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CENTRE STAGE IN MILAN FOR 'CLOUDS' BIBI SMIT

Have you ever looked up at the sky, in awe, at the light playing around the clouds? Then come and enjoy this year's solo presentation of Bibi Smit at the Salone del Mobile in Milan. The installation is the radiant center piece of the Gallery of the Dutch Pavilion, which celebrates its 5th anniversary this year. Bibi Smit has been selected for all editions.

In the center of the glass-vaulted Gallery adjacent to Palazzo Francesco Turati you will find a large cluster of hand-blown glass shapes, translucent, amorphous forms are lying on a podium like cumulus clouds lying on the horizon. With this breathtaking landscape of clouds Bibi Smit is bringing an ode to the power of nature. Visitors passing by will be stopped and imagine themselves amongst the clouds. The projected light and video images onto the glass create a magical atmosphere. Smit's work is powerful and at the same time poetic, which makes it a valuable asset to every interior.

Sunset

With her glass Clouds, Bibi Smit is following in the footsteps of the Dutch Master painters, known for their impressions of the famous Dutch skies. One of the most inspiring moments for Smit is the sunset, when the light is playing amongst the clouds and everything is bathing in orange, red and pink hues. Equally appealing are the lead grey skies just before rainfall and the threatening colors of thunderclouds. All these hues can be found in the "Clouds" installation.

Natural phenomena

Bibi Smit is a glass artist/designer of great merit, who produces her work entirely in-house. She is fascinated by natural phenomena, which stir emotions. Phenomena such as flaming sunsets and threatening thunder skies and by other natural phenomena such as the large swarms of sparrows, called murmurations. This has resulted in the highly acclaimed "Swarm" Chandelier, which she presented in Milan last year.

Custom made

In Milan all eyes will be drawn to the center piece "Clouds", a real museum piece. Smaller arrangements are also possible, consisting of three or five clouds. These smaller compositions show the versatility of Smit's work and the various ways it can be shown in different interiors, from private homes to commercial buildings. The "Swarm" Chandeliers and "Clouds" are custom made and one-of-a-kind. Together with the client, Smit will discuss the dimensions and the light fall of the space for a unique customized design.

You can find the work of Bibi Smit in the Gallery adjacent to Palazzo Francesco Turati at Via Meravigli 7, Milan, Italy, from 21 till 26th of April. It is part of Masterly, the Dutch in Milano, curated by Nicole Uniquole.

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