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"The evening of lights 2012"

For the fifth consecutive year, the municipality Havlíčkův Brod donated a more than 10 meter high Christmas tree to Brielle. This year was the transportation of the tree from the Czech Republic again provided and sponsored by the company "Alpha Trans"

Many parents came with their children on December 9 to "the evening of lights", partly because many children from grade seven and eight of the schools had made a drawing of peace and tolerance. The drawings were hung around the tree.

At seven o'clock Mrs. G.W.M. Viegen, mayor of Brielle, welcomed all attendees and thanked the partner city Havlíčkův Brod for the beautiful tree on the Markt and also for the enclosed biscuits and Czech Christmas tree ornaments for the tree in the hall of the Town

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Hall/Historic Museum. She thanked also all the volunteers and sponsors who make it possible that a Xmas tree is already for the fifth time in the center of Brielle.

About 250 enthusiastic people, who all received a Christmas hat and a lyric booklet listened to the Dickens Ensemble, the barber shop choir "Sound waves", who sung in their familiar style English carols.

Next, several children were asked to come on stage and together with the audience they sung a large number of Xmas carols in Dutch.

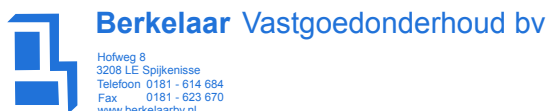
It was heartwarming.

Finally, all the children who made a Christmas card (drawing) got Christmas tree ornaments from the Czech Republic,

Then there was free delicious mulled wine or hot chocolate, sponsored by the "Hoofdwacht".



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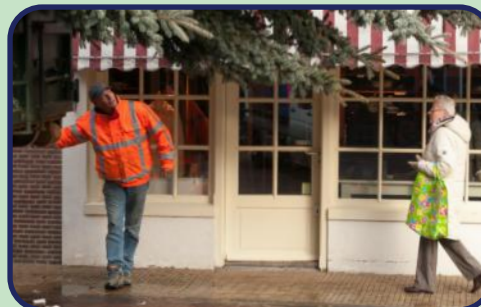


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Photo survey of the placing and decoration of the Christmas tree at the Markt in Brielle - December 2012

Workers from the town of Brielle are putting the tree in place



The "Christmas tree group" does the decoration.





Jan Exnar (27 juli 1951) Glas artist and painter

2e in the serie "Artists from Brod"

Jan Exnar lives and works in Havlíčkův Brod and is an academically educated artist. He trained from 1966 to 1970 in Zelezný Brod to become a specialized glassmaker.

From 1970 to 1976 he studied at the Prague Academy of Fine Arts (painting and art glass) led by Prof. Stanislav Libenský.

In the course of time he is focusing on minimalist design of glass sculptures. He has an ongoing battle with the art of omission. He succeeded to create his own style. Jan is in the world of international glass art a respected and recognized member.

Besides his sculptures, Jan Exnar is well known for his modern stained glass windows.

He had more than 32 solo exhibitions at home and abroad.

Since January 1997 Exnar, Bohumil Elias, Jaroslav Matous, Jaromir Rybak, Ivo Kren theorist, form the group Rubikon. They exhibit regularly together.

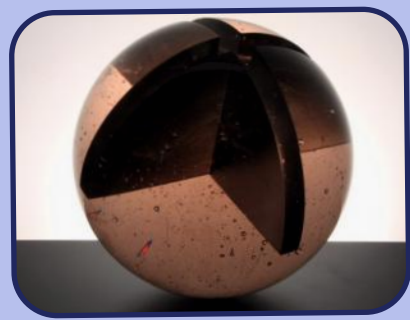
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Some solo exhibitions:

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| 1981 Malina's House | Havlickuv Brod |
| 1983 Galerie CFVU | Praag |
| 1984 Galerie Atrium | Praag |
| 1987 Regionaal Museum | Kutna Hora |
| 1990 Galerie Atrium | Praag |
| 1991 Malina's House | Havlickuv Brod |
| 1992 Galerie Gebroeders Capki | Praag |
| 1993 Galerie Papyrus | Nymburk |
| Galerie AGB | Novy Jicin |
| Stadhuis Galerie | Barendrecht nl |
| Galerie Gottschalk | Frankfurt |
| 1995 Galerie Moderne Kunst | Havlickuv Brod |
| 1996 Galerie voor Moderne Kunst | Hodonin |
| Galerie voor Tsjechische Cultuur | Cesky Krumlov |
| Galerie M | Pelhrimov |
| 1998 Het Fins Glasmuseum | Riihimäki Finland |
| Kunst galerie | Ostrava |
| Galerie Chodovky | Praag |
| Oost-Tsjechische Galerie | Pardubice |
| 1999 Kunst galerie | Karlovy Vary |
| Huis voor de Kunst | Znojmo |
| 2000 Galerie Terraces | Praag |
| Stedelijk Museum | Lanskroun |
| Kasteel galerie Chagall | Karvina |
| 2001 Stedelijk Museum | Svitavy |
| Reykjavik Kunst Museum Reykjavik IJsland | |
| 2002 Nieuwe Stadhuis Weiden (d) | |
| Kultuur Huis Drammen | Drammen Noorw. |
| Manes | Praag |
| Oost Tschische Galerie | Pardubice |
| 2003 Missie van CZ in EU | Brussel België |
| Kerk Sint Eugene Biaritz | Frankrijk |
| Kunstenaars vereniging Talstrasse Halle (d) | |
| 2004 Gouden Diploma Designkunst | Munchen |
| 2010 Galerie Jean-Claude Chapelotte | Luxembourg |



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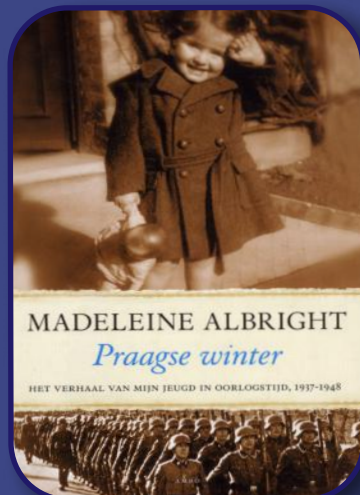
Madeleine Albright in the Hague

Tuesday, November 27 Madeleine Albright, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States was in The Hague to introduce her new book "Prague Winter".

During the administration of President Bill Clinton, she was the 64th Minister of Foreign Affairs and also the first woman in that position.

In a sold out Diligentia she was interviewed by America expert Willem Post and she spoke not only of her childhood in Prague of the thirties and the history of her Jewish family, but she also talked about international affairs, the situation in the U.S. and she told what her brooches meant. In The Hague, she had chosen for a dove, to match the City of Peace and Justice.

After the interview she signed her book at Selexyz in the Passage. There she was offered the HBBC jubilee book "25 years of friendship". Friendship between the twinned towns Brielle and Havlíčkův Brod.



Mrs. Albright receives the book "25 years of friendship between Brielle and Havlíčkův Brod"

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Plans HBBC for 2013

The exchange year starts of course on the first of April, when another group "Geuzen" (beggars) from Havlickuv Brod is coming to help the people in Brielle to liberate them from the Spaniards. The Brod group is usually a mixed company of all kinds of professions. So many people from Havlickuv Brod have the opportunity to make contacts in Brielle. We hope to receive some public attractions, such as a music group and if possible, the blacksmith.

Then it's time for the people from Brielle to attend the liberation festivities on May 8 in Havlickuv Brod. As a thank you for the beautiful Christmas tree, the people in Brod get each year a treat. This year it will be "oliebollen" again, a typical Dutch treat.

Are you interested to come with us or want to investigate the possibility for an exchange? Please contact one of the HBBC members. The first step towards a beautiful experience for your club or group!

In May, the Christmas drawings made by the children from Brielle will be exhibited in Brod.

In June we hope to welcome the students from Havlickuv Brod in Brielle.

In December 2013 we will have again a nice big tree on the Markt in Brielle



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- Corrie en Jan Engelblik

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