

# Kunstpaviljoen Almere fact sheet

**Clients:** Municipality of Almere and Province of Flevoland

**Selected designers:** Studio Ossidiana

**Construction:** from mid-June 2021

**Opening:** 28 April 2022 (opening Floriade)

**Duration:** the pavilion will stand for five to ten years

## **Ambition: A new museum for Almere**

The municipality of Almere and province of Flevoland want to develop a new art museum in Almere. The art pavilion will be a temporary precursor to this.

- The aim is to realise an innovative museum with dynamic programming for large-scale multimedia art and landscape art. An accessible museum, established and completed according to current insights, that has international appeal and is locally relevant. The museum is 'for', 'with' and 'by' Almere and Flevoland and focuses on talent development.
- The new museum's business case is based on 200,000 visitors per year.
- The museum will function independently based on a sustainable financing mix.
- Denise de Boer is in charge of this museum's development.

## **Assessment committee**

The assessment committee consisted of three members on behalf of the organiser; Deputy Michiel Rijsberman on behalf of the province of Flevoland, alderman Hilde van Garderen on behalf of the municipality of Almere and Denise de Boer, development of art museum and representative of the future user, Kunstmuseum Flevoland foundation. Four external members supported them: Marc Claudemans (chairman of the assessment committee and group management of the province of Noord-Brabant, director of Fontys Academy of Architecture in Tilburg for 14 years), Samir Bantal (architect and director, AMO-OMA), Laurie Cluitmans (curator of contemporary art, Centraal Museum Utrecht) and Charlotte Thomas (architecture and art historian, journalist for VICE and A-zine, among others).

## **Other participants**

On 23 October 2020, five architecture firms presented their proposals to realise an experimental artistic exhibition pavilion on the water, namely Studio Ossidiana, Barend Koolhaas, Veldwerk Architects (Marius Grootveld (NL) and Jantje Engels (DE)), Polylester (Gabiël Lester and Johan van Sprundel) and Afarai (Afaina de Jong).

## **Pavilion location and dimensions**

The Kunstpaviljoen is planned for the heart of the Floriade Expo 2022 and the future residential area, Hortus. A large water feature crisscrosses the area, which is connected to the Weerwater. The Kunstpaviljoen will be on the water near to the central square, which will be on the Floriade's main route. The Observatory, the pavilion's exhibition space, covers 246 m<sup>2</sup>, The Port 275 m<sup>2</sup>, and The Stage 60 m<sup>2</sup>. The pavilion has disabled access.

## **Studio Ossidiana**

Italian architects Alessandra Covini and Giovanni Bellotti founded studio Ossidiana in 2015. The studio's projects are playful, tactile and inclusive. Based in Rotterdam, Studio Ossidiana works with an international team of architects, designers and researchers and is actively involved, locally and worldwide, in projects in the Netherlands, Italy, Turkey and the US. Alessandra Covini studied in Milan and Lisbon and obtained her master's degree in Architecture at the Technical University in Delft. Alessandra won the Prix de Rome for Architecture in 2018, the Netherlands' oldest and most prestigious award for architects under 35. Giovanni Bellotti studied in Venice and Delft and received his master's degree in Architecture from IUAV University of Venice, and a postgraduate degree in Architecture and Urbanism from MIT in Boston. Giovanni is a Fulbright Fellow and Miguel Vinciguerra Prize recipient.

## **Almere 2.0 programme**

In the coming years, Almere will grow to 350,000 inhabitants, making it the Netherlands' fifth most populous city. The central government, the province of Flevoland and the municipality of Almere are working together on the Almere 2.0 programme for healthy city growth. The priority is to strengthen culture and tourism spots, with a new museum being a priority.

To realise the ambitions of Almere 2.0, the municipality, province and central government have set up the Almere Urbanisation Fund (FVA). The directors of these three bodies collectively make agreements on how the fund is spent. The FVA finances the Kunstpaviljoen. For more information on the Almere 2.0 programme, visit [www.almere20.nl](http://www.almere20.nl)

### **Floriade Expo 2022**

Floriade Expo 2022 is a living laboratory. Together with national organisations and international participants, Dutch horticulture presents its innovations and solutions for sustainable and liveable cities. It features inspiring exhibitions from different countries and innovative companies from the horticultural sector and beyond, as well as impressive attractions, art and culture alongside the arboretum's unique collection of trees, shrubs and flowers. The seventh Floriade is dedicated to Growing Green Cities and focuses on urgent issues associated with global urbanisation, such as food supply, climate change and energy production. The Floriade Expo in Almere opens in the spring of 2022.

### **Hortus residential area**

The Floriade site will be further developed into the Hortus, a new green city district expected to have 600 homes and 60 water houses. The neighbourhood will include 30% social housing and affordable housing. For the latest information on this urban district's development, visit [hortus.nl](http://hortus.nl).