

PRESS RELEASE

SPACE WASTE LAB BY DAAN ROOSEGAARDE LAUNCHES TOMORROW

The world premiere of the living lab on how to upcycle space waste



Credits: opening SPACE WASTE LAB – Studio Roosegaarde

Franco Ongaro, the director of ESTEC, Michiel Rijsberman the king's commissioner of Flevoland and Franc Weerwind, the mayor of Flevoland are invited to the world premiere of SPACE WASTE LAB by Dutch artist and innovator Daan Roosegaarde for a spectacular performance which reveals space waste real-time above our heads.

Under the music of 'A Space Odyssey,' the SPACE WASTE LAB will be officially launched tomorrow evening at Kunstlinie Almere Flevoland (KAF) in Almere, NL. The vertical lines of lights highlight space waste above our heads on an altitude of 200 to 20.000 kilometers. Examples from collision impacts and tangible pieces of space waste like a piece from the Hubble Space Telescope are provided by ESA and are on display in an accompanying living lab.

The living lab is supported by experts from ESA and is open to students and visitors to investigate how to upcycle space waste into sustainable products. Roosegaarde wants to enable visitors to experience space waste as a potential source for new creativity. Ideas from this living lab will be collected on SPACE WASTE LAB postcards and exhibited inside the museum. At a symposium on January 19th, 2019 the first results will be announced, and the best ideas will be presented.

Roosegaarde: "We need to look at space in a better way. What is space waste, how can we fix it, and what is its potential? Can we use space waste as a source material to 3D print houses on the moon, or use it to create artificial falling stars opposed to polluting fireworks?"

Franco Ongaro ESA Director of Technology, Engineering and Quality expresses that he is; "a strong believer in cooperation between technologists and artists," it is important that we work together towards a solution. "We believe in what we do as a service to society, but we are often unable to communicate its worth effectively enough. Artists not only communicate vision and feelings to the public, but help us discover aspects of our work which we are often unable to perceive."

SPACE WASTE LAB marks the first phase of a long-term project. Stage two is collecting the ideas and bring them into action. Next to the SPACE WASTE LAB a dedicated education, films, talks and expo programme entitled "Space @ KAF" will cover the wider context of space. For more information consult <https://kaf.nl/expo/space-waste-lab/>.



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SCHOONHEID

SPACE WASTE LAB is a part of Roosegaarde's larger vision for Schoonheid, a Dutch word meaning both beauty and cleanliness, as in clean space, clean air, clean water, clean energy. Schoonheid is an activator for change, for citizens, makers, NGOs and governments to value and empower Schoonheid as a creative force to make clean environments.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The exhibition SPACE WASTE LAB is open at Kunstlinie Almere Flevoland till January 19th.
Dates of live performances after sunset (free entrance) are 5-6 October 2018, 9-10 November 2018, 7-8 December 2018, and 18-19 January 2019.

Adress: KAF (Kunstlinie Almere Flevoland), Esplanade 10, 1315 TA Almere, The Netherlands.

ABOUT DAAN ROOSEGAARDE

Roosegaarde studied art and graduated from The Berlage Institute with a master in architecture. He founded Studio Roosegaarde in 2007, where he works with his team of designers and engineers towards a better future. Together they develop 'Landscapes of the Future' building smart sustainable prototypes for the cities of tomorrow. Roosegaarde is a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum and named Artist of the Year 2016 in The Netherlands.

ABOUT KAF

Kunstlinie Almere Flevoland (KAF) is the cultural hot spot in Almere and Flevoland. The main goal of KAF is to make everyone happy with art: whether it is theatre, architecture, music or dance, all disciplines are represented. KAF's program is creative and contemporary, and it tries to inspire and educate within the four fundamental elements that built KAF: THEATRE, EXPO, ACADEMY & CITY LOUNGE.

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