

Playgrounds Sessions: Babette Zwinkels & Engel Gaardner

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When	Fri, 28. August 2026, 18:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Rotterdam singer-songwriter Babette Zwinkels and songwriting duo Engel Gaardner perform in the HBS Garden during the final free Playgrounds Session of the summer. The outdoor series brings live music, food and cold drinks to the garden at Lab Grounds.

Babette Zwinkels creates dreamy pop with a touch of cabaret. Her songs explore love, the desire to be seen and the discomfort that comes with being human, carried by a clear voice and honest storytelling. She performs live with multi-instrumentalist Thomas Heikoop.

Engel Gaardner consists of visual artist and songwriter Olivia Degen and guitarist Benjamin de Raad. The duo makes detailed, atmospheric music inspired by artists such as Jessica Pratt, Nick Drake and João Gilberto. Their debut album was recorded on tape and is scheduled for release through Tiny Room Records in autumn 2026.

Details

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Date: Friday 28 August 2026

Doors open: 17:00

Start: 18:00

Location: HBS Garden at Lab Grounds

Address: 's-Gravendijkwal 58, Rotterdam

Tickets: Free

Genre: Dream pop, singer-songwriter, cabaret pop and folk

Featuring: Babette Zwinkels with Thomas Heikoop, and Engel Gaardner

Venue - Lab Grounds

Location	Lab Grounds
Street	's-Gravendijkwal 58b
Postcode	3014 EE
City	Rotterdam
Country	NL
Website	https://www.grounds.nu/

Description

Lab Grounds is Podium Grounds' intimate second stage in the former HBS school building on 's-Gravendijkwal in Rotterdam's Oude Westen, a flexible room where the Grounds team programmes adventurous gigs, club nights, workshops and community events; it complements the main Grounds hall on Pieter de Hoochweg and doubles as a creative third space and café that supports emerging artists and neighbourhood projects.