



On Thursday, 19th of May 2016 the extension of the Royal Eise Eisinga Planetarium was officially opened. The Planetarium annually attracts around 47,000 visitors from the Netherlands and abroad. The entrance in the original home of Eise Eisinga was too small to receive visitors in the right way and to offer sufficient museum activities. Certainly because of the inclusion of the Planetarium in the Canon of Dutch History and the nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage List, the visitor rating has risen considerably in the last six years.

With the purchase of the adjacent building, a new entrance, an educational interactive exhibition and a new cinema could be set up. Visitors can now view their manuscripts in the vacant spaces in the historic home of Eisinga. These manuscripts about mathematics (written when Eisinga was 15 years old), astronomy and the instruction manual on the operation of his planetarium, can be read digitally.



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Location

Franeker, The Netherlands

Surface area

100 m²

Royal Eise Eisinga Planetarium

There is also room for temporary exhibitions. The opening exhibition 'Boating on the Stars' was realized in collaboration with Museum Boerhaave from Leiden, that an important part of their collection of navigation instruments has made available.

The interactive educational exhibition 'De Ruimte' introduces visitors to the working of a number of astronomical instruments from the planetarium collection. In addition to touchscreens with information and animations about the operation of instruments, the visitor can make observations with models of, for example, a sextant and telescope. In this way, the emergence of solar and lunar eclipses is also made transparent. With the extension, the behind atmospheric city garden has also become accessible to the public.

All activities fit perfectly with the principles of Eisenach Eisinga, namely popularizing astronomy. Eisinga has built its Planetarium to provide visitors with information and that has been happening since 1781 to this day.



Destination

Museum

Type of exhibition

Permanent

Project director

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Design

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