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Exhibition in Etten-Leur: 'Bringing Van Gogh models to life'

ETTEN-LEUR - With art, the process is often just as interesting as the end result. The work of photographer Marc Boom (1968) is no exception. Boom photographs models as if they had just stepped out of a portrait of Vincent van Gogh. Or better: he portrays them as if they ended up in a painter of the master.

Next Wednesday an exhibition of Boom's work will open in the Van Gogh church on the Markt in Etten-Leur. The importance of the exhibition is demonstrated by the arrival of thirty foreign journalists to the church this Thursday. They come from Belgium, Germany, France, Spain and Italy, for the least art magazines. Next year the exhibition will even go to Madrid.

Etten-Leur therefore has something special in-house. A week before the opening, Boom tells about his work: „ I want to bring Van Gogh's models to life. They are all people from his own circle, with whom he interacted. To turn it into flesh and blood again appeals to me enormously. How do I work then? Sometimes I meet someone who looks like a Van Gogh model. The next step is that you look for the clothes and the things that are in the painting. Often you have to be satisfied with something that looks like the mailman's cap. We have hooked on "Postes" ourselves. "

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The models, the faces, the posture, the composition, the light; everything must be right. „ And then the photo follows. It must be good in one go. The challenge is precisely to imitate it perfectly, "says Boom. "I am fascinated by the person Van Gogh, perhaps more than his work. The tragedy of that man, and how he was constantly "in his head", I think that's wonderful. Take his letters, he constantly gives you a glimpse into his soul. And of course he had a completely unique and unique style. I also wanted to put that back in the photos. "

You can see when the expo is open on www.vangoghkerk.nl.