

PRESS RELEASE

Atelier of Light: Art and Science come together at the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

A special project for children between the ages of 3 to 8, from December 22, 2012 to January 6, 2013

Amsterdam, December 19, 2012 — During the Christmas holidays, the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, in collaboration with Foundation Atelier of Light, will present an Atelier of Light in the museum's studios. It will be a place for young children (ages 3 to 8) their parents, grandparents and guardians to experiment, play and create, using various kinds of light. This special project encourages visitors to explore the many facets of light, highlighting both the scientific and artistic aspects. The theme of light continues, throughout the museum, in the presentation of the Stedelijk collection, with iconic light sculptures by Dan Flavin, Bruce Nauman and Simone Forti, inspiring young and old to see light in an entirely new way.

The Atelier of Light in the Stedelijk offers a unique, inspiring environment for children to discover aspects of light from projection to phosphorescence, from color mixing to color splitting. Children can marvel at installations made with difference light sources, light tables, and overhead projectors. A phosphorescent wall will offer an exciting surface onto which children can create their own light drawings.

The worlds of art and science are often seen as entirely separate. But are they really so far apart? The Atelier of Light project sets out to unite the two, and by doing so to stimulate young children's creativity. "The world of understanding and the world of wonder flow seamlessly together" says Professor Robbert Dijkgraaf, chairman of the Recommendations Committee of the Atelier Of Light.

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Three assistants—a specially selected group of artists, physicists and students from the Gerrit Rietveld Academie—will be on hand at the Atelier throughout the project to help visitors get the most out of their experience.

University Research

The research program TalentenKracht explores the concept of "creative exploration" within the context of the Atelier of Light. Prof. Paul van Geert (RUG) and Prof. Maartje Raijmakers (UvA) head up the research.

Opening Hours

The Atelier of Light is open every day during museum opening hours. Booking is not required. The museum will be closed on Monday, December 24.

Foundation Atelier of Light

The Atelier of Light in the Stedelijk is a pilot project that brings together leading Dutch scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, and parents to develop a center for international research, experimentation and expertise from the perspectives of art and science.

Amsterdam Light Festival

The Atelier of Light is part of the Amsterdam Light Festival (7 December 2012 to 20 January 2013): a route of light objects along the Amstel that will be part of a myriad of light projects throughout the city.

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