

Jasper Blom & Ben van Gelder: Crosswords

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When	Sat, 5. September 2026, 20:30 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

Jasper Blom and Ben van Gelder bring CROSSWORDS to LantarenVenster: a new quintet built around two of the Netherlands' leading saxophonists. Alto saxophonist Van Gelder and tenor saxophonist Blom create transparent jazz without a chord instrument, giving the horns, bass and drums plenty of room to breathe.

The music moves between Van Gelder's lyrical, vertical compositions and Blom's more exploratory pieces. Van Gelder is known for his personal approach to the alto saxophone and his connection to the New York jazz scene. Blom won the Boy Edgar Prize in 2019, while his recent work with the Metropole Orkest was named Pick of the Week by DownBeat.

The quintet is completed by three musicians with strong individual voices. Trumpeter Hermon Mehari brings together American jazz and Eritrean influences, bassist Phil Donkin has worked across London, New York and Berlin, and drummer Wouter Kühne is one of the most in-demand young drummers in the Dutch jazz scene.

Expect elegant interplay, open compositions and plenty of space for musical conversation. Proper saxophone business, basically. ☐☐

Details

Event: Jasper Blom & Ben van Gelder: CROSSWORDS

Date: Saturday 5 September 2026

Start: 20:30

Location: LantarenVenster, Rotterdam

Address: Otto Reuchlinweg 996

Tickets: €19, including €3 service costs

Seating: Seated concert, free seating

Music: Jazz

Line-up

Ben van Gelder, alto saxophone

Jasper Blom, tenor saxophone

Hermon Mehari, trumpet

Phil Donkin, double bass

Wouter Kühne, drums

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.