

Pretpark Nederland - A Fun Fair Behind the Dikes

Documentary, Michiel van Erp, 2006



The Dutch do strange things with their free time, as director Michiel van Erp shows in this documentary about the theme parks, shopping malls and seasonal festivals which attract thousands of Dutchmen and women every year. With tongue-in-cheek style, he reveals the Dutch national character and demonstrates how leisure time and entertainment have grown to play a central role in the lives of the Dutch. Thus Van Erp portrays the director of outlet mall Bataviastad who tries to entice the stingy Dutch into spending; follows a bunch of fantasy fanatics as they dress up

as elves and medieval warriors to attend a fantasy fair, and films a group of Dutch housewives as they learn how to decorate lampshades at a craft fair in the polder. *Pretpark Nederland* shows how leisure time has become a commodity in affluent Western countries like The Netherlands.

Date: Wednesday 28/11/2007 & Thursday 29/11/2007

Time: 19:45 at the NIASD (East Mezzeh, Farabi Street 85, near the Greek Embassy)

Introduction by Monique Busman on 29/11 !!!

On Thursday 29 November 2007 Monique Busman will be present to introduce Pretpark Nederland to you, and to answer questions. Monique Busman has done the research for "Pretpark Nederland".

She has been working with Dutch television since 1987. Together with Michiel van Erp, she manages the TV production company "De Familie" in Amsterdam, which was established in 2003. De Familie produced the cinema documentary "Pretpark Nederland", and films about actress Sylvia Kristel, restaurant tycoon Gerrit van der Valk and about the Dutch political Party for the Animals. Presently De Familie works on a series about integration in The Netherlands.



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