

# BRUEGEL ± 1525 † 1569

FLANDERS CELEBRATES THE 450<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THIS FLEMISH MASTER'S DEATH

PIETER BRUEGEL THE ELDER / THE PEASANT / THE DROLL / THE GROUND-BREAKING CRAFTSMAN

# 45

PAINTINGS, MORE OR LESS 60 DRAWINGS AND MANY PRINTS.

Bruegel may have burned some of his critical work before his death. It was **iconoclasm time** and his work could have been a potential danger for his family.

WELCOME TO FLANDERS. THE REGION OF BEER.

Painting beer or brewing beer: no one does it better than the Belgians. UNESCO has even given Belgian beer culture a well-deserved place on the world heritage list.



- A master of different styles
- \* Winter landscapes
  - \* Cabinets of curiosities
  - \* Life of the peasant
  - \* Allegories
  - \* Drawings

Guegle

## A REAL CRAFTSMAN



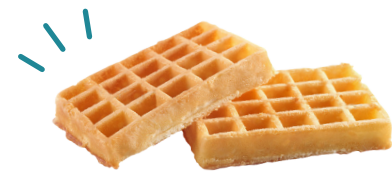
He painted classical themes and situations in a very quirky humorous and innovating way.

### TO PISS AGAINST THE MOON.

It means trying to do the impossible. Bruegel brought to life more than 100 proverbs. They are an ode to the absurdity, wickedness and foolishness of people and a poke at Flemish culture.



WE HAVE BEEN EATING WAFFLES FOR AT LEAST 450 YEARS. AND WE STILL LOVE THEM.



BRUEGEL ACTUALLY USED WAFFLES IN HIS PAINTINGS

### BREUGELIAANS

means **joie de vivre**. Dancing, eating, enjoying life... that's typical Flemish. Visit Flanders where the spirit of Bruegel is still alive.

NEW CONTINENTS WERE DISCOVERED ALONG WITH NEW CREATURES

Bruegel confronted the audience with peculiar creations

The Blowfish, from the Indian and Pacific Ocean



You can admire three of his most famous paintings in Flanders.

- \* **The Fall of the Rebel Angels** (Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels)
- \* **Winter Landscape with Skaters and Birds Trap** (Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels)
- \* **Mad Meg** (Museum Mayer van den Bergh, Antwerp)

## BRRRRRRUEGEL IT'S COLD!

During the years 1564-65 the winter was particularly harsh. The freezing temperatures went on to inspire some of his iconic winter landscapes, complete with frozen rivers and ice skaters.



## 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY RECYCLING



The sleds in the painting **\*The Census of Bethlehem** (Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium) are made of horse jaws.



Explore paintings of Bruegel in the **Google Arts and Culture** platform through which you can access high-resolution images of the artworks.