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We cordially invite you March 14, 5pm, to the opening of **FlowerCastle 2013**, the second edition of this annual exhibition at Kasteel Keukenhof, the 'Flower Castle' of the Netherlands.



FlowerCastle March 14 – June 16, 2013

On Thursday, March 14, His Excellency Mr. Y. Nagamine, the Ambassador of Japan, will open My Secret Garden by Tajiri and FlowerCastle at Kasteel Keukenhof.

FlowerCastle is an initiative about flora and culture. Flora is a great source of inspiration for art, design, fashion and other related disciplines. In collaboration with contemporary artists, **FlowerCastle** offers a platform for reflection on work that was born from this inspiration. **FlowerCastle** connects the International Flower Exhibition and Kasteel Keukenhof. The idea for **FlowerCastle** arose as a continuation of bygone times, when lords invited their guests to their estates to enjoy nature and the special things in life. **FlowerCastle** aspires to generate insight into the emotional experience of flowers and nature. **FlowerCastle** is no showroom or an exhibition, but a cultural event: food for thought & work in progress.

Artists FlowerCastle 2013: Jan van Anrooy, Karin Arink, Makoto Azuma, George Belzer, Willem van den Berg, Barker Bros, F.L.W. Brouwer, Frank Bruggeman & Eric Roelen, Matt Bryans, Martin Butler, Elspeth Diederix, Anton Dirckx, Telka van Dodewaard, Anne ten Donkelaar, Studio Drift, Yoke Ferwerda, I. Fisher, Irene Fortuyn, Bernhard Funke, Hubert Gindra, Thomas Goode, J.A. de Graaff, Desiree Hammen, Koen Hauser, Pieter Hardime, Cindy Heijnen, G. Heinz, Niek Hendrix, Hubert van Hille, G. Hooft, Wim Van Hoorn, Raoul Hynkes, Henk van den Idsert, Jan Jansen, Joris Landman, H.J. Van Loo, Frederique Masselink van Rijn, Ties Mulder, Saskia Noor van Imhoff, Jan Jansen, David Mach, Bas Meeuws, F. Miethe, Marc Mulders, Barbara Nanning, Wilfried Nijhof, Edwin Oudshoorn, Predraig Pajdic, C.H. Peters, Michael Raedecker, Pearl Perlmuter, Sander Plug, Louise te Poele, Geer Pouls, Gerard Prent, Michael Raedecker, J.J. Rovers, Siba Sahabi, Viviane Sassen, Martien Slappendel, L.C. van der Steen, Shinkichi Tajiri, Mattheus Terwesten, F.M. Timmermans, Edward Clyde Thomson, Harald Vlugt, Allan Vos, Mariken Wessels, W.H.W. Wouters

Curator: Gijs Stork on behalf of Kasteel Keukenhof Art Foundation

Cobra Outside 2013: My Secret Garden, featuring monumental sculptures by Japanese-American Cobra artist Shinkinci Tajiri, is the second edition of the sculpture garden of Cobra Outside. In collaboration with Kasteel Keukenhof and the Hof van Appel, the Cobra Museum of Modern Art presented bronze sculptures by Karel Appel in the Hof van Appel in 2012.

Kasteel Keukenhof is located in the heart of the so-called Bulb Region, on the charming Keukenhof Estate. Just outside Lisse, opposite from the flower exhibition with the same name. It comprises more than 230 hectares of forest, meadows and parks with over 18 monuments. In 2011, the major restoration of the castle was finished. The nearby-situated historic buildings and surrounding park were also restored in their former glory. Kasteel Keukenhof significantly contributes to the conservation of the entire estate and brings together three core values to this purpose: art, culture and flora. Special feature: In the 17th century, a sculpture garden was situated in the courtyard of the estate, where the owner exhibited art from home and abroad.

KASTEEL KEUKENHOF

Keukenhof 1, 2161 LN Lisse <u>www.kasteelkeukenhof.nl</u> Open tuesday — sunday from 11 — 17 hrs