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18 art pieces by Rembrandt to be displayed in the H'ART Museum in Amsterdam from April

The H'ART Museum in Amsterdam will host an exhibition in April with 17 paintings and one drawing by Rembrandt. The art is from The Leiden Collection, one of the largest private collections of 17th-century Dutch art. Never before have so many Rembrandts from this collection been viewable in one exhibition.

The highlight of the collection is Self-portrait with Shaded Eyes, a portrait of a young Rembrandt from 1634. A painting by Johannes Vermeer from the collection will also be borrowed from the H'ART Museum. This work, called Lady Seated at a Virginal, could also be seen in the Vermeer exhibition in the Rijksmuseum in 2023.

This exhibition is in honor of the 750th anniversary of Amsterdam as a city and is called From Rembrandt to Vermeer, Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection. In total, there are 75 art pieces from 27 different artists, including Frans Hals, Jan Steen, and Ferdinand Bol.

The museum wants to use the exposition to show differing facets of daily city life in 17th-century Amsterdam. Rembrandt did not only portray the rich people during that time, but he also painted regular Amsterdammers. "Young and old, pretty and ugly. He often plucked his unpolished models from the street."

Works from Maria Schalcken will also be on display. Schalken was a leading female artist from the 17th century. "Schalcken excelled in capturing subtle intimate scenes that are imbued with refined elegance. Her works were long attributed to her brother Godfried Schalcken, but research shows otherwise," according to the H'ART Museum.

The exhibition can be seen from April 9 to August 24. #

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