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From St. Petersburg with love - Flemish Masters on loan from Hermitage

St. Petersburg

From 17 September 2011 to 16 March 2012, the Hermitage Amsterdam is showing an impressive selection of Flemish Masters from the Hermitage's St. Petersburg collection. The exhibition offers a survey of 75 paintings and around 20 drawings, including many masterpieces by the big three of the Antwerp school: Peter Paul Rubens, Anthony van Dyck and Jacob Jordaens, as well as pieces from several well-known contemporaries.

More information: www.hermitage.nl

- Hermitage, Amsterdam



Relive the Shipwreck of the Batavia

This exhibition is on from 8 October 2011 till 28 October 2012. On 28 October, 1628 the newly built Dutch East India Company ship Batavia set off from Texel to make the long, dangerous journey to the East Indies. It was a journey the ship would never complete. The ship was wrecked off the coast of Australia, beginning the story of the passengers' fight for survival. Accompanied by a guide, the exhibition allows visitors to relive this fatal journey. The controversial exhibition tracing the history of the old and new Batavia is a joint venture between Batavia Wharf, New Land and the Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed (Dutch Cultural Heritage Department).

More information: www.schipbreukbatavia.nl

- New Land Heritage Centre, Batavia Wharf Lelystad



Celebrating in the Golden Age

From 11 November 2011 through 6 May 2012, the Frans Hals Museum will present a varied overview of painted partying in the Golden Age. Parties were a highly popular subject in seventeenth-century art. Painters such as Jan Steen, Dirck Hals and Frans Hals portrayed countless merry-making folk and lively companies, from peasant fairs and Sinterklaas celebrations to lavish garden parties. For more information: www.franshalsmuseum.nl

- Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem

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Highlights from the print collection of the Van Gogh Museum

From 2 February through 29 April 2012, the Van Gogh Museum will display highlights from its print collection. In the years 1890 to 1905, Paris was gripped by a veritable 'print revolution'. During this period artists such as Bonnard, Vuillard, Gauguin and Toulouse-Lautrec produced prints in limited runs for collectors. The Van Gogh Museum is extremely active in the collection of these prints. A selection from more than a thousand works will be displayed in this presentation.

For more information: www.vangoghmuseum.nl

- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

400 year-anniversary of Turkey and the Netherlands

2012 marks the 400-year anniversary of diplomatic relations between Turkey and the Netherlands. From 28 February through 9 April 2012, the Rijksmuseum will hold two exhibitions on this theme. The Rijksmuseum asked photographer Ahmet Polat (born 1978) to capture a new trend: young, well-educated Turkish Dutch remigrating to search for their fortune in the prospering Turkish economy.

For more information:

www.rijksmuseum.nl

- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam



HISWA Amsterdam

As in previous years, HISWA will take place at RAI Amsterdam from 6 through 11 March 2012. With a wide and varied selection of boats, water sports products and nautical services, HISWA has been the biggest all-round exhibition for water sports in the Benelux since 1993. In

addition to the traditional exhibition of sail yachts, motor yachts, sloops, speedboats, dinghies and accessories, HISWA also focuses on water sports, such as rowing, (kite) surfing and waterskiing. This spring boat show, which represents the undisputed start of the sailing season, also features a varied programme of activities, offering something for everyone, whether you are a beginner or a more experienced water sports enthusiast.

For more information: www.hiswarai.nl

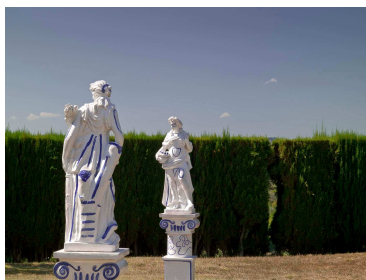
- RAI, Amsterdam

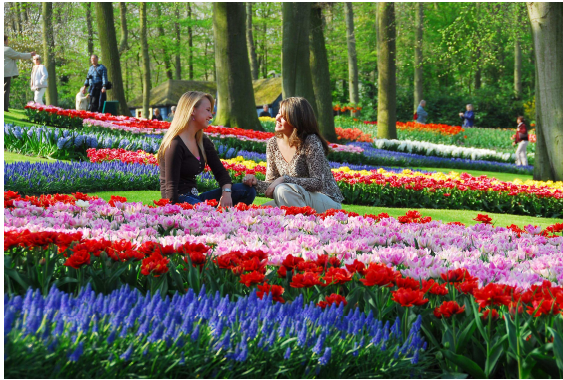
'Hof van Appel' at Kasteel Keukenhof (Castle Keukenhof)

Next spring, the new sculpture garden Cobra Buiten (Cobra in the Open) is to open in the attractive surroundings of Kasteel Keukenhof. The first sculpture exhibition, entitled 'Hof van Appel' (Garden of Appel), will run at Cobra Buiten from 22 March through 21 October 2012. Exhibited in the gardens adjacent to Kasteel Keukenhof and a stone's throw away from the world-famous Keukenhof flower exhibition, some 20 large sculptures by Karel Appel will be displayed. Karel Appel sculpted these works in Tuscany, where he was inspired by the sunlight and the landscape. The sculpture garden is an initiative of the Cobra Museum of Modern Art in collaboration with Kasteel Keukenhof in Lisse. With Cobra Buiten, the Cobra Museum will be organising exhibitions of Cobra sculptures over a three year period. This new sculpture garden will enable a wide group of people to become acquainted with the cultural heritage of Cobra in an accessible way. In 2013 and 2014, works by other yet to be decided Cobra artists will be exhibited.

For more information: www.cobrabuiten.nl

- Kasteel Keukenhof, Lisse





Opening of Keukenhof

In 2012, Keukenhof in Lisse will open its gates from 22 March through 20 May. Keukenhof boasts 32 hectares of gardens which are planted every spring with flower bulbs from local bulb growers. In these beautifully landscaped fields, over seven million crocuses, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, lilies and other bulbs form a stunning display of colour. Keukenhof has five different pavilions: the Oranje Nassau Pavilion, the Willem Alexander Pavilion, the Beatrix Pavilion, the Juliana Pavilion and the Wilhelmina Pavilion.

For more information: www.keukenhof.nl
- Keukenhof, Lisse

Runner's World Zandvoort Circuit Run

The fifth edition of the Runner's World Zandvoort Circuit Run will take place on 25 March 2012, attracting an anticipated 15,000 runners to the popular seaside resort for the opening of the new beach season. In addition to the 12-kilometre run, there will also be a 5-kilometre run.

For more information: www.rwcircuitrun.nl
- Zandvoort, Noord-Holland

Amsterdam Fantastic Film Festival Imagine

The Imagine Amsterdam Fantastic Film Festival will take place from 17 through 28 April 2012 in the Kriterion Cinema in Amsterdam. During this festival, film lovers have the chance to enjoy horror, science fiction and fantasy films, including films that won't be released in Dutch cinemas. The festival also welcomes a range of Dutch and international guests and filmmakers. In short, Imagine is the place to be for film freaks.

For more information:
www.imaginefilmfestival.nl
- Kriterion Cinema, Amsterdam



Zaandam Museum Weekend

On 14 and 15 April 2012, the Museum Weekend will take place at the Museum van het Nederlands Uurwerk (Museum of the Dutch Clock) in Zaandam and the Molenmuseum (Windmill Museum) in Koog aan de Zaan. The Museum van het Nederlands Uurwerk has teamed up with the Honig Breethuis to give visitors the opportunity to learn about sea trade and prosperity in the 18th century. The Molenmuseum offers free guided tours of the museum.

For more information: www.museumweekend.nl
- Museum van het Nederlands Uurwerk, Zaandam / Molenmuseum, Koog aan de Zaan

World Press Photo

World Press Photo, which this year runs from 19 April through 16 June 2012, showcases the results from the annual international photograph contest. The most impressive photographs of past year's events will be displayed. The winning photographs of the World Press Photo Contest and children's selection of press photos will also be on display.

For more information: www.worldpressphoto.org
- Oude Kerk, Amsterdam

Bloemenweekend in Haarlem (Flower Weekend in Haarlem)

According to annual tradition, the Bulb Region Flower Parade will travel its 40-kilometre route to arrive in Haarlem on 20 April 2012. The floats will be festively illuminated in Haarlem's historic city centre. There is also a programme of song, theatre, music, magic and storytelling as well as a large flower and plant market. The Bloemenweekend runs from 20 through 22 April 2012.

For more information: www.bloemencorso-bollenstreek.nl

- Gedempte Oude Gracht, Haarlem

Ronde van Noord-Holland (Tour of North Holland)

Organised since 1946, the Ronde van Noord-Holland is one of the oldest international professional cycling events in the world. In the hours between start and finish on 22 April 2012, there will be so-called warm-up races for various categories of riders as well as musical attractions in the centre of Zaandam to enjoy.

For more information: www.rvnh.nl

- Gedempte Gracht, Zaandam

Spieren voor Spieren – City Run 2012 in Hilversum

The Spieren voor Spieren (Muscles for Muscles) City Run is a large annual running event in the centre of Hilversum. For the thousands of participants and the large crowd of spectators cheering them on, the race is not about the fastest time but all about the pleasure of running and having a good time. The ninth edition of the event is set to take place on Sunday, 22 April 2012.

For more information: www.spierenvoorspierencityrun.nl

- Hilversum, Noord-Holland

Loop naar de Pomp!

The Loop naar de Pomp Festival will be organised from 27 April through 18 August 2012. Come to the famous Pompplein square in Egmond and Zee and enjoy a drink and a bite to eat outside or in one of the many cafes while listening to some great bands and singers.

For more information: www.egmondaanzee.biz

- Egmond aan Zee, Noord-Holland

Amsterdam turns orange: Koninginnedag (Queen's Day)

Koninginnedag in Amsterdam started out with children selling their cast-off toys to community members and has since grown into a huge national holiday. This year, Koninginnedag will be celebrated on 30 April 2012, which means that on that day the whole city will be filled with orange-clad people partying. The vrijmarkt (freemarket) is an essential part of Amsterdam's Koninginnedag festivities. In addition to the freemarket, there are live music events at various locations throughout the city.

For more information:

www.koninginnedagamsterdam.nl

- Amsterdam, Noord-Holland



Koninginpop 2012

The Koninginpop Festival on 30 April 2012 is a musical happening you don't want to miss and a great place to meet friends. The festival started out as part of the Queen's Day celebrations in



Santpoort-Zuid with a playback show on one single stage. Since then, the festival has been moved to an open field in Santpoort's Burgemeester Rijkenspark and grown into a music festival in its own right. Koninginpop is known for giving regional bands a chance to shine and for its diverse line-up of musicians from different genres. This year, the festival is once again pulling out all the stops to make this Queen's Day event spectacular and memorable for everyone.

For more information: www.koninginpop.nl
- Burgemeester Rijkenspark, Santpoort-Zuid

Amsterdam Bevrijdingsfestival (Liberation Festival)

On 5 May 2012, Amsterdam joins the rest of the Netherlands to celebrate Liberation Day. The wide range of programmed events serves as a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a free country. The Amsterdam Bevrijdingsfestival is one of the biggest liberation festivals in the country, offering a varied selection of popular Dutch bands, theatre performances, speakers and an information market. The festival has a long history that goes back to 1946 when the first activities were organised by the Amsterdam 4 and 5 May Committee around Remembrance Day on 4 May and Liberation Day on 5 May.

For more information: www.libertycity.nl
- Dam square, Amsterdam

Concert on the Amstel River

On 5 May 2012, Liberation Day ends with a free open-air concert on the Amstel River. This impressive concert to the annual theme of Liberation Day is performed by an orchestra on a floating platform across from Koninklijk Theater Carré (Royal Theatre Carré). Each year, many thousands of people gather on the quay or enjoy the concert from their boats.

For more information: www.4en5mei.nl
- Across from Koninklijk Theater Carré, Amsterdam



Bevrijdingsfestival Haarlem (Haarlem Liberation Festival)

Bevrijdingspop Haarlem is the oldest liberation festival in the Netherlands. The programme on 5 May 2012 has a thematic focus, relating to freedom in the world today. On the day itself, further substance will be given to this theme in an effort to stimulate the dialogue about freedom around the world. The festival will consist mainly of music performances by famous bands from the Netherlands and abroad. In addition to pop music, the festival features a market, children's theatre and special activities for kids.

For more information: www.bevrijdingspop.nl
- City parks/ festival grounds, Haarlem

Art at RAI Amsterdam

From 9 through 13 May 2012, RAI Amsterdam is *the* platform for contemporary art in the Netherlands. Over a hundred galleries will be exhibiting the latest developments in current art. In addition to contemporary art, the Netherlands' top art dealers will be present with post-1945 art. Art Amsterdam is also the place to be for applied arts, such as jewellery, glass and ceramics.

For more information:

www.artamsterdam.nl

- RAI, Amsterdam

Amsterdam DNA

From 17 May through 28 December 2012, the Amsterdam Museum features an exhibition that will take visitors on an exciting three-dimensional journey through the capital's history based on masterpieces from the museum's collection.

For more information: www.ahm.nl

- Amsterdam Museum, Amsterdam



Klee en Cobra. Het begint als kind. (Klee and Cobra: A Child's Play)

This international exhibition, which runs from 25 May through 4 September 2012, reveals the influence that Paul Klee (1879-1940) had on the Cobra movement, seen from the perspective of their shared fascination for the wondrous world of children's imagination. In all, 120 masterpieces by Paul Klee (oil paintings, works on paper, mixed media works and sculptures) and about 100 highlights by the Cobra artists are being brought together from international collections.

For more information: www.cobra-museum.nl

- Cobra Museum, Amsterdam

Hemeltjelier!

Hemeltjelier! is a festival for young and old alike, with events taking place on Ascension Day (30 May 2012) at the NDSM wharf in Amsterdam. More than 100 artists and performers will be working together to create an unforgettable experience packed with live music, art, theatre performances and fun activities for children.

For more information: www.hemeltjelifestival.nl

- NDSM Wharf, Amsterdam-Noord

More events in Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

Geschenk uit de hemel (A Heavenly Gift): Rijksmuseum

The Rijksmuseum shows an exhibition of 10 paintings as an appetizer for the display of the permanent collection after the opening of the museum's new main building.

14 December 2011 through 5 March 2012

Van Gogh Atelierpraktijk (Van Gogh's Studio Practice)

The annual presentation of Van Gogh's studio practice centres on the painting *Cliffs at Villerville-sur-mer* by Charles-François Daubigny from the Museum Mesdag collection.

30 December 2011 through 7 April 2012

Leids Cabaret Festival 2012 – Tour of Finalists

Since its launching in 1978, the VARA Leids Cabaret Festival at Cultural Centre Griffioen in Amstelveen has been a leading platform for young and upcoming stand-up comedians in the Netherlands.

6 March 2012

Amuse Tour Volendam

The next edition of the Amuse Tour is set to take place in March 2012 in Volendam. Once again, the chefs of the participating venues will serve an array of finger-licking culinary delights to present their restaurant to the public.

25 March 2012

Seabottom Jazz Festival

The 20th edition of the Seabottom Jazz Festival is scheduled to take place on 30 and 31 March 2012 in the Agora Theatre in Lelystad.

30 and 31 March 2012

St. Matthew Passion in Edam

The St. Matthew Passion will be performed on Good Friday in the Grote Kerk in Edam.

6 April 2012

Vlootdag in Monnickendam (Fleet Day Monnickendam)

On Easter Sunday, 8 April 2012, the fourth Vlootdag is scheduled to take place. All clippers and tjalks will be open to the public.

8 April 2012

Hilversum Denkt (Hilversum Thinks)

On Saturday, 14 April 2012, players of bridge, draughts, Go and chess have the opportunity to brain tease each other in Hilversum.

14 April 2012

Amsterdams Studenten Festival (Amsterdam Student Festival)

The Amsterdams Studenten Festival enables students to perform in professional theatres and on famous stages. All performances are judged by an expert judging panel.

10 and 11 May 2012

Geraniumjaarmarkt Aalsmeer (Aalsmeer Annual Geranium Market)

On 12 May 2012, Aalsmeer's Retailers Association will organise an annual geranium market at the Raadhuisplein square in Aalsmeer.

12 May 2012

Zandvoort (A)live

Zandvoort (A)live is one of the largest, free beach events in the Netherlands, and is famed for presenting a line-up of leading DJs and performances in an upbeat atmosphere. Get ready to party at Wijdewormer.

13 May 2012

Zaanstad Fietsvierdaagse (Four Day Cycling Event in Zaanstad)

The Zaanstad Fietsvierdaagse is not just about cycling, but also about having a good time. Each night, the DTS clubhouse is filled to the brim with campers and participants.

17 through 20 May 2012

Dag van het Park op Beekestijn (Park Day at Beekestijn)

The Dag van het Park will take place on 27 May 2012. Landgoed Beekestijn will organise an information market on gardening, landscaping and nature, offering visitors lots to see and do.
27 May 2012

More information about Amsterdam Metropolitan Area can be found on: www.atcb.nl/metropool

(Events and dates are subject to change)

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