

## Backyard Genius (Outsider Art De Stadshof)

Vernissage May 23<sup>rd</sup> 17.00 hours; May 23<sup>rd</sup> up to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 inclusive.

In the labyrinth at the Verbeke Foundation exhibition hall Stichting Collectie De Stadshof in cooperation with Museum Dr. Guislain present the outsider art show *Backyard Genius*. Almost 100 works of art of some twenty artists / geniuses refer to technique and architectonic constructions. The creations and structures reveal a world of endless fantasy and creativity. A great variety of art techniques have been employed, such as paintings, drawings, collages, models, assemblages and structures.  
Curators of the exhibition: Liesbeth Reith and Frans Smolders.

### Artists:

- Gerard van Lankveld, physical science models
- Dragutin Jurak, ancient architecture for modern people, drawings
- Harry Arling, *kosmotroniks*
- Chris Hipkiss, *future worlds*, drawings
- Hans Scholze, *endless spaces*, drawings
- ACM, *growing-power*, assemblages/installations
- Herman Bossert, town views, montages and drawings
- Bert Bovenberg, architectural drawings
- Carl Bungert, *machine creatures*, drawings from: *In the clock of the machine a human being ticks*
- Roy Wenzel, *interior worlds*, drawings
- Erik Verboven, word and icon associations
- René Meeuwssen, architectonic constructions, drawings
- Christophe, wooden cityscapes
- Markus Meurer, hybrid vehicles
- Hans Werner Padberg, scrap-wood assemblages
- André Robillard, guns

Several well-known galleries in Zurich, Straatsburg, Siegburg, Münster and Amsterdam are generously lending works of art for this show.

Foundation De Stadshof collects and presents outsider art, works of art created outside the official art circuit. The Dr. Guislain Museum in Ghent is the home town of this Stadshof collection. At 40 km distance from Kemzeke the Dr. Guislain Museum shows in the permanent galleries a selection of masterpieces from their own collection outsider art and guest collections.

Simultaneously Museum Dr. Guislain shows **Burland Toyland** May 9<sup>th</sup> up to and including September 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The Swiss outsider artist François Burland recycles everyday waste and scrap material. The objects obtain new life. Nothing appears as it used to be. Every object he encounters Burland fits in his individual magic world. *Burland Toyland* shows a mythical universe, an exaltation of pleasure beyond reality.

[www.verbekefoundation.com](http://www.verbekefoundation.com)

[www.museumdrguislain.be](http://www.museumdrguislain.be)

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