



The Middle Ages are often referred to as a dark and gloomy era. Unfairly so. Therefore Museon believes it is time to take a new, refreshing look at this period. With this exhibition, Museon seeks to put the Middle Ages in a new perspective. Seven characters looking quite familiar, each with a contemporary look, invite you to experience what life looked like a 1000 years ago.

How about the minstrel, who could have been a contemporary singer-songwriter, the farmer who would make a perfect candidate on the famous TV show "Farmer wants a Wife", or the tradeswoman representing today's business woman. The exhibition reveals that the Middle Ages are by no means only the backdrop of brave knights and beautiful maidens, as we know them from the movies and famous stories, but that people's lives back then were actually quite similar to how we are experiencing life in 2017. They too wanted to survive and enjoy themselves. The Middle Ages were actually a time of great inventions and discoveries, with major impact on science, culture, Christian values, the administrative organisation and the boundaries of today's Europe. And even though this period is far away behind us, its remains and inventions still matter to our daily existence. Think of castles, churches, monasteries and the cities that we can still visit today. For instance, thanks to more efficient ploughs (drawn by horses instead of oxen) and arable farming (three-field system), food production increased for farmers and town-dwellers as well.



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Location

Den Haag, The Netherlands

Surface area

600 m²

BRUNS

Knights and Castles

Destination

Science center

Type of exhibition

Temporary

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Design

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