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Panorama Mesdag | Pieter de Josselin de Jong: A Forgotten Master from the 19th Century

On 12 November 2017 the exhibition *Pieter de Josselin de Jong: A Forgotten Master* opens at Panorama Mesdag.

In Mesdag's time, Pieter de Josselin de Jong (1861-1906) was an internationally celebrated artist and a popular figure in his profession, occupying a prominent position in the art world of The Hague. As a result of his premature death and successive waves of artistic renewal, De Josselin de Jong's name soon slipped into obscurity.

19th-century master

Yet he was a multi-faceted artist with consummate technical skill. He earned his living primarily by making portraits of the well-to-do and members of the Royal Family. When his financial situation permitted him to do so, De Josselin de Jong liked to go for walks with his sketchbook. He had a superb eye for original subjects, such as the perspiration-drenched worker in one of the newly-opened factories. Meanwhile, he also depicted the traditional peasant life. It is precisely this contrast that makes him unique as a 19th-century master.

Exhibition

Due to loans from Dutch museums and private lenders, it is now possible to present a broad and complete overview of the works of De Josselin De Jong, with a selection from his best paintings, pastels, watercolours and drawings. Panorama Mesdag has set out to highlight the artist's versatility and technical mastery as well as demonstrating his working methods.

Mesdag

Hendrik Willem Mesdag himself admired – and collected – works by De Josselin de Jong. Two of this master's works from the collection of Panorama Mesdag are included in this exhibition: a portrait of the actress Theo Mann-Bouwmeester and a portrait of Mesdag.

With this solo exhibition, Panorama Mesdag places this wrongly neglected master back on the map and gives him the attention he deserves.

The exhibition is on display from 12 November 2017 to 11 February 2018.

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Editorial note

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