

# Rik Wouters. Highlights

Rik Wouters lived for only a short time but left behind the fantastic body of work. During the renovation of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts (KMSKA), the majority of the exceptional Wouters collection from the museum was temporarily on display in the artist's hometown. From 24 September 2011, the best pieces from this body of work were showcased in the Schepenhuis museum in Mechelen.

Rik Wouters (1882- 1916) is one of Belgian art's most beloved artists. His canvases and sculptures exude life, light and passion. But behind the sparkling body of work looms a tragic artist who passed away much too soon. In *Rik Wouters. Highlights*, curator Herwig Todts (KMSKA) recounted this moving story through the master's works. They were divided into five thematic rooms: portraits, landscapes, everyday life, nudes and still lifes. To the KMSKA collection were added around ten works by Wouters from the collection belonging to the Mechelen City Museums. The presentation was part of a KMSKA project entitled *Dicht maar dichtbij* (*Closea but Close by*).

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