

Zuiderzee Museum collection extended with outfits by Spijkers en Spijkers

The Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen has extended its fashion and textile collection with ten newly acquired outfits by the designer duo Spijkers en Spijkers. The items from their *Gone with the Wind* collection for autumn/winter 08/09 have been allocated a prominent place in the fashion exhibition of the same name which will run in the Zuiderzee Museum from 22 March to 22 November 2009.

The Zuiderzee Museum collects contemporary Dutch fashion design that has conspicuous areas of overlap with local traditional costume and design. The newly acquired items, which have been funded by the Association of Friends of the Zuiderzee Museum, harmonize perfectly with this approach. The outfits do not refer explicitly to Dutch traditional costume, but traditional shape and colour attributes are clearly reflected in them. The use of many natural materials such as wool and silk is also an identifiable element. Just like the fashion show, the collection was also inspired by the film *Gone with the Wind*. This has resulted in a sober and reserved style with much black and white, although the duo's collections are normally very colourful.

Spijkers en Spijkers

After graduating from the Fashion Institute Arnhem, the twin sisters Truus and Riet Spijkers (1970) launched their own fashion label. They soon developed a recognizable signature: functional and feminine. Truus thinks primarily in terms of styles and colours, whereas Riet gives form to their projects and translates their joint ideas into three-dimensional pieces. Their subconscious frame of reference comprises the colours of Van Gogh and Breitner, the girls of Kees van Dongen, and the light of Vermeer.

Association of Friends

The Association of Friends founded the Zuiderzee Museum sixty years ago with the aim of protecting and preserving the fishing culture of the Zuiderzee region. Nowadays it has more than 3800 members and supports the Museum in the acquisition of new objects for the collection and the publication of catalogues.

***Gone with the Wind* exhibition**

In the *Gone with the Wind* exhibition, dozens of Dutch designers present their vision of Dutch traditional costume. All participants have created new work especially for the exhibition. The combination with the traditional costumes and objects in the Museum collection ensures surprising

results. In addition, typical Dutch themes have been elaborated at twenty locations in the Museum and the Museum Park, such as the folding of fabric and the colourful use of flowers in traditional dress. Guest curators of the exhibition are the renowned fashion designers Alexander van Slobbe and Francisco van Benthum.

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