



SPRING EXHIBITION 2025 | MUSEUM W

April 19, 2025 to September 14, 2025

BEASTLY – ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANIMAL AND HUMAN.

Animals and humans are more connected than we sometimes realize. Animals and humans have lived side by side and with each other for centuries. But our relationship with animals is complex. For example, we love dogs and cats and keep them as pets, but we are afraid of snakes and spiders. We visit animals in the zoo, label some animals as pests, keep them on farms and some end up as meatballs on our plates. Our love for animals is therefore not unambiguous. The interests and rights of animals are often lost sight of, because humans place themselves outside of nature and above other animals. This results in inferior treatment and little attention for animal welfare.

The exhibition Beastly shows how contemporary artists give substance to the relationship between animals and humans. With their works of art, they highlight how we adore, domesticate, prepare and ultimately consume our fellow creatures. The mutual dependence between animals and humans is highlighted in various ways through video, sculpture, photography, paintings and installation art.

Participating artists include Marjan Laaper, Bart Houwers, Marjolijn Mandersloot, and Charlotte Dumas, supplemented with several works from the collection of Museum W and collection pieces from Limburg museums.

Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi is the saint par excellence who is known for his great admiration for all forms of life, and animals in particular. In 2025 it will be 800 years since he wrote the Canticle of the Sun. A prayer in which his ideas about sustainability and respect for animals and plants are explicitly expressed. His memorial day on October 4 is also World Animal Day for a reason. In honor of the 800th anniversary of the Canticle of the Sun, Museum W is organizing the exhibition Beastly.



Video installation: "Encounter" on the facade of Museum W. Artist: Marjan Laaper

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About the relationship between animal and human

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www.museumw.nl.

More information about the exhibition Beastly:

<https://www.museumw.nl/beestachtig-over-de-relatie-tussen-dier-en-mens.html>

More information about the video installation "Encounter":

<https://www.museumw.nl/marjan-laaper-encounter.html>