

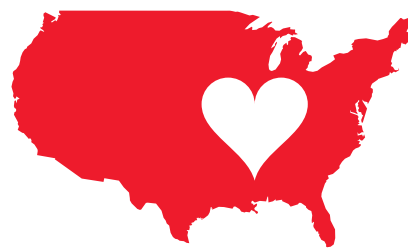
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American Debate

with Willem Post en Maarten van Rossum

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HEART LAND

As a prelude to the opening of the interdisciplinary Heartland project, which will take place in Eindhoven from October 2008 to January 2009, the Van Abbemuseum is organizing an evening of 'American' debate on 4 July. USA experts Willem Post and Maarten van Rossem will engage in debate on relations between America and the Netherlands, both present and future, in the fields of culture, economics and politics. Correspondent Ron Linker from the NOS broadcasting organization will be moderator. The audience is welcome to take part in the debate with the expert speakers. The debate will be held in Dutch, but English contributions are off course welcome. American-style finger food will be served during the evening, and music will be provided by the Blue Grass Boogiemen.

Programme

- 19:00 Reception in Museum Café
- 19:30 Introduction by Van Abbemuseum director Charles Esche and research curator Kerstin Niemann
Introduction of the speakers
- 20:00 Start of debate, with opportunities for audience questions and discussion
- 21:30 Conclusion of debate, music by Blue Grass Boogiemen

Cost

Admission for the evening costs € 18.50 per person (€15 for students and CJP holders). This price includes two drinks and American-style finger food during the evening. Register on the website:
www.vanabbemuseum.nl/heartland/amerikaansdebat.

Press

Members of the press wishing to attend, please contact Ralph Kits (see end of this press release for contact information).

Heartland

Heartland is an interdisciplinary project which reflects on the visual culture, art and music of the heart of the United States. The Heartland project consists of a group exhibition in the Van Abbemuseum together with a musical programme in the Muziekcentrum. It will also include ancillary events, such as debates, lectures, a photo exhibition, publications, and an artists in residence programme. The Heartland project is an ambitious collaboration between the Van Abbemuseum and the Muziekcentrum Frits Philips in Eindhoven, and with the Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago as an American partner. Heartland will take place in Eindhoven from October, 2008 until January, 2009. The exhibition will be reconceived for a presentation at the Smart Museum of Art in 2009.

At a time when reporting on the United States is dominated by news about the coming presidential elections, the Van Abbemuseum and Muziekcentrum Frits Philips will attempt to present a relatively nuanced picture of the heartland of the United States from both an American and a European perspective. Heartland will include established as well as lesser known American and European artists and musicians. Their personal outlooks will present a counterweight to the predominant clichés regarding America. The Heartland, although not formally a single region, extends from Minneapolis and St. Paul in the west to Detroit in the east and New Orleans in the south. Although not all the artists actually live in the Heartland, it is this region that forms the basis of their work, in the sense that they engage with its rich history, cultural diversity and current themes of the states flanking the Mississippi River.

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