



MUSEUM DE FUNDATIE

Discovery of painting by Vincent van Gogh

Van Gogh's *De molen 'Le blute-fin'* in the collection of Museum de Fundatie

On Wednesday 24 February, a hitherto unknown painting by Vincent van Gogh will be presented in Museum de Fundatie in Zwolle. *De molen 'Le blute-fin'* (The 'Le Blute-fin' Mill) was purchased by the founder to the museum, Dirk Hannema, in the mid-seventies. Recent research by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam has demonstrated that the painting can be attributed to Van Gogh.

Hannema and *De molen 'Le blute-fin'*

In 1975, Dirk Hannema – a former director of the Museum Boymans in Rotterdam and himself an art collector – bought a painting of a mill scene from Hein Art Dealers in Paris. On the basis of his knowledge and intuition, he attributed the painting to Vincent van Gogh and dated it as having been realized in 1886. However, due to Hannema's dubious reputation in the field of attribution, this work did not receive much attention. 'This discovery is not an attribution but an absolute certainty', Hannema assured everyone. Exactly 35 years after his purchase, he has finally been proven right.

The Discovery exhibition

The exhibition arranged around this newly discovered work by Vincent van Gogh will be on display in Museum de Fundatie - Paleis aan de Blijmarkt, Zwolle, until Sunday 4 July. Besides *De molen 'Le blute-fin'*, two paintings by Van Gogh which are similar in style (on loan from the Van Gogh Museum and the Noro Foundation), and one by Arnold Hendrik Koning (from the collection of the Van Gogh Museum) will also be presented. In addition, the exhibition will also show other works that Dirk Hannema acquired from Hein Art Dealers, including paintings by Huet and Troyon, drawings by Redon and Millet, late medieval sculpture, and a figure by Degas.

'Museum de Fundatie accommodates a large collection of art whose origins lie in the collection of the former director of the Museum Boymans in Rotterdam, Dirk Hannema, as well as later significant supplements in the form of the art collection of the Province of Overijssel, among others. Museum de Fundatie has two splendid locations: Kasteel het Nijenhuis near Heino and the Paleis aan de Blijmarkt in Zwolle.'

Exhibition: The Discovery - Vincent van Gogh's *De molen 'Le blute-fin'* in the collection of Museum de Fundatie
Period: 25 February to 4 July 2010
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