

OMG!
VAN
EYCK
WAS
HERE.

Van Eyck also in 2021!

The thematic year “OMG! Van Eyck was here” has been extended to the end of June 2021. Until then, there will still be plenty to see and do in honour of our great Flemish master Jan Van Eyck.

A selection from the vast programme:

NEW Ghent Altarpiece visitors centre

IN St Bavo's Cathedral



as
from
27/03

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On 27 March, the brand-new visitor centre will open in St Bavo's Cathedral. The restored panels of the Ghent Altarpiece and several other authentic artistic treasures will be on display to be admired in all their glory. Thanks to augmented reality spectacles, visitors will be able to travel back to the distant past and be witness to the tumultuous history of the Ghent Altarpiece and the cathedral as if they were there.

OMG! SEVEN SENSES TOUR

A SENSORY WALK

in the footsteps of **Van Eyck**
through the city centre of **Ghent**

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Starting on 1 April, you can see Ghent again through the eyes of Jan Van Eyck and – as the master did – make use of all your senses. Smelling, touching, tasting, hearing, seeing, enhancing your sixth sense and moving: you will be able to do all that during this unique tour! It will be a real treat for your senses: delicious food, street art, crafts, shopping and a lot more.

During the three-hour experience tour, you will visit places that are open to the general public only for this occasion. One of the highlights is a half-hour boat ride that will take you to a unique light and sound spectacle underneath Laurentplein square.

This tour is a unique experience for people of all ages and is possible in several languages. Do you prefer a customized guided tour? That's possible! You can make reservations individually or for a group.



Lights ON Van Eyck

IN THE **St Nicolas Church**

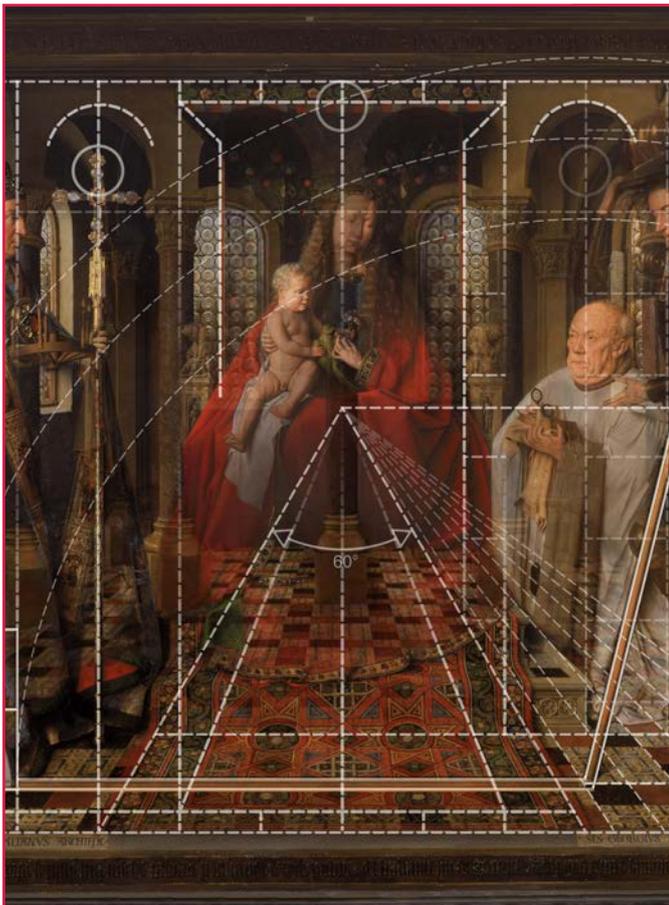
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'Lights on Van Eyck' is a unique light and sound spectacle and a tribute to the oeuvre of Flemish master Jan Van Eyck and his Ghent Altarpiece. Enter the church, behold a magical light spectacle of projections on all walls and vaults, and engage in a digital arts experience!

British artist Mat Collishaw really brings the world's best known triptych of the Flemish Primitives to life.

This multimedia experience is accessible for a broad audience of all ages: families, tourists, groups, art lovers and techies.



EXHIBITION

“Van Eyck in depth”

IN THE **Ghent University Museum**

until
30/06

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2020 saw the opening of a new science museum. The Ghent University Museum, in short GUM, allows you to take a look into the mind of a scientist. The new museum started with a pop-up exhibition on perspective and geometry in the oeuvre of Jan Van Eyck. The focus of the exhibition is on his famous masterpiece Virgin and Child with Canon van der Paele. Is it true that Van Eyck did not know the laws of perspective in art, as is generally assumed? And why then does his oeuvre feel so right?

“Dag Jan

Jan Van Eyck’s small empire”

IN THE **World of Kina**

CHILDREN

until
30/06

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The exhibition ‘Dag Jan – Jan Van Eyck’s small empire’ enables children and their parents to fully immerse themselves in Jan van Eyck’s universe.

Little Jan discovers that he is a direct descendant of the world-famous painter with the same name and goes on a voyage of discovery to find out who that distant relative actually was. Visitors unravel the mystery behind the Flemish painter through the eyes of curious little Jan.



Van Eyck shop

A unique concept store

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hent is demonstrating that Van Eyck is still making his mark on the city. Indeed, the Ghent Altarpiece is more than merely a piece

of world heritage. It is a living icon that continues to fascinate and inspire.

Van Eyck's heritage courses through the city, and generation after generation he continues to inspire new masters who will proudly take their place in the limelight. More than seventy Ghentish creators have agreed to create a product or design inspired by the Ghent Altarpiece. Each and every one of them a passionate artisan who, just like Jan Van Eyck in the fifteenth century, are keeping artisanal mastery alive with the utmost care, knowledge, and patience.

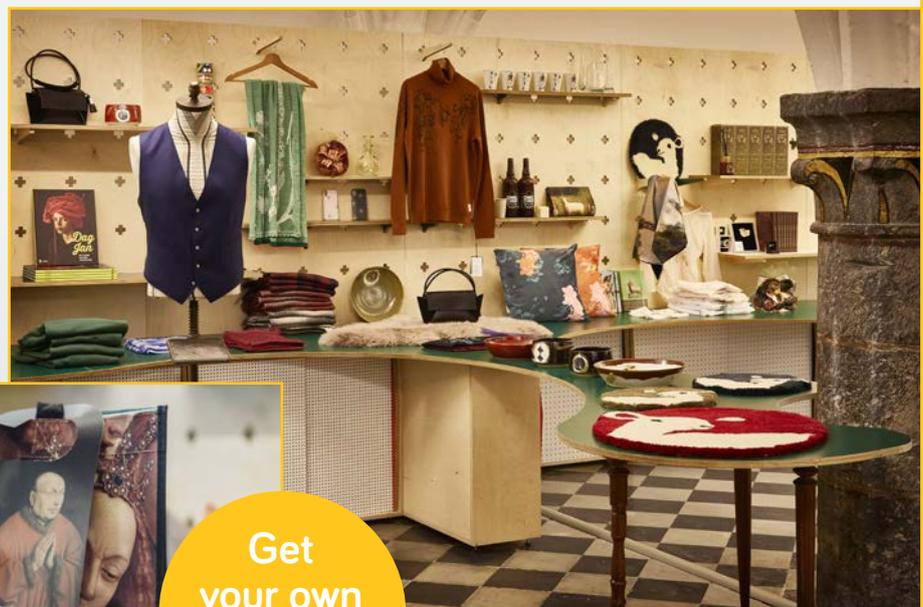
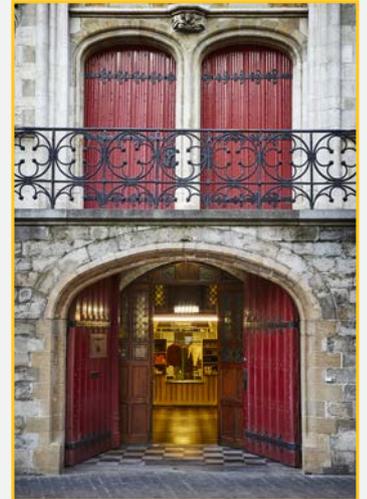
The Van Eyck creators practice a broad range of crafts, leading to a great diversity

of unique products: jewellery, hats, floral arrangements, beer, rugs, shawls, handbags, ceramics, glassware... The variety on offer is tremendous.

Their exclusive products are for sale in the Cloth Hall underneath the Belfry. The shop is run in conjunction with Stadswinkel and Historische Huizen Gent. In addition to a unique concept store, the Cloth Hall is also the meeting point for 'OMG! Van Eyck was here'. This location is the starting point for a number of activities, and visitors can find the information they need here.

Sint-Baafsplein 2A, 9000 Gent
(underneath the Belfry | 10u – 18u, 7/7)

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Get
your own
Van Eyck
product

Saint John's Day

ON AND SURROUNDING St Bavo's Place

24/06
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27/06

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Saint John's day or the Summer Solstice on 24 June has been celebrated for centuries and was also an exuberant happening in the era of Jan Van Eyck. During the midweek from 24 to 27 June, we will end the van Eyck year in style with a "Best of". Concerts, exhibitions, lectures, workshops and culinary delights... You can enjoy them all at different locations in the Ghent medieval city centre.



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