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# Tille Pepermans

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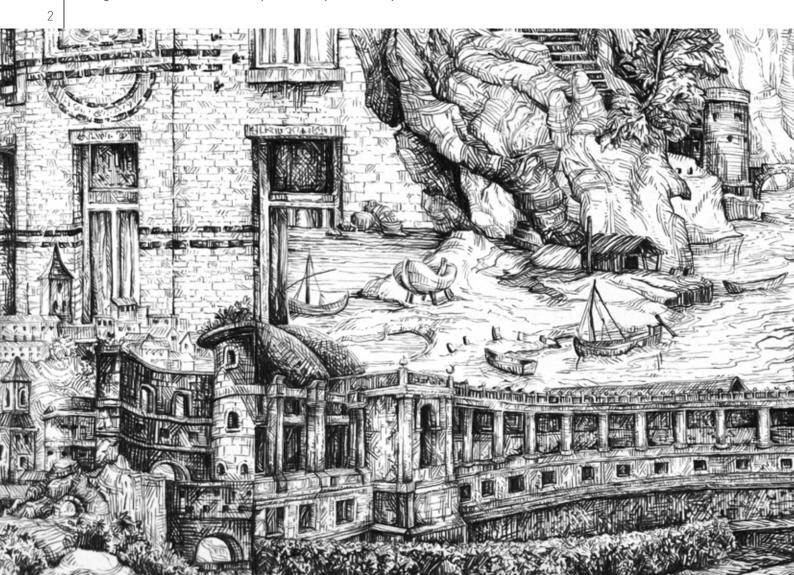
# **Exhibition Tille Pepermans** 'ZW 20-21'

# "For the artist, drawing is a voyage of discovery!" - John Berger

Within the framework of Mind the Artist, the arts festival organised by Musea Brugge, Tille Pepermans (°1993, Machelen) presents her new exhibition 'ZW 20-21' in the Arentshuis. The artist has made a number of new drawings especially for the exhibition, which in part have been inspired by works contained in the print room collection and partly by images in her own visual archive. Using this material, Tille Pepermans has created a galaxy of different worlds, each one fascinating in its own right. She has combined old fragments of Brueghel with new motifs, buildings and stories. For this, she primarily used a 6B graphite pencil, drawing on smooth paper. The most salient feature of her narrative pieces is the interplay of light and shade. She composes busy and lively

scenes, interspersed with sharp and rhythmic contrasts. Pepermans regularly steps away from the two-dimensional plane of a sheet of paper, operating in situ in the space where she is exhibiting by adding new works directly to walls and windows.

Especially for Mind the Artist, the artist has accepted a new challenge: she has devised a series of drawings that will be projected by video in the various rooms of the Arentshuis. In this way, she will connect her graphic two-dimensional world with the contemporary world of film, video and the dark halls of cinema. To achieve this, she has opted for an immobile, 'frozen' projection, the stillness of which plays an important role in her concept of slowing down the pace of life and decompressing. Pepermans invites the visitor to stop, pause and reflect on her detailed drawings, with their layered stories and depictions.



# ZW 20-21: an exhibition about the search for human connection, individual contemplation or social isolation?

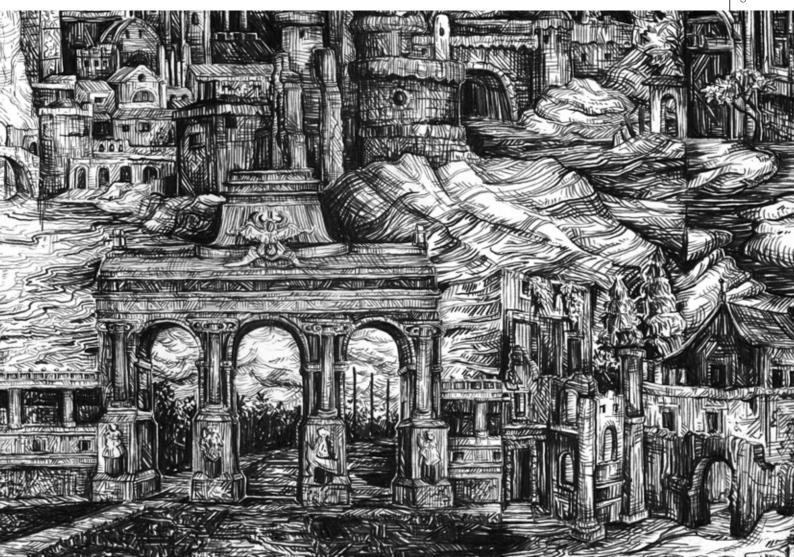
The title of the exhibition – ZW 20–21 – refers not only to the great social themes of the past two years (2020–2021), but also to the matter-of-fact captions that Pepermans adds to her drawings. She uses her work to explore a number of societal, spatial and psychological aspects that have emerged from the social distancing and isolation that was characteristic of the COVID–19 pandemic.

The first room contains scenes populated with lots of people: an environment where connection, meetings and social contact seem to be the norm. In the second room, people disappear from her images: only the visitor remains in a world that has been made empty. Here we see representations of seemingly deserted locations in compositions that are derived from nature, architecture and the urban landscape.

At first sight, Pepermans' world seems to be an ideal, warm and humane world, created to offset the emptiness that was one of the main consequences of the corona pandemic. But is that really so? Has emptiness not now become our new normal, our new reality or even our new ideal? Or is she, in fact, highlighting a need for the contemplation of (empty) space, for the rediscovery of calmness and the search for a healing form of reflection after an exceptionally difficult period? Whatever message you find in her work, she invites you at the very least to share and experience with her the enjoyment of drawing.

# 'No one perhaps has ever felt passionately towards a lead pencil.'

- Virginia Woolf



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# **Curriculum vitae**

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# **Training**

2017 – 2019 Specific teacher training LUCA school of arts Ghent

2015 – 2017 Master of Fine Arts KASK Ghent Great Distinction

2012 – 2015 Bachelor Visual Arts Graphic design / illustration KASK Ghent

2011 – 2012 Preparatory art year Secondary Art Institute Ghent

2005 – 2011 ASO Humanities Maria Assumpta Lyceum Laken

#### **Prizes**

2017 Bruynserarde – De Witte Ereprijs Graphic Design

# Drawing as a performance

2020 – Ghent Open house day Artevelde Hogeschool

2018 – Ghent My house is your house event by De Kopergietery

2018 – Leuven WTF?!

### **Exhibitions**

2021 – Houtem Expo Monnikshoen Group exhibition 2021 – Arentshuis Bruges ZW 20-21 (Mind The Artist) Solo exhibition

2021 – CC Strombeek Expo art circle Group exhibition

2020 – CC Strombeek Expo art circle Group exhibition

2019 – CC Strombeek Expo kunstkring Group exhibition

2018 - Vilvoorde Pleegzorg anders bekeken Solo exhibition

2017 – Ghent Graduation Group exhibition

2016 – Oostende Faces and places – Art Gallery Decrauw Group exhibition

2016 – Ghent STOCK #1 Untitled Group exhibition

2015 – Machelen KLEI(n) Group exhibition

2014 – Ghent Jong Belegen Group exhibition

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# **Practical info exhibition**

Title Tille Pepermans – 'ZW 20–21'
Location Arentshuis, Dijver 16, 8000 Bruges

Dates from 24 September up to and including 21 November 2021

Opening times from Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 to 17 hrs.

Closed on Mondays.

Tickets  $0 \le 7 \le 6$  (red.) [permanente exhibition included] – via www.museabrugge.be/tickets

free up to 12 years and Bruges inhabitants

Info www.mindtheartist.be

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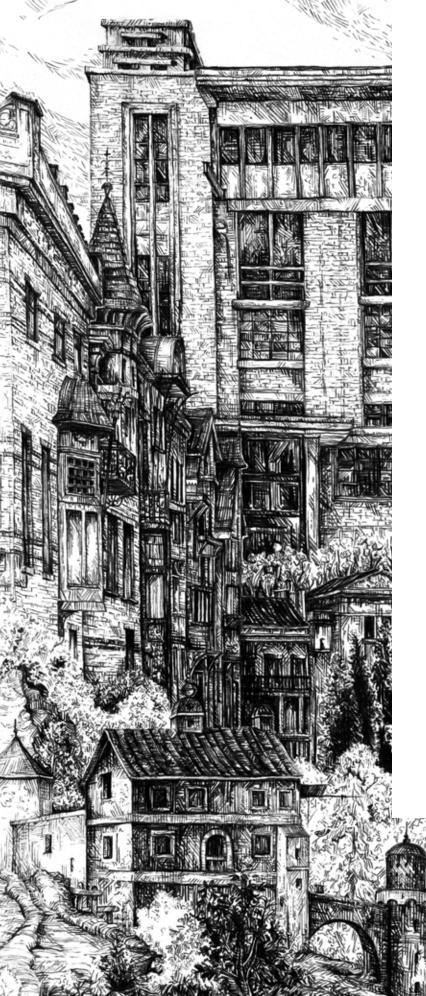




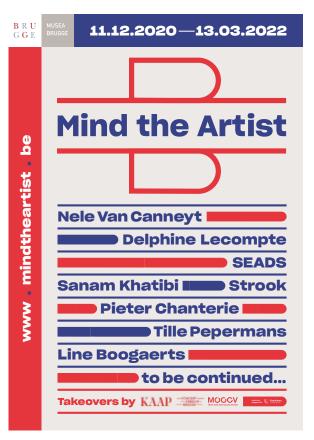








# **Mind the Artist**



The unexpectedly long duration of the corona crisis has turned the entire cultural sector on its head. Artists are hit especially hard. With 'Mind the Artist' Musea Brugge intends to invest for a year in the remarkably versatile and creative talent that our country possesses. Musea Brugge connects artists from every possible discipline – including photographers, authors, visual artists or musicians – with its existing museum collections . A number of artistic centres have even programmeda takeover in one or more museum locations.

Discover everything you need to know about this inspirational dialogue between contemporary art and old(er) art on

www.mindtheartist.be