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MUSEUMS KICK OFF NLTR400

The bilateral year between Turkey and the Netherlands (NLTR400) has started and the first activities are already taking place. The [Amsterdam Museum](#) has opened "The Chamber of Levantine Trade. Dutch Merchants and Ottoman Sultans" in Istanbul, in cooperation with the [Pera Museum](#). From 20 of April the exhibition will be presented in Amsterdam. From 27 January the first of a series of three exhibitions is open to the public in [SALT Istanbul](#), in cooperation with the [Van Abbemuseum](#) in Eindhoven. On 20 February the exhibition with Dutch Masters from the [Rijksmuseum](#) will start in the [Sabanci Museum](#) in Istanbul. Five Rembrandts and Vermeer's Love letter are included in this exhibition.



DUTCH CULTURE IN TURKEY

The full cultural programme for 2012 will be announced in February on [NLTR400.nl](#). However, it is already apparent that a lot is going to take place in the fields of youth theatre, jazz and world music; more than 200 Dutch literary and non-fictional works will be available in Turkish and the Netherlands is host country at the largest Turkish book fair; design, fashion and architecture will be widely present; and pleasant film programmes focusing on youth film are going to be shown. Not only in Istanbul and Ankara, but in the entire country both a wide audience and the connoisseur will fully enjoy all kinds of activities.



FIRST SELECTION IS MADE

In order to fine-tune the cultural programme, allocate the limited amount of financial means effectively and make use of the available expertise in different fields, SICA has convened a programme council. The programme council for NLTR400 consists of Pieter Zeeman ([Performing Arts Fund NL](#)), Mireille Berman ([Dutch Foundation for Literature](#)), Enrica Flores d'Arcais ([European Cultural Foundation](#)), Tim Vermeulen ([Dutch Design Fashion and Architecture](#)), Mayke Jongsma ([Mondriaan Foundation](#)), Simone van den Ende ([AVRO](#)), Daniël Stork ([Dutch Consulate General in](#)

[Istanbul](#)) and Femie Willems ([Cultural Participation Fund](#)). The programme council will decide on the distribution of the matching fund of € 350,000 to make cultural projects happen within the bilateral year. The first selection has been made, and successful applicants will be notified shortly.



NLTR400 AGENDA

SICA keeps track of the Dutch-Turkish event calendar. This makes it highly important for you to keep us up to date on your plans. The information sent to SICA constitutes the basis for the information displayed on a large number of websites in both the Netherlands and Turkey. The agenda is administrated by Veysel Yuce (y.yuce@sica.nl). From mid-February on you can also integrate the agenda in your own website.