

Text temporary exhibition Birds & Fish

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Birds and Fish

The art of omission

'Like a fish in water' and 'Free as a bird in the sky'. Two sayings that express how perfectly equipped birds and fish are to move about in their own habitat. As a human being, you can greatly admire that. This exhibition brings together the work of four visual artists who studied birds and fish with great admiration. They sought the essence of their being and pay tribute to nature with their work.

Ask the fish

Hélène Min

2022

Stingray skin, Japanese ink and iron wire

Hélène Min (born 1948) says she is mainly concerned with Nothingness: "If it's good, it's just breath." Min's search for Nothingness translates into transparent, light constructions of fish skin and iron wire. In processing the wet fish skins, the artist experiences direct contact with the element in which they live: the immeasurable sea, in which fish propel themselves in perfect balance.

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Albert van Loon

Acrylic paint on canvas

Albert van Loon (born 1973) lived on Curaçao for a period at the beginning of his artistic career. There, he would dive into the sea every day to marvel at the beauty underwater. These experiences later inspired his 'Go with the flow' series, a selection of which is shown here.

Blocbirds, 2018

Paul & Albert

Wax prints

Hawfinch, Bee-eater, Bluethroat, Nuthatch, Magpie, Jay, Bullfinch, Red-backed shrike, Greenfinch, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Hoopoe, Wood Pigeon, House Sparrow, Kingfisher, Jackdaw, Great Tit, Waxwing, Blue Tit, Goldfinch, Robin, Finch, Firecrest, Wild Duck, Wren.

Duo Paul & Albert consists of Albert Buring (born 1977) and Paul Mulder (born 1979), formerly known as Studio 212 Fahrenheit. For a year and a half, the artists examined 25 European birds and tried to capture their unique plumage in an abstract composition. Do you recognise all the birds?

Stuffed birds

Hawfinch

Jay

Bullfinch

Kingfisher

Collection Het Groene Huis Amersfoort

European Goldfinch

Artists' collection