

NEW HALL AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR MUSEUM DOMBURG

600,000 euros from the VriendenLoterij for renovation and expansion

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The MTVP Museum in Domburg is going to expand and renew. To the schedule, the museum will start this year with the renovation of the current building and the construction of a second exhibition hall and a research centre. With 600,000 euros, the VriendenLoterij makes a considerable contribution to the costs.

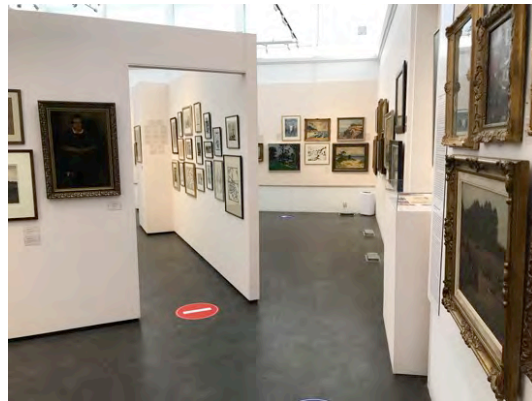


From left to right chairman of the board Arnold van Houtum, head curator Francisca van Vloten, Albert Verlinde. From right to left Arnold van Houtum, Francisca van Vloten, Albert Verlinde, executive secretary Eveline Cleiren. Photo Jurgen Jacob Lodder.

Arnold van Houtum, chairman:

“From the beginning, the museum has presented wonderful and successful temporary exhibitions. In order to be able to show the collections, to remain future-proof and to increase our public reach, a large-scale expansion has long been the ambition. The contribution of the VriendenLoterij is a flywheel for us to finally realise that expansion.”

Since 1994, high-quality exhibitions have been organised in the small museum building in Domburg, a replica of the exhibition hall of Jan Toorop and his friends. The emphasis is on classical modern painting, especially on the art that originated in Domburg more than a hundred years ago, with the phenomenon of the artists’ colony as its focus point – both classical and contemporary. More than 25 years later, the museum is bursting at the seams with the ever-growing collections that can only be shown every now and then.



Expansion and renewal

An expansion on our own site creates space to strengthen the museum's profile, reach a larger and more diverse public and thus guarantee the continuity of the museum. The plan includes a permanent display of the museum's own and a private collection, temporary exhibitions and a fascinating presentation of Domburg's cultural history. The emphasis will be on the development of Domburg as a seaside resort and artists' colony. Together with an integrated tourist information point, a museum shop plus café and a sculpture garden, this will be a total experience that honours the exceptional story of the seaside resort.

Research Centre

Part of the expansion is the accommodation of an international research centre for artists' colonies (ICEAC) with a library and in management an extensive private collection of works of art from all European artists' colonies. National and foreign educational groups, art and cultural historians, students, artists and those interested in art will soon have the opportunity to conduct research, exchange knowledge and collaborate.



Jonne Arnoldussen, managing director VriendenLoterij:

“Museum Domburg with its beautiful museum garden is an oasis of beauty in the centre of Domburg. With our financial support for an expansion, we create more space for the steadily growing collections and temporary exhibitions. We are happy to be able to contribute to a total experience that honours the story of the seaside resort as a former artists’ colony.”

The generous donation of 600,000 euros from the VriendenLoterij is a very important step in the realisation of the plans. In addition to the VriendenLoterij, the Municipality of Veere provides a considerable part of the required amount. Moreover, national and regional funds, sponsorship and private support are called upon. The museum hopes to open in 2024 or 2025 with a completely renovated museum.



The new plans with the situation from 1994 in pink.



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