



NEMO-JUBILEE FESTIVAL

1998-2018: 20 YEARS HOLLAND IN POLAND

PROGRAM

- August 17 (Friday) – 5 PM

Village Centre (Swietlica) in Chromiec

Film Chromiec village of stories; Pictures 20 years Nemo, West Frisian Dance group

- August 18 (Saturday) – 4 PM

Izer Art Gallery Kromnów (former Lutheran church)

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL

Film Chromiec village of stories; Pictures 20 years Nemo, West Frisian Dance group, Polish Women Choir Rybniczanki, Vernissage Collage Art Ingrid Engels

- August 19 (Sunday) - 11 AM – 5 PM

Perski Izerski – Local Country Fair

Medieval Kopaniec Settlement (Farma 69)

West Frisian Dance group, traditional Dutch children games

- August 20 (Monday) – 5 PM

Village Centre (Swietlica) Kopaniec

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West Frisian Dance group



PREMIERE FILM „CHROMIEC, VILLAGE OF STORIES”

The documentary shows Chromiec as a village of stories. Some came here voluntarily, some came here without a choice. In several interviews different people from the village tell us why they or their parents came to this place and how they experience it. Although everybody has a different story, one thing is true for everyone: Chromiec is a magical place. Myths and legends are everywhere and sometimes time even goes backwards. The documentary not only shows the people that live here, but also the landscape, the forest and the sense of magic that surrounds the village.

(production: Machiel Spruijt www.jaarendag.nl Amsterdam)

AFTER 20 YEARS NEMO IN POLAND

pictures, films, memories of 20 years Dutch meeting/mixing with Poles.

WEST FRISIAN FOLK DANCE & MUSIC

West Frisians from the northern part of the Dutch province of North Holland will present local traditions that are older than the more well-known and rich Dutch culture of cities and merchants. West Frisians from the "Midwoud" group will present traditional dances in historical costumes combined with music played on original instruments.

WOMEN VILLAGE CHOIR RYBNICZANKI FROM RYBNICA

Women choir from Rybnica near Nemoland singing folksongs from all over Poland. The choir was founded in 2004.

VERNISSAGE EXHIBITION INGRID ENGELS - COLLAGE-ARTIST FROM AMSTERDAM

"I am Ingrid Engels and I am making collages. I love to sit in my shop and make all kinds of things. My collages are all different, I never make the same. Only the way of making is same. I use trash, old stuff people throw away. For 15 years I am sitting in a wheel chair, because of a big bleeding in my brains. But fortunately I can use my hands and I can see and talk. One day Peter from Nemo came in the shop and liked the collages very much. He said it was real art. He came back several times and wanted to buy the collages. He wanted to use this art in Nemoland Poland to inspire people by showing how to create art with worthless and useless things."





Dutch 20 years pioneering in Poland

Nemoland 1998-2018, in Kopaniec-Miedzylesie, Stara Kamienica

In 1998 the Dutch nature association Nemo founded Nemoland as a non-profit cooperative and autonomous zone to live with what nature, the Polish village and volunteers could attribute; under the motto 'back to earth'. Traveling in earthship Nemoland means that you become aware of the ecology of daily life, the Polish village life, hidden natural forces around you, the intelligence of animals and plants and ancient myths about earthly secrets.

Nemoland is a free space in the middle of nature with 36 ha land and many facilities for groups and creative activities; like a theatre, legend center, workshop space for handicrafts, meditation studio, African mask/music room, group accommodations, fire places, vegetable gardens and farm animals. The aim is to offer an ecological alternative to threatening mining plans and other threats to nature, landscape and local community. The project is set up by volunteers and since 1999 with the positive energy of many youth groups.

The philosophy of Nemo is that members, volunteers and guests attribute some of their talents to Nemoland. Thus Nemoland is created in an organic way and is developed by involvement of visitors and participants.

Since 1998 Nemo brought more than 3400 people from Holland and Belgium to Poland to learn and taste the Polish village life and build Nemoland. From them more than 100 students from Dutch colleges and universities followed internships, workshops and did research to sustainable and ecological development. Nemo also got subsidy from the Dutch government to support Polish village associations and to strengthen local community. 12 times already Nemo organized the 'Dutch Day' (as a village festival) in Nemoland to exchange Dutch and Polish culture. Since 2009 Nemo organized 3 times the Crossroads Festival in Jelenia Góra, as a cultural event focused on Polish and Dutch literature and poetry.

Meanwhile Nemo collected stories and legends of the former German and present Polish inhabitants, because Nemo feels that oral memories are much more real than official history. Especially the region of the Kamienica river is a book of unknown stories. Storytelling, walking and theatre could be a way of discovering, reading and experiencing these stories.

Nemo presented its Polish projects and the Polish region also in the Netherlands by setting up school exchanges between Dutch and Polish schools; an exhibition in Amsterdam by artists from Kopaniec; a performance in Amsterdam by the theatre group Cornu Cervix from Kopaniec and the women's choir Rybniczanki from Rybnica; the organization of a monthly Polish Café and cooking Polish meals in a community centre in Amsterdam. Polish students did an internship at Nemo in Amsterdam. In the Dutch Nemo centre in Amsterdam Nemo sells Polish traditional dishes and products from the villages around Nemoland, and Nemo tries to promote the region around the Izer Mountains and Stara Kamienica for volunteers and tourists through social media and publications.

This year Nemoland celebrates the jubilee with many activities

- april/june: workshops for 2 Dutch schools for working, learning and hiking
- may: historical walk around Kopaniec with Czech and German historians
- july: creative exchange project for of 3 youth groups with disabilities from Belgium and Poland
- july: visit of 6 scouting groups from Belgium and Holland setting up ecological projects
- Jubilee Festival August 17-20 in Izery Gallery Kromnów, Village Centre in Chromiec and Kopaniec, Country Fair in Osada Kopaniec (Farma 69)
 - * Reception, buffet, pictures of 20 years Nemoland
 - * Premiere of film made by Machiel Spruijt about the Polish history and local legends of Chromiec
 - * Folklore West Frisian Dance group from Holland and Polish village choir Rybniczanki from Rybnica.
- * Art exhibition from famous collage-artist from Amsterdam in Kromnów
- august: Local legend-workshop: walkabout to the Ramberg white lady
- september: Shamanistic Vision Quest with Shaman from Amsterdam.