

EXHIBITION

THE BIRTH OF CAPITALISM

THE GOLDEN AGE OF FLANDERS



Fact sheet

Exhibition

The Birth of Capitalism, The Golden Age of Flanders

Visiting address

Caermersklooster
Langesteestraat
B-9000 Ghent, Belgium
www.caermersklooster.be

Exhibition Period

17 June 2016 – 1 January 2017

Press contact

For press and background information, please contact info@golden-age-of-flanders.be.
High-resolution images can be requested via the 'press images' link on our website:
www.golden-age-of-flanders/press.

Summary

From 17 June 2016 until 1 January 2017, the Province of East Flanders stages an exhibition called 'The Birth of Capitalism' at the Caermersklooster in Ghent. Masterpieces and unknown gems will accompany the visitor on a journey through the fascinating Middle Ages and bring the past back to life in a stunning setting. Together, they tell a story about our cultural history. A story which sheds light on the rich past of what is now called Flanders.

Publications

Two books have been compiled especially for the exhibition. Both can be purchased at the exhibition:

Katharina Van Cauteren en Fernand Huts, *The Birth of Capitalism. The Golden Age of Flanders*, Lannoo, 2016. Available in Dutch, English, French, German and Spanish.
336 pages, hardcover, 25 x 29 cm, over 150 full colour illustrations.

Véronique Lambert (red.), Golden Times. *Wealth and Status in the Middle Ages in the Southern Low Countries*, Lannoo, 2016. Available in Dutch and English.
556 pages, hardcover, 25 x 29 cm, over 300 full colour illustrations.

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Organisation

The exhibition is made possible by Katoen Natie, Indaver and The Phoebus Foundation, under the auspices of the Province East Flanders.

Art lenders

'The Birth of Capitalism' exhibits a compilation of magnificent objects from renowned museums, archives, libraries and private collections:

- Collection Belfius Bank
- Collection Katoen Natie
- Groeningemuseum, Bruges
- Royal Academy of Fine Arts Antwerp, Antwerp
- The Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp
- The Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels
- Leuven University, University Archives and Art Collection, Arenberg collection, Leuven
- Leuven University, University Library, Tabularium, Leuven
- M - Museum Leuven, Leuven
- MAS | Museum aan de Stroom, Antwerp
- The Princely Béguinage Ten Wijngaerde, Bruges
- City of Ghent, city archives, Ghent
- The Mad Art Collection, Mechelen
- The Phoebus Foundation
- Ghent University Library, Ghent
- Private collections

Visitor Contact Details

For information about tickets and group visits, call +32 (0)9 269 29 10 or e-mail caermersklooster@oost-vlaanderen.be

Public opening hours

10am to 6pm – tickets available up until 5pm

Closed

Every Monday, 24, 25, 31 December and 1st of January

Admission Charges

- € 10 Individual visitors
- € 7 Youngsters until age 26, Seniors over age 60, Groups of 10+ people
- € 0 Press representatives, Guides, Youngsters up to age 18

More info on [rebates](#)

Your exhibition ticket also grants access to the educative exhibition of the restauration of the Ghent Altarpiece.

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**Tickets**

Tickets are available online, as from 1st of June, 2016: www.golden-age-of-flanders.be/visitorinfo ('order tickets'). These tickets grant you access on the day and time of your choice. You can proceed to the entrance without waiting. You may use the tickets on another day and time, but then some waiting time is possible.

Tickets are also available at the ticket booth, as from 17th of June, 2016. The organization reserves the right to limit access when maximum capacity is reached.

Exclusive opening hours (group packages)

The Caermersklooster is open by exception for package arrangements (business, associations or private parties), between 6pm and 8pm (with prior reservation).

For further information and reservations, please contact Carina Mertens via 00-32-(3) 221 68 12 or info@golden-age-of-flanders.be.

Access

The exhibition at the Caermersklooster is fully accessible to wheelchair users.

Audio tour

Audio guides are provided free of charge. You can collect them at the desk in Dutch, English, French, German or Spanish.

Visitor guide in writing

Visitor guides are also available, free of charge, at the desk, in Dutch, English, French and German. The guide provides an overview of highlights in the museum and gives information about the works. Your guide is Flemish entrepreneur Fernand Huts.

Guided tour

Guided tours can be booked via:

vzw Gandante

www.gandante.be

info@gandante.be

+32 (0)9 375 31 61

Ghent Guides

www.gentsegidsen.be

info@gentsegidsen.be

+32 (0)9 233 07 72233

School offering

Guided tour for schools, including reading package, offered from 1 September 2016 onwards.

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**How to get here**

The Caermersklooster lies in the historical heart of the city of Ghent and is easy to reach by public transport.

Tram 1: from Gent-Sint-Pieters train station (platform 2) to Caermersklooster: tram 1 for Wondelgem/Evergem. Get off at the Gravensteen stop. Walk along Geldmunt until it becomes Langesteestraat (follow the curve to the right), you will see the Caermersklooster on your right.

Tram 4: from Gent-Sint-Pieters train station (platform 20) to Caermersklooster: tram 4 for Zwijnaardebrug. Get off at the Langesteestraat stop, right in front of the Caermersklooster.

Public transport is the best way to get to the Caermersklooster. The Patershol, the area around the Caermersklooster is a pedestrianised zone. If you prefer to come by car, you can park at the following locations: [Parking Vrijdagmarkt](#) (P1), [Parking Ramen](#) (P8), [Parking Sint-Michiels](#) (P7)

Ghent, May 2016