

Leiden Collection celebrates its birthday in Amsterdam

On the occasion of Amsterdam's anniversary - 750 years - H'ART Museum shows various facets of daily city life in the 17th century in a new exhibition.

In the highlight exhibition From Rembrandt to Vermeer, masterpieces of The Leiden Collection, the great artists of Dutch history show life in the city: in front of the stage, in everyday reality and in the seclusion of home. The best artists are represented, including Rembrandt van Rijn, Frans Hals, Jan Steen, Ferdinand Bol and Johannes Vermeer. There is also work on display by the hitherto lesser-known Maria Schalcken: a prominent female artist from the 17th century.



H'ART Museum welcomes Leiden Collection in exhibitions for 750 years of Amsterdam. Photo: Eva Bloem.

18 Rembrandts and a Vermeer are coming to Amsterdam

The collection comes from The Leiden Collection, one of the largest and most important private collections of Dutch 17th-century art in the world. The founders of the collection are the French-American collector Dr. Thomas S. Kaplan and his wife Daphne Recanati Kaplan. Over the past decades, they have built up an unparalleled world-class collection of Rembrandt and his contemporaries. A private collection that you normally can't just see.

What is also special is that the collectors are lending all the Rembrandts especially for this exhibition: 17 paintings and 1 drawing. A total of eighteen Rembrandts that will be shown to the public together for the first time.

In addition, The Leiden Collection is the only private collection in the world that owns a painting by Johannes Vermeer. The work was previously shown in the sold-out Vermeer exhibition in Amsterdam (2023). For the exhibition in H'ART Museum, the Vermeer has been specially restored and provided with a 'new' 17th-century frame.