

Great expectations in Amsterdam

Saturday 20 August 2016 will be very colourful in Amsterdam. On that day New York artist Andy Golub holds a spectacular Bodypainting Day. The event takes place at Museumplein, the very big open plaza between the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum. Hundreds of spectators are expected to enjoy the transformation of the naked bodies into works of art.

Artists and nude models will gather at Museumplein from 11.00am with live Bodypainting then taking place until 5.00pm. Afterwards naked painted participants will be marching through the Streets, and some will then take a Boat Ride through the famous Canals.

2015 remembered

You may recall my item in 2015, with its spectacular photos, on the 2015 Amsterdam event. Andy Golub attracted many international bodypainting artists and models to Amsterdam's smaller Rembrandtsplein, for the inaugural Amsterdam Bodypainting Day. At times the crowds of interested spectators were several deep, and very close to the action.



Work in progress.

Andy with Cynthia
in Amsterdam
August 2015

Getting there

Amsterdam can be easily reached from the UK, by coach, rail, and it is possible as a day trip by plane. Enid and I will be flying from Luton, then spending a few days in this wonderful city, savouring its beauty and many cultural delights.

London Says NO!

Sadly, NAG has been unable to get official agreement to use a central London location for a 2016 London Bodypainting Day. This was scheduled for Saturday 13 August, but the event will not be going ahead. Andy Golub had planned to hold this smaller-scale event in London, as a prelude to the second spectacular Amsterdam event.

NAG spent a considerable amount of effort, many hours and visits, negotiating with many London site managers. Sadly, they were apprehensive about a public nude art event. This contrasts with the open way in which Amsterdam authorities have twice welcomed Andy for a Bodypainting event. New York is having its third annual Bodypainting event this July.

London does seem to be a difficult place to stage nude events and naturism. Your views, on whether you feel that a **London Bodypainting Day** should be supported, would be welcomed by NAG at naturistactiongroup.org.

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