



TWO MASTERS IN DISCUSSION

## Drawing inspiration

Six paintings by British artist Frank Auerbach (born 1931) in dialogue with works by Rembrandt. Like many artists over the years - including Van Gogh - Auerbach drew inspiration from the Rijksmuseum's world-famous collection of Dutch Masters.

**RAW TRUTH: AUERBACH - REMBRANDT; until 16 Mar; Rijksmuseum; rijksmuseum.nl**

### EVENTS

#### DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN

2-14 Feb  
Wagner's epic work performed by De Nederlandse Opera.  
*Het Muziektheater; het-muziektheater.nl*

#### BEETHOVEN EXPERIENCE

5-7 Feb  
Frans Brüggem leads Orchestra of the 18th Century, an ensemble featuring period instruments, through five of Beethoven's piano concertos; Kristian Bezuidenhout tickles the ivories.  
*Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ; muziekgebouw.nl*

#### AMSTERDAM SALSA FESTIVAL

7-9 Feb  
Three days and nights of dance workshops and professional performances.  
*The Meininger Hotel; amsterdamsalsafestival.nl*

#### HOUSEHOLD FAIR 15-23 Feb

The latest trends in home design on parade.  
*RAI; huishoudbeurs.nl*

#### QUIMERAS 18 Feb

A 'breathtaking' show by flamenco company Paco Peña.  
*Carré; carre.nl*

### EXHIBITIONS

#### FÉLIX VALLOTTON: FIRE

**BENEATH THE ICE** 14 Feb-1 Jun  
Paintings from various international museums combined with prints from the museum's own collection offer an overview of every facet of the 20th-century Swiss painter's oeuvre.  
*Van Gogh Museum; vangoghmuseum.nl*

#### 400 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S PORTRAITS

28 Feb-9 Jun  
An extraordinary collection of portraits by renowned artists such as Dirck Santvoort, Nicolaes Maes and Thérèse Schwartze that the notable Van Loon family commissioned of their children.  
*Museum van Loon; museumvanloon.nl*



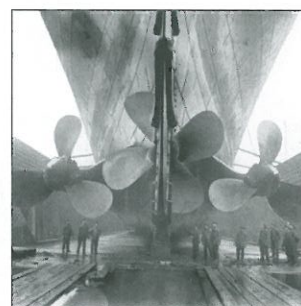
YVONNE AND MACHTELD VAN LOON  
*Photo: courtesy Museum van Loon*

#### THE QUAY BROTHERS' UNIVERSUM

Until 9 Mar  
A major exhibition of the extraordinary work of identical twin animators from the US, The Quay Brothers, including their films and unusual sources of inspiration.  
*EYE; eyefilm.nl*

#### TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION

Until 11 May  
Authentic artefacts dredged up from the wreck of the 'unsinkable liner' tell the story of its fateful voyage.  
*Amsterdam Expo; amsterdamexpo.nl*



IMPRESSIVE ENGINEERING  
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### RESTAURANT

#### THE DUTCH CO

This 'international brasserie with Amsterdam attitude' - located in a quiet part of De

Pijp district - is less than a ten-minute walk from Museumplein. The menu offers a mix of global best-sellers sprinkled with no-nonsense Dutch classics such as *stamppotje* (mashed potatoes with vegetables) or a cheese sandwich. It's open daily from 8am for breakfast, through to lunch and dinner (11am-11pm), with drinks and snacks served until 1am.  
*Frans Halsstraat 76; +31 20 7372479; thedutchco.nl*

### GIGS

**Rudimental** 36 Feb *Paradiso*  
**Flux Pavilion** 6 Feb *Melkweg*  
**Bill Callahan** 10 Feb *Paradiso*  
**Gary Numan** 14 Feb *Melkweg*  
**Suzanne Vega** 16 Feb *Paradiso*  
**Avicii** 23 Feb *Ziggo Dome*  
**John Newman** 25 Feb *Melkweg*

### WEBSITES

[iamsterdam.com](http://iamsterdam.com)  
[holland.com](http://holland.com)  
[eat-amsterdam.com](http://eat-amsterdam.com)  
[dutchnews.nl](http://dutchnews.nl)  
[museumtickets.nl](http://museumtickets.nl)  
[specialbite.com](http://specialbite.com)  
[lastminuteticketshop.nl](http://lastminuteticketshop.nl)

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