

Zuiderzee Museum buys Thomas Eyck collection in Milan

At the Salone de Mobile in Milan, the Zuiderzee Museum bought the collection *Woven Willow, Conversation Pieces for the Table* by Stefan Scholten & Carole Baijings. This series of table objects is based on an idea by Thomas Eyck. Every year, this high-profile producer of contemporary design products brings together designers and craftsmen for an exclusive collection. On a previous occasion, Scholten & Baijings designed a table seating thirty persons for the Salon of the Museum.

Woven Willow was one of the great successes of this year's Salone and fits in perfectly with the Zuiderzee Museum's new policy. The collection has drawn its inspiration from the traditional craft of plaiting osiers. For example, the print of a garlic bulb has been worked into a meticulously plaited dish, and a glass dish shows the plait structure like a print in the glass.

The collection confirms the characteristic principle 'from craft to abstraction' which made Dutch design as successful as it is and which is a constantly recurring aspect of the presentations of the new Zuiderzee Museum.

The collection is on show in the basket-makers' premises in the Museum Park. It is the latest addition to the Jubilee event, which will be opened by Dr Plasterk, Minister of Education, Culture and Science on 4 June 2008.

Jubilee event

The Zuiderzee Museum will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary with a comprehensive event illustrating the new course of the Museum. This renewed Museum demonstrates interrelationships, reaches out into the world, and depicts all aspects of the Low Countries: art, culture, design, heritage and history. A large number of renowned artists, designers and guest curators will be adding lustre to the occasion with their exhibitions, installations, works of art or activities. Among them are Studio Job, Atelier van Lieshout, Hugo Kaagman, Royal Tichelaar, Dick Hauser, Martin Bril, Gross. Max. and Piet Oudolf.

The anniversary event will take place in the Zuiderzee Museum proper, its Museum Park and its area of natural beauty from 5 June onwards. For our full and detailed anniversary programme, visit www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl/jubileum.

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