

Boijmans in Transit

Museum in flux during forthcoming renovation works

The collection of Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen in Rotterdam has grown over a period of 170 years into a world-class collection of 151,000 artworks. The museum moved to its current location on the Museumpark in 1935. Many decades and millions of visitors later, the building is in need of radical renovation. Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen hopes that the renovations will go ahead in their most ambitious form. This would mean that the museum's current buildings will be restored to their former glory, to meet today's demands and be prepared for the future. The museum forms an ensemble with the new Depot and the Museumpark and its neighbouring museums. As is clear from the report published this week, Rotterdam's Council for Art & Culture fully supports this future scenario. The Rotterdam Municipal Executive is also positive about the plans. The City Council is expected to decide on the definitive scope of the rebuilding plans before the end of the year.

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In 2019, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen will close its doors in order to facilitate renovations and rebuilding. This will happen in phases. Art lovers have the chance until 14 January 2019 to see the collection in its current display 'The Collection as Time Machine'. The old Van der Steur building will close in phases in January and February for renovation. The collection will be moved to external storage facilities.

Until 26 May 2019, the public has the opportunity to see several exhibitions, including a major Bauhaus exhibition and a selection of highlights from the collection in the modern Bodon building. And even when all the museum's doors close in June 2019 and the renovations begin, the collection will not be completely out of sight...

During the transition period

During the renovations, a large part of the collection will remain accessible to the public. Seven neighbouring museums will make exhibitions under the name 'Boijmans Next Door', partially made possible by Stichting Droom en Daad. Masterpieces from the collection will continue to be seen abroad in the form of special travelling exhibitions. For example, an exhibition entitled 'The Best of Boijmans' is planned to visit leading museums around the world. The museum's collection of books will be transferred to the Rotterdam City Archives. Under the name 'Boijmans in the Classroom', we are preparing an exhibition programme for Rotterdam's schools in which real artworks play a role. We are working hard on a location in Rotterdam Zuid, where we plan to open an experimental space for young visitors in 2020. And finally, the construction of the Boijmans Van Beuningen Depot is in full swing. This iconic building and the world's first publicly accessible art storage facility will open its doors in the Museumpark in 2020/beginning of 2021.

BOIJMANS IN TRANSIT
 THE COLLECTION HAS GROWN IN 170 YEARS TO BECOME A WORLD CLASS COLLECTION WITH 157,000 ARTWORKS. IT HAS BEEN HOUSED SINCE 1935 IN THE MUSEUMPARK. THIS BUILDING NOW REQUIRES RENOVATION. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COLLECTION AND WHERE CAN IT BE SEEN?

FRANS JACOB OTTO BOIJMANS
 1 NOV 1792 - 19 JUNE 1843

DANIEL GEORGE VAN BEUNINGEN
 6 MARCH 1822 - 23 MARCH 1911

DEPOT
 THE WORLD'S FIRST PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ART DEPOT!
 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION NOW
 - NEXT TO THE MUSEUM
 - NEW OPPORTUNITY AND ICON FOR ROTTERDAM
 - OPENS 2020/BEGINNING OF 2021
 - BOIJMANS.NL/DEPOT

IN THE CLASSROOM
 MUSEUM EXPERIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH REAL ARTWORKS FROM THE COLLECTION
 FROM 2019

MUSEUM
 JANUARI 2019: OLD VAN DER STEUR WING CLOSES FOR RENOVATION
 FEBRUARI - MAY 2019: MODERN BODON AND ROBBRECHT & DAEM WINGS OPEN. ON VIEW: BAUHAUS, CO WESTERIK, COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS
 JUNE 2019: ALL DOORS CLOSE AND RENOVATIONS BEGIN
 CITY COUNCIL DECIDES IN 2018 HOW AMBITIOUS THE RENOVATIONS WILL BE

ROTTERDAM ZUID
 LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS
V&D?
 CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS
 IF IT GOES AHEAD, OPEN FROM 2020
 UNDER CONSTRUCTION: MORE INFO SOON!

ABROAD
 SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD TO PROMOTE THE CITY AND THE MUSEUM #BVBCOLLECTIONS FROM 2017

LIBRARY
 145,000 BOOKS AND MUSEUM-DOCUMENTS ON SHOW IN A SPECIAL READING ROOM IN THE CITY ARCHIVES FROM MID-2019

NEXT DOOR
 EXHIBITIONS AT:
 KUNSTHAL ROTTERDAM
 TAK & CUSTOMS MUSEUM
 MUSEUM ROTTERDAM
 CHABOT MUSEUM
 STEDELIJK MUSEUM SCHIEDAM
 MARITIME MUSEUM
 WERELDMUSEUM FROM FEBRUARI 2019

DIGITAL
 WE'RE EXPLORING LOADS OF IDEAS FOR DIGITAL AND VIRTUAL PROJECTS

BEST OF
 MASTERPIECES FOR AN (INTER)NATIONAL AUDIENCE. ON SHOW IN THE BEST MUSEUMS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND ABROAD DURING THE RENOVATIONS FROM 2019/2020

IDEAS
 WE'RE CONSIDERING ALL SORTS OF IDEAS AND POSSIBILITIES

LEGEND:
 HAPPENING NOW FUTURE PLANS BOIJMANS.NL



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