



Kunsthal Rotterdam

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The Netherlands

ACQUISITION

Rotterdam University Art Collection 30 May to 14 October 2012

In honour of Rotterdam University's 25th anniversary, the Kunsthal is exhibiting a wide selection of works from the university's art collection. The collection of artworks is highly diverse and typical of the bold purchases made over the years for the university's main locations. The exhibition marks two decades of art collecting with an eye for dark romanticism and the unorthodox. The Rotterdam University art collection consists of a hundred-plus works by over eighty artists, almost all of whom earned their professional spurs as students or teachers at the Willem de Kooning Academy. The exhibition comprises works by 44 different artists and are all highly diverse in theme, technique, medium and format. In 1994, Rotterdam University, of which the Willem de Kooning Academy is a part, took the initiative of starting an art collection. As a socially engaged educational institution firmly anchored in Rotterdam's society, the university was eager to contribute to the promotion of art and culture in the city. Since then, an independent art committee has been managing the collection on a modest budget. At the same time, students and staff can be surrounded by and feel inspired by a varied collection of art in the university's public spaces.



Video still: "Cocoon" 2003, Marjan Laaper

Publication

The exhibition is accompanied by a book entitled 'Aanwinst, kunstcollectie Hogeschool Rotterdam' about the entire Rotterdam University art collection (Dutch language only / ISBN 978 97894619011 1-8).