

The Museum about Everything by Jan

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The previous article was about so-called Outsider Art, made by artists outside the circuit of art schools, galleries and museums.

From March 5 to May 22 there is plenty of such art to see at Kunsthal Rotterdam. There the traveling exhibition The Museum of Everything will alight. The exhibition describes itself as the worldwide wandering institute for the untrained, unintentional, undiscovered and unclassifiable artists of the modern era.

The Museum of Everything actually even regards the label 'Outsider Art' as discriminatory. So says the English founder of the museum, James Brett, "Imitators and false messiahs, beware ... there is no such thing as outsider art! We reject all discriminatory definitions and labels.

We struggle for the universal right to freedom of visual expression ...not for a small group of select few, but for everyone!"

The exhibition includes big names such as Henry Darger and Guo Fengyi, alongside discoveries like the Japanese wrestling fanatic Tomoyuki Shinki and the Romanian Ion Bîrlădeanu with his street collages. Dutch artists are also covered, from illustrator Willem van Genk to emerging talents such as the deaf and disabled Marianne Schipaanboord and Paulus de Groot, a painter with Down syndrome who has trained at the Rotterdam gallery Herenplaats.



Sources

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