhood, a



'reservation' for timber constructions that risk demolition, which was established for the purpose of preserving the heritage of Zaanland. Discovered by tourists, much in favour among the residents and unique on all counts. The exhibition focuses on Zaanland wood construction and the beauty of this popular piece of Zaanland heritage. Female photographer Marisa Beretta made a photo-reportage especially for this exhibition, in which she portrays people on and behind the Zaanse Schans in her own unique way. One can admire a total of 40 portraits, each accompanied by the story of the extraordinary building in which they live or work.

More information: www.zaanseschans-museum.nl

- Zaanse Museum, Zaandam

Bartholomeus van der Helst: the illusion of power

A presentation on Bartholomeus Van der Helst can be seen in the Amsterdam Museum from 14 October 2011 through 22 January 2012. On 11 February 2011, Judith van Gent defended her thesis Bartholomeus van der Helst (circa 1613-1670) at the University of Utrecht: a study into his life and his work. Based on the works and documents available, this monographic study reconstructs the career and clientele of Van der Helst.

More information: www.amsterdammuseum.nl

- Amsterdam Museum, Amsterdam

Amsterdam Festival of Light and Water

The Amsterdam Festival of Light and Water is to take place from 8 December 2011 through 8 January 2012. During this cultural

festival, one can admire light sculptures and the architecture of Amsterdam is beautifully illuminated during the winter months.

Contemporary artists present their work against the historical setting of Amsterdam. The Boulevard of Light along the Amstel is the main event, the highlight of which is the Christmas Canal parade with floats along the Prinsengracht and Amstel. There are also various museological activities.

More information:

www.wintermagicamsterdam.com

- Amstel, Amsterdam



Millionaire Fair

The *Miljonair Fair* that is to take place from 8 through 12 December 2011 is an exclusive, trend-setting lifestyle fair. A unique event during which the top of the international luxury industry meets to present the loveliest and most exclusive products and services to a select public. The Millionaire Fair offers many activities every day, including fashion- and jewellery shows, beauty treatments, workshops and special performances by different entertainers. The programme furthermore includes various tasting rooms on a daily basis and many spectacular launches of new products from participants from a variety of branches, such as automobiles, boats, interior decorating, real estate, jewellery and watches.

More information: www.miljonairfair.nl

- RAI, Amsterdam

Anton Pieck Parade

The Anton Pieck Parade on 10 December 2011 is a tribute to Anton Pieck, who lived and worked in and around Haarlem for 60 years. All of the drawings that Pieck made are to become 'true to life' on the second Saturday in December. The former times of around 1900 will revive in the old narrow streets around the old Bavokerk church. Artists, a magician, a puppet player, a fire-eater, ladies and gentlemen of the upper class, street ruffians and old trades alternate one another in this parade.

More information:

www.antonpieckparade.nl

- Haarlem, centre



Christmas market Haarlem

Situated in a historical setting, the traditional Christmas market that is to take place on 11 December 2011 will put everyone in the right mood for the holiday season. The Christmas market is to be erected in front of the town hall and the Bavokerk in the heart of Haarlem. A varied Christmas programme that includes performances by a variety of Christmas choirs and a Christmas concert of the carillon of the church will again ensure a holiday atmosphere and conviviality.

More information: www.kerstmarkthaarlem.nl

- Haarlem



Aviodrome Kerstdrome Lelystad

The Aviodrome in Lelystad is to be transformed into a Christmas setting from 20 December 2011 through 8 January 2012. A holiday atmosphere, conviviality and various activities are the core words that describe what awaits the visitors to the Aviodrome. With its large collection of historical aeroplanes, the Aviodrome is the ideal aviation adventure for the entire family. Children will find a visit to the Aviodrome very instructive.

More information: www.aviodrome.nl

- Theme park Aviodrome

World Christmas circus Carré

Humour, excitement, beauty, sensation and illusions: these are the mottos of the World Christmas circus in Carré from 22 December 2011 through 8 January 2012. This Circus is to be presented in the Royal Theatre Carré, which will be transformed for that purpose into the world's most beautiful circus palace. The circus offers a varied programme with top acts from all over the world. Animals are to fulfil an important role, in which only animal-friendly acts will be performed and all of the animals are recognised for what they are. This circus has appealed to tens of thousands for 23 years now, including numerous circus-boards from across the world. They know that they can expect to see the international circus top in a sparkling show in the beautiful setting of the renovated Royal Theatre Carré, in which the true circus tradition is maintained despite the many innovations.

More information: www.stardustbv.nl

- Carré, Amsterdam

Winter Parade at the Table

Just like every circus has its winter version, the Parade has its Winter Parade at the Table from 23 through 26 December 2011 in Amsterdam. There will be dining in the ring, surrounded by a maze of short performances and there are after-parties. The Winter Parade at the Table is a refreshing evening filled with unique theatre acts that the visitor can see one after the other. Music from all corners of the world and culinary surprises make the evening complete.

More information: www.winterparade.nl

- Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam



New Year's dive Zandvoort

The New Year's dive into the ocean is for anyone and everyone who wants to start off 2012 with a refreshing dive on January 1st. It is a major event with over 1500 participants and more than 12,000 spectators. It is to take place for the 52nd time.

More information: www.nieuwjaarsduikzandvoort.nl

- Zandvoort beach



The Masterpieces - Rijksmuseum Amsterdam

During the renovation of the main building of the Rijksmuseum from 1 January through 31 December 2011, the top pieces of the Rijksmuseum from the 17th century will remain open to the public under the title 'The Masterpieces'. The public is given the opportunity in the newly designed Philips-wing to view the highlights of the Golden Age in a refreshing composition. The exhibition includes more than 400 masterpieces.

More information: www.rijksmuseum.nl

- Amsterdam, Rijksmuseum

Egmond-Pier-Egmond

The 14th edition of the ATB beach race AGU Egmond-Pier-Egmond will take place on 7 January 2012. A winter classic of 36 kilometres. The top mountain-biking sportsmen and –women and reputable road racers are ready to battle in this massive number of entrants, in an open competition across the North Sea beach under often difficult weather conditions. The elite racers will start first, followed by the business race and the Le Champion start section and the business race for leisure racers. The event will be concluded with all of the cycling enthusiasts.

More information: www.egmondpieregmond.nl

- Boulevard Noord Strand Velsen Noord, Egmond aan Zee

Jumping Amsterdam

Jumping Amsterdam is to again take place from 19 through 22 January 2012. An international show jumping competition where top horsemen and –women from various countries compete for the world cups for dressage, jumping and, for the first time in the Netherlands, the world cup driving. The most appealing aspect for the public is the world cup competitions for dressage and jumping on Saturday and the *Grote Prijs van Amsterdam* on Sunday. What's more, the event offers a *Strodorp* (straw village) with shops, restaurants and cafés and performances by various known Amsterdam performers.

More information: www.jumpingamsterdam.nl

- RAI, Amsterdam



More from Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

2nd National 50+ day – Various locations in Zandvoort

A day full of (mainly free) activities, including a guided tour along the many old alleyways in Zandvoort.

5 November 2011

Opening Tattoo Museum - Amsterdam

New museum established by Henk Schiffmacher in the Plantage in Amsterdam.

5 November 2011

Sloop race Muiden - Pampus - Muiden

The most fun sloop-rowing event in the Netherlands, followed by a festive celebration.

5 - 6 November 2011

St Nicholas' arrival per boat - Amstelveen

The parade is to start at the Startbaan this year.

12 November 2011

St Nicholas' arrival per boat - Aalsmeer

The arrival and parade of St Nicholas in the centre of Aalsmeer is an enjoyable day for young and old.

12 November 2011

St Nicholas' arrival per boat Uithoorn

In the city centre of Uithoorn.

12 November 2011

St Nicholas' arrival per boat - Edam

The arrival and parade is to take place on the Koemarkt.

13 November 2011

Boat excursion Winter visitors and Birds of passage - Wormer

Birds come from northern and eastern regions, such as Scandinavia and Siberia, to spend the winter here. Information on these birds is provided during the excursion.

13 November 2011 through 26 February 2012

Style fair La Table – Naarden

This extremely stylish fair is to take place in the Grote Kerk of Naarden.

10 through 13 November 2011

Christmas market – Assendelft

In shopping centre de Saen.

10 December 2011

Bussum op ijs - Bussum

Ice-skating on 450 m² of artificial ice in front of the Town hall of Bussum.

10 December 2011 through 8 January 2012

Christmas Jumbo - Lelystad

The Christmas lights of the 'Christmas Jumbo' are to be lit in theme park Aviodrome.

10 December 2011

Christmas market - Wormerveer

The heart of Wormerveer accommodates an attractive Christmas market with 100 stands. Santa Claus and live Christmas music are present.

11 December

Christmas market - Uithoorn

This Christmas market is to be held for the second time in the centre of Uithoorn. The year 2010 saw over 20,000 visitors.

11 December 2011

Ice-skating - Zandvoort

The Winter Wonderland month again includes a real ice-skating rink.

12 December 2011 through 3 January 2012

December market - Aalsmeer

A cosy Christmas market will take place in the centre of Aalsmeer.

16 - 17 December 2011

Christmas market - Edam

For three whole days during the weekend before Christmas, the city centre of Edam is to be magically transformed into a Christmas setting with illuminated stands, *glüwein* and the newest Christmas articles.

16 through 18 December 2011

Mid-winter mill – Weesp

A choir is to sing traditional Christmas carols at the mill.

23 December 2011

Open-air Christmas carols - Zandvoort

Christmas Eve on the Kerkplein (church square) in Zandvoort. Singing Christmas carols together.

24 December 2011

Burning of Christmas tree – Floradorp

The traditional burning of the Christmas tree in Amsterdam-Noord.

31 December 2011

Exhibition Teunis Bakker - Purmerend

Teun Bakker painted and etched landscapes, portraits and still lifes. This exhibition in the Purmerend Museum is an overview of his work, mainly from private collections.

17 September 2011 through 8 January 2012

(Events and dates are subject to change)

The updated version of the Newsletter on the internet:

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