

HIGHLIGHTS

30 OCTOBER - 12 NOVEMBER

ART IN PUBLIC SPACE

SPARK

2, 3 AND 4 NOVEMBER

Thousands of sky-lit sparks adorn the sky around the Oldehove. It's 2023, it's time for a new form of fireworks. Studio Roosegaarde offers the alternative with this mesmerizing light show.

It doesn't crackle, but it sparkles like the sparks of a campfire. The national premiere of the global and phenomenal light artwork SPARK will take place in Leeuwarden on the first weekend of November. Imagine; a swarm of thousands of twinkling lights swirling up along the iconic Oldehove. It floats and sparkles and has an almost hypnotic effect. Artist Daan Roosegaarde took inspiration from the magical light of fireflies to develop this artwork made of biodegradable sparks as an eco-alternative to fireworks, which is a celebration for everyone!

Roosegaarde, don't we know that name from somewhere? Yes, we do! In 2018, artist Daan Roosegaarde amazed the city with his light artwork Waterlicht (Water Light), a virtual flood that showed the power of water. As one of the first projects of Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018, the blue oasis put the Wilhelminaplein in a different light.

And now, after metropolises like Melbourne, Bilbao, Madrid, London, SPARK can finally be seen in the Netherlands. Round up your sister, neighbour, classmates, colleagues and your dog, and marvel at the artwork at the Oldehoofsterkerkhof from 7pm to 10.30pm. Curious for more? Check out a preview at visitleeuwarden.com

visitleeuwarden.com/spark

FILM

Noordelijk Film Festival

8 - 12 NOVEMBER

Lights (off), camera, action! The film reels can already be traced back to 1976, when the first edition of this festival took place. The North needs to be heard as well as seen, which is why the Noordelijk (Northern) Film Festival has been the blockbuster film festival for forty-three years. Check out the extensive programme with a Nordic Focus online!

noordelijkfilmfestival.nl

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

De Stadskas

STARTING 10 NOVEMBER

Under the top of the tallest tower, the Stadskas (city greenhouse) is the beating cultural heart of this autumn. The most beautiful moments are 'grown' in this large glass greenhouse. Two weeks before the start of the festival, you will find the free supporting acts for Explore the North here. Largely free, incredibly varied and great fun.

explore-the-north.nl

FESTIVAL

De Broeikas

11 NOVEMBER

The Northern parts of the Netherlands are truly alive and buzzing. At this arts festival for young makers, you will meet numerous emerging artists, musicians, theatre makers, writers and spoken word artists. De Broeikas features performances by Loupe, Karel, ISZA, Schau Schau, Luna van Drunen and many, many more.

debroeikasfestival.nl

MUSICAL

De Tocht

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

The forecast is icy good and that can only mean one thing: *it sil wêze!* (It will be!) In the new musical extravaganza De Tocht, five friends must keep their promise - if the tour comes around one more time, they'll skate it and complete it together. But it turns out there is more at stake than just getting the check.

musicaldetocht.frl



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