

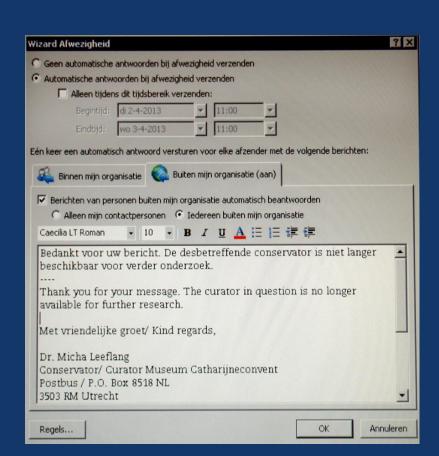
Old favorites or new perspectives? Dividing your time and attention between the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions

Thank you for your message. The curator is no longer available for further research.

Micha Leeflang, curator of Medieval Art, Museum Catharijneconvent, Utrecht

CODART ZESTIEN congress Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, Vienna. Panel discussion, Tuesday, 23 April 2013

museum Catharijneconvent



National grant for culture

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- Closer relation between museums and its public
- Museums need to be less dependent on state grants



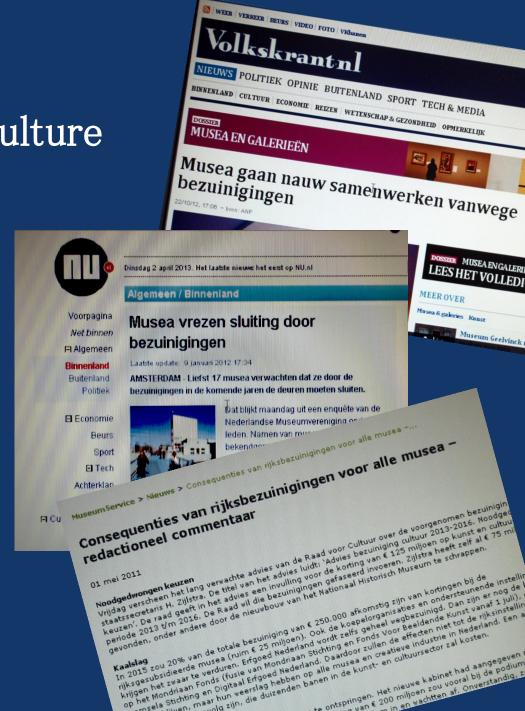
J.G. Van Oord-curator

National grant for culture

Result of hefty cutbacks imposed by the Dutch state

Headlines:

Museums cooperate after cuts; museums fear closings due to cuts; consequences for all museums after state cuts: forced choices



National grant for culture

Forced choices:

- Museums closed (e.g. Historisch Museum Deventer, 2013)

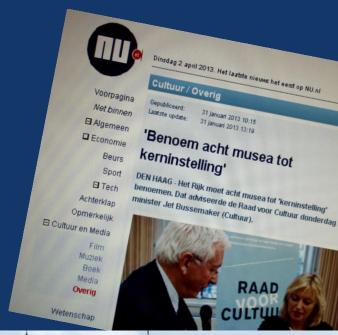
-Museum staff fired (e.g. Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam fired 31 of 200 employees, 2012)

- No more funds for scholarly research



Scientific function of museums

- Rijksmuseum Amsterdam
- Rijksmuseum van Oudheden
- Rijksmuseum voor Volkenkunde
- Naturalis
- Museum Catharijneconvent (SKKN, dep. Cultural Heritage in Church and Cloister)
- Letterkundig Museum
- RKD, the Netherlands Institute for Art History.





Permanent collection and temporary exhibitions

The large majority of visitors to Museum Catharijneconvent Utrecht come to see temporary exhibitions; a small number come to view the permanent collection





Museum staff works from exhibition to exhibition.

Policy plan, Museum Catharijneconvent: three large exhibitions a year in order to attract the desired number of visitors.

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Surviving the Iconoclasm, Medieval sculpture from Utrecht, 1430-1530 (2012-2013): 90 objects of which 29 from the museum.

Scientific committee (collaboration with external partners – universities, other museums and guest curators/ advisors) + new research following restorations.



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Bertil van Os with XRF-scanner for stone analysis.





Cross section of polychrome layers by Aleth Lorne.

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IRR-research by Margreet Wolters (RKD) and Micha Leeflang (MCC)



The Leka Retable, Master of the Utrecht Female Head of Stone (sculptures), c. 1520-30. Leka (Norway), Leka church



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- 4. Curator should do research in his/ her own free time (or even after retirement).



Old-director Henri Defoer now working as advisor for the church textile exhibition *Dressed to Impress* (2015)