

Construction of the art pavilion in Almere started!

A striking new art pavilion designed by Studio Ossidiana will soon emerge in Almere, The Netherlands' fastest-growing new town. The pavilion is a precursor for a yet-to-be-developed art museum and opens on 14 April 2022, coinciding with Floriade Expo 2022, the prestigious world horticultural exhibition. The pavilion's first exhibition is about the nature of the future, with work by nationally and internationally renowned artists. Recently, the art pavilion's first foundation pile went into the ground.

The art pavilion in Almere promises to be a truly eye-catching building, with three circular volumes nestled on the water like jewellery. The transparent exhibition space, the ring-shaped promenade, and the platform with parts made of terrazzo seem to float weightlessly on the water. Animating the largest volume are visitors' silhouettes and the sunlit water ripples reflecting on its surfaces. After sunset, the building illuminates like a lantern.

The design is by Rotterdam-based Studio Ossidiana. Five firms were invited to submit a proposal for the new art pavilion in Almere, which serves as a precursor for a yet-to-be-developed art museum. In the autumn of 2020, a jury unanimously chose Studio Ossidiana's submission for its poetic and innovative design.

Challenging building process

On 8 September, the first foundation pile went into the ground, marking the start of more than six months of construction. The location, the Weerwater in Almere, poses many technical challenges. Since the construction will primarily take place on the water and within a limited space, floating pontoons will be used for heavy equipment. Completion is scheduled for 15 February 2022.

The nature of the future

The art pavilion in Almere is open daily to the public from 14 April 2022. Visitors are welcome to marvel at Studio Ossidiana's artistic architecture and immerse themselves in the nature of the future, the subject of the pavilion's first exhibition during the Floriade Expo 2022. It focuses on the relationship between humankind and nature, and five artists offer their interpretations of nature in the future through sensorially inspiring art installations. The exhibiting artists are Heleen Blanken (NL), Theo Triantafyllidis (GR), Max de Waard (NL), Yaloo (KR), and Maison the Faux (NL).

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