

## Social Activities for participants and accompanying persons

Wednesday 22/05/2019 9h25 - 11h30

### Visit to the restoration of the Mystic Lamb

**Presentation by expert and entrance to the museum, sponsored by ICAEW, CIMA, ACCA and CPA.**

We are proud to offer you a unique opportunity to visit the restoration works carried out on the Mystic Lamb. Prof. dr. Maximiliaan Martens will tell you all about this stunning highlight of late medieval painting, its importance in the western art tradition and the multidisciplinary restoration project.

The Ghent Altarpiece (aka “The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb”) in Saint Bavo’s Cathedral ranks among the world’s most important artworks. Over the centuries, the monumental polyptych (350 x 470 cm when open) has never ceased to impress with its different materials and textures, its unrivaled mastery of painting with colors in oil, and the complexity of its iconographical program.



The restoration of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb has started at the Museum of Fine Arts Ghent (MSK) in October 2012 and should be finished in 2020. During the visit, you will see how the restoration is done, by real hand craft! In the Saint-Bavo church, on the original place of this Altarpiece, a replica is shown, which we will also visit.

Prof. dr. Maximiliaan Martens is a leading art historian focusing on the late medieval art in the low countries. He is one of the coordinators of the restoration project on the Ghent Altarpiece and he is a member of the scientific committee advising on the upcoming major Van Eyck exhibition in 2020.

#### Schedule:

- 9h25 Meeting in the lobby of the MSK Gent (Fernand Scribedreef 1, 9000 Gent).  
By walk: 30 minutes walk from Sint-Jacobs (city center).  
By public transportation: take bus 5 (Gent Van Beverenplein – Gent U.Z.) at busstop Sint-Jacobs platform 7 till Heuvelpoort (8 stops):  
8h55 or 9h10: Sint-Jacobs, platform 7.  
9h07 or 9h22: Heuvelpoort. The MSK is situated at 2 minutes walk from here.  
By taxi: approximately 20 minutes from city center.
- 9h30 Introduction to the painting of “The mystic lamb” by the expert, Prof. dr. Maximiliaan Martens (Ghent University)
- 10h00 Visit to the restoration works, with opportunity for questions
- 10h30 Walk to the Saint-Bavo Cathedral (Sint-Baafsplein, 9000 Gent)
- 11h00 Visit to the replica of the Ghent Altarpiece in the Cathedral
- 11h30 End of visit
- 11h30 Registration at Het Pand (conference venue), 700 meters from the Cathedral
- 12h00 Lunch (seated) at Het Pand (conference venue), Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

Price: free, sponsored by ICAEW, CIMA, ACCA and CPA.

More on the restoration works: <http://closertovaneyck.kikirpa.be/ghentaltpiece/#home>

More on the Van Eyck exhibition: <https://vaneyck2020.be/en/>