

Art Rotterdam 2023

New Sculpture Park celebrates connection with the city of Rotterdam



Photographer Almicheal Fraay

From Thursday 9 February to Sunday 12 February, the iconic Van Nelle Fabriek in Rotterdam will be hosting the 24th edition of Art Rotterdam. Over a total surface area of 10,000 m², over one hundred leading national and international galleries will be exhibiting works by both up-and-coming and established artists. Two new developments in this edition: the Sculpture Park presentation, supported by Stichting Droom en Daad, and the central placement of the New Art Section.

Sculpture Park

Sculpture Park will feature ten to twenty primarily large-scale works of art related to nature or the urban environment. The presentation will be located in the Tabaksfabriek (Tobacco Factory), one of the industrial and historic sections of the Van Nelle Fabriek. The architectural details are being developed by spatial design studio Tom Postma Design (known not only for their work at Art Rotterdam, but also Art Basel, Frieze Masters and TEFAF). Part of the exhibition space is dedicated to artists who live in Rotterdam or are graduates of a Rotterdam art academy, since after all, Sculpture Park revolves around the connection with the city of Rotterdam. Rotterdam boasts a unique international collection of over 50 major works of art. These sculptures, placed at important locations throughout the city, form part of the public programme for Rotterdam Art Week. The administrator of this collection, Sculpture International, is also involved in the content and promotion of Sculpture Park at the Van Nelle Fabriek. As part of this involvement, a representative of Sculpture International, together with a representative of Tom Postma Design and a Rotterdam curator/museum director, are all on the selection committee. Stichting Droom en Daad is also an important initiator of Sculpture Park. This foundation, which was established in 2017, is a philanthropic fund that invests in projects that help make Rotterdam attractive and appealing to residents and visitors alike.

Sculpture Park selection committee

The works of art will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of Ove Lucas (director CBK Rotterdam and director Sculpture International Rotterdam), Saskia van Kampen (curator Boijmans Van Beuningen) and Tom Postma (creative director Tom Postma Design).

On display in the New Art Section:



M.Simons, Hadrien Gérenton
Rotting the Ripening
(komodo dragon), 2017



Brinkman & Bergsma
Eugenie Boon, "Tirun liña", 2021



Pizza Gallery
Jonas Dehnen, Bessel
(map with two skies), 2022



Bradwloff & Partners
Jaehun Park,
Traveling Buddha, 2022

New Art Section

With the always surprising New Art Section, Art Rotterdam offers a unique presentation of up-and-coming artists. This year, the focus is enhanced. To endorse the philosophy behind Art Rotterdam - discovering new art and encouraging young talent - a central placement has been chosen. Visitors to this 24th edition cannot miss it, as the New Art Section is located directly next to the entrance and its innovative presentations are hard to ignore. Two restaurants are located adjacent to the presentation that are accessible from the entrance area.

Michiel Simons of galerie M.Simons, comments, "As a young gallery owner, I am extremely proud to once again have the opportunity to take part in the New Art Section at the most prominent contemporary art event in the Netherlands. The bold character and exceptional quality of Art Rotterdam make the event a platform where, together with my artists, I can always go the extra mile in creating a presentation that is as unexpected and surprising as possible. I look forward to welcoming visitors in February with a solo presentation of work by Hadrien Gerenton and to get inspired by my fellow gallery owners."

On display in the other sections of Art Rotterdam:



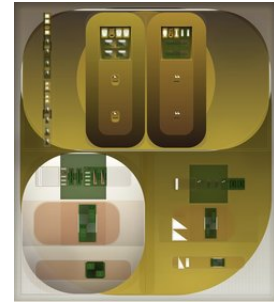
Gas 9 Gallery
Maiben Bent, Fixtures, 2022



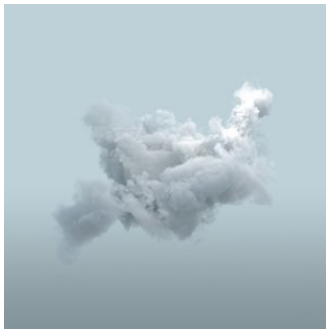
Kevin Kavanagh Gallery
Robert Armstrong Many Horizons, 2019



Kristof De Clercq gallery
Veerie Beckers, Faaro, 2022



Upstream Gallery
Harm van den Dorpel-Coralena
(Mutation 62), 2022



Galerie Binome
Thibault Brunet
3600 secondes de lumière #6, 2022



MadévanKrimpen
Klaas Rommelaere
DarkUncles, 2021



Go Mulan Gallery
Dion Rosina,
'Do we really want to know about the
future? #1', 2022



Willem Baars Projects
Lucassen
Stilleven, 1966

Rotterdam Art Week: promoting a vibrant art scene

Art can be found everywhere throughout Rotterdam, especially during Art Rotterdam and the concurrent Rotterdam Art Week. Art, design and architecture enthusiasts can look forward to a variety of fairs, special exhibition openings at museums and art institutions, pop-up exhibitions and open studios. As in previous years, each of the events promises to strengthen and revitalise the art climate in the city. New to this edition is a curated walk along the unique collection of outdoor sculptures throughout Rotterdam. Other must-visits during Rotterdam Art Week: In the Black Fantastic at Kunsthal Rotterdam, the young artists of The New Current at Brutus and the anniversary edition of Tec Art. For the complete programme, see [Rotterdamartweek.com](https://www.rotterdamartweek.com).

About Art Rotterdam

[Art Rotterdam](https://www.artrotterdam.nl) is the most reputable contemporary art event in the Netherlands. Each year, it offers a platform for the latest developments in the visual arts. The keen focus on new art, the diversity of the various sections, the link to the city of Rotterdam and the fascinating location all give Art Rotterdam a unique flavour and feel. Art Rotterdam has become an attractive alternative in the international world of art fairs for more and more art enthusiasts.

[GalleryViewer.com](https://www.galleryviewer.com) is the online platform for Art Rotterdam that supports potential art buyers in making an art purchase. The site has an extensive and continuously updated database of artworks, exhibitions and artist profiles. The over 90 participating galleries in the Netherlands and Belgium have been selected based on a high-quality portfolio. GalleryViewer, which strives to offer transparency and information to a broad audience, supports and encourages a meaningful art experience in galleries.

An overview of participants: [Artrotterdam.com/nl/galleries/](https://www.artrotterdam.com/nl/galleries/)
The artists selected for Sculpture Park will be announced in mid-December and images will be available from 16 December

The catalogue will be launched on 2 February on: [GalleryViewer.com](https://www.galleryviewer.com)
Tickets are available online only from 1 January | €22.50 per ticket | via [Artrotterdam.com](https://www.artrotterdam.com) | off-peak tickets €16.50 per ticket via [Artrotterdam.com](https://www.artrotterdam.com)

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Thursday 9 February to Sunday 12 February 2023
Van Nelle Fabriek | Van Nelleweg 1 | 3044 BC | Rotterdam

- Thursday 9 February: 11 am - 7 pm
- Friday 10 February: 11 am - 7 pm
- Saturday 11 February: 11 am - 7 pm
- Sunday 12 February: 11 am - 7 pm

Not for publication: a press preview will be held on Wednesday 8 February
Doors open at 11:15 am, preview starts at 11:30 am
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