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When	Sun, 20. December 2026, 21:00 h
Category	Live Music in Rotterdam



Description

The Hobknobs come to V11 with a release show for their debut album Helmets Off. The band, led by songwriters Yaël Dekker of The Klittens and Arie van Vliet of Lewsberg, makes vintage guitar pop with rough edges, understated charm and very little unnecessary decoration.

Their sound is melodic, melancholic and deliberately stripped back. With a mix of indie pop, guitar pop, rock ’n’ roll and alt-country, The Hobknobs create songs that feel familiar but slightly off-centre in the best way. The album leaves space for the listener, proving that strong songs can hit harder when they are not buried under too much polish.

The band name comes from the classic British Hobnob biscuit, which Arie van Vliet once encountered in a documentary. Its odd, stubborn charm turned out to be a good match for the band’s own character.

Details
Event: The Hobknobs: release show
Album: Helmets Off
Date: Sunday 20 December 2026
Doors open: 20:30
Start: 21:00
Location: V11, Rotterdam
Tickets: €14, including €2 service costs
Genre: Indie pop, guitar pop, vintage pop, rock ’n’ roll and alt-country
Song tip: Enarmoured
Presented by: Rotown and V11
Seating: Standing only

Venue - V11

Location	V11
Street	Wijnhaven 101
Postcode	3011 WN

City	Rotterdam
Website	https://www.vessel11.nl/en/

Description

V11 is one of Rotterdam's most unique concert venues, housed in a striking red former lightship moored in the city's Wijnhaven. Known for its intimate atmosphere and edgy programming, V11 attracts music lovers seeking an up-close experience with a wide range of artists, from garage rock and punk to experimental indie acts. The venue offers a compact performance space that amplifies the raw energy of live music, making every show feel personal and electrifying. Beyond concerts, V11 is also a popular hangout spot, featuring a cosy bar and a small kitchen serving delicious burgers and snacks, all with a view of Rotterdam’s waterfront. Its distinctive nautical setting and commitment to showcasing both emerging talent and established names have made V11 a cherished gem in the city’s vibrant cultural scene.