

Press release - 26 April 2011

**TWENTE BIENNALE 12 - 22 May 2011 in Hengelo
International Art Festival with Banksy, Damien Hirst, Jan Cremer, Electroboutique, Atelier van Lieshout and MyPolarIce, and more**

Twente Biënnale is a new event with a challenging and controversial program of contemporary art. More than 50 talented artists have their work on display in the Creatieve Fabriek (creative factory) in Hengelo. The Twente Biënnale addresses current affairs in a post 9/11 society and the contemporary culture of the all encompassing presence of mass media. With art works by Banksy, Damien Hirst, Jan Cremer, Atelier van Lieshout, Rob Scholte, Marc Bijl and many others. Below follow several highlights, more information can be found on www.twentebiennale.nl.

Streetart by Banksy, Vhils, Roa, Sot+lcy, Hugo Kaagman, Laser 3.14, The London Police, Tamme de Boer + Booyabase and others

Twente Biënnale presents a number of works from the collection of Lebowski publisher Oscar van Gelderen, including originals by Banksy and Roa, two artists who are currently represented in the exhibition Art in the Streets, in the MOCA in Los Angeles. Lebowski has published books of Banksy, Vhils, Slinkachu, Laser 3.14, Hugo Kaagman and the iconic 'Watching My Name Go By' by Jon Naar & Norman Mailer (first issued in 1974). In June Lebowski publishes the biography of Dr. Rat, the godfather of Dutch graffiti, by Martijn Haas.

Dutch scoop: giant iPhone 'inspired by Tatlin'

Russian web-art pioneer Alexei Shulgin and his **electroboutique** will present the light sculpture '3G International' at the Twente Biënnale: a huge, distorted iPhone in the shape of Tatlin's Monument for the Third International. The '3G International' has only been on display in Moscow and Monaco and is now in The Netherlands for the first time. It is part of the 'electroboutique', a separate exhibition within the Biënnale, with various examples of attractive and interactive pop art meets design meets media art from Moscow.



For sale: ice from the ice age!

MyPolarIce is a unique project of **Coralie Vogelaar en Teun Castelein**. In August 2010 the pair collected ice from the Unesco protected Sermeq Kujalleq glacier in Greenland. At the Twente Biënnale the ice is for sale to private individuals and companies in specially designed capsules, with the intention of letting the polar ice survive in our freezers. Several major companies already have the ice on display as a symbol of their commitment to sustainability.

More information about the program of the Twente Biënnale 2011 on www.twentebiennale.nl

Location 'Creatieve Fabriek'

Twente Biënnale is taking place in and around the former factory halls of Hazemijer Holec, a 20th century producer of heavy electrical switch-boxes and measuring equipment. A few years ago the 3 ha terrain was renamed 'Creatieve Fabriek' (creative factory) and got a new destination as a hotbed for art, culture and creative economy.

Twente Biënnale 2011

Creatieve Fabriek, Tuindorpstraat 61, Hengelo // 13 - 22 May 2011 daily 12-6 pm free entrance
Opening: Thu 12 May 5 pm, with afterparty in Metropool from 9 pm
Symposium with Joost Zwagerman, Rob Scholte, Anna Tilroe among others, Wed 18 May, 2-6 pm free entrance
Non commercial art event, but most works are for sale as well.

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