

MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

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NEW RELEASE: 'NE ME QUITTE PAS,' A TRAGICOMIC DOCUMENTARY ABOUT MALE FRIENDSHIP SET IN BELGIUM, OPENS AT MOMI

U.S. Theatrical Premiere: November 18–27, 2016

Astoria, Queens, New York, October 18, 2016—Considered among the best nonfiction features of 2014 by *Sight & Sound* and winner of the Best Editing Jury Award at the Tribeca Film Festival, ***Ne Me Quitte Pas (Don't Leave Me)*, Sabine Lubbe Bakker and Niels van Koevorden's** bittersweet portrait of male friendship, will have its U.S. theatrical premiere at Museum of the Moving Image from November 18 through 27, 2016.

Bob and Marcel are best friends who live at the southern edge of Belgium—and on the fringes of society. Emotional Marcel is recently single and separated from his kids, while stoic Bob is a more established bachelor whose own family struggles loom further in the background. Together they form a strangely endearing comedic team, passing the days with gallows humor and easy laughter, while also drowning their sorrows in endless bottles of alcohol. *Ne Me Quitte Pas* is the rare documentary that is both hilarious and heart-wrenching, evoking everything from Samuel Beckett and *American Movie* to *Celebrity Rehab*. The film was nominated for Editing and Cinematography at the 2015 Cinema Eye Honors, where Bob and Marcel deservedly received an “Unforgettables” Award acknowledging compelling subjects.

“If Jim Jarmusch made a movie about two alcoholic friends hanging out in the woods, it might look something like the Dutch documentary *Ne Me Quitte Pas*. Directors Sabine Lubbe Bakker and Niels van Koevorden’s hilariously touching portrait of bitter men drowning their sorrows in booze is the ultimate buddy comedy with brains.” —Eric Kohn, *Indiewire*.

[Ne Me Quitte Pas \(Don't Leave Me\)](#)

Dir. Sabine Lubbe Bakker, Niels van Koevorden. 2013. 107 mins. Documentary. Digital projection. In Flemish and French with English subtitles. [View trailer](#)

SCREENING SCHEDULE:

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2:00 and 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2:00 and 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 26, 2:00 and 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 27, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 (\$6 for Museum members at the Film Lover and Kids Premium levels and above). Advance tickets are available online at movingimage.us. All screenings take place in the Bartos Screening Room at Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35 Ave, Astoria, NY.

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Publicity Materials: [Press images](#) | [Press book](#)

Contact Tomoko for a preview screener or to arrange a press screening.

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Museum of the Moving Image (movingimage.us) advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media. In its stunning facilities—acclaimed for both its accessibility and bold design—the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings of significant works; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, craftspeople, and business leaders; and education programs which serve more than 50,000 students each year. The Museum also houses a significant collection of moving-image artifacts.

Hours: Wednesday–Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 10:30 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday–Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$15 adults; \$11 senior citizens (ages 65+) and students (ages 18+) with ID; \$7 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free. Admission to the galleries is free on Fridays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Film Screenings: Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are \$12 adults / \$9 students and seniors / \$7 youth (ages 3–17) / free for Museum members at the Film Lover and MoMI Kids Premium levels and above. Advance purchase is available online. Ticket purchase may be applied toward same-day admission to the Museum's galleries.

Location: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

Subway: M (weekdays only) or R to Steinway Street. Q (weekdays only) or N to 36 Avenue.

Program Information: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: movingimage.us

Membership: <http://movingimage.us/support/membership> or 718 777 6877

The Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and located on the campus of Kaufman Astoria Studios. Its operations are made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York City Economic Development Corporation, New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and

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