

Ben van Gelder

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When	Thu, 9. July 2026, 20:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Ben van Gelder presents The Whole Wide World Is Round at LantarenVenster, a world premiere created as the North Sea Jazz composition commission for 2026. The Dutch alto saxophonist and composer is widely regarded as one of the leading jazz musicians of his generation, with a career shaped by early prizes, a formative decade in New York and collaborations with names such as Mark Turner, Joe Sanders and Ambrose Akinmusire.

For this new work, Van Gelder looks back at fifty years of North Sea Jazz history and the people who helped shape the music. Memory sits at the heart of the project, from his own childhood above his father's Groningen record shop Swingmaster to the lasting impact of Abbey Lincoln, whose 1981 festival performance made a deep impression on his mother.

The piece combines new compositions with visuals by Tony Roe and archive footage connected to Van Gelder's father. He is joined by Nelson Veras on guitar, Martin Nevin on double bass, Craig Weinrib on drums, Peter Schlamb on vibraphone and special guest Gideon van Gelder on piano.

Details

Event: Ben van Gelder: world premiere North Sea Jazz composition commission 2026

Work: The Whole Wide World Is Round

Date: Thursday 9 July 2026

Time: 20:00

Location: LantarenVenster, Rotterdam

Tickets: €21, including €3 service costs per ticket

Seating: Seated concert, free seat choice

Music: Jazz

Presented by: LantarenVenster and North Sea Round Town

Venue - LantarenVenster

Location	LantarenVenster
Street	Otto Reuchlinweg 996
Postcode	3072 MD
City	Rotterdam
Website	https://lantarenvenster.nl

Description

LantarenVenster, located at Otto Reuchlinweg 996, is one of Rotterdam's premier venues for music and film. The cultural hub offers an intimate setting for experiencing live performances across genres.