



Aan de gemeenteraad van Weert

Weert, 4 december 2019

Onderwerp : Kunstwerk laad-en loskraan Werhaboulevard
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Geachte raadsleden,

Op 7 november 2018 bent u geïnformeerd over de keuze tot herbestemming van de kraan in de vorm van een kunstwerk. Met het kunstwerk wordt de herinnering aan de monumentale kraan van het Landbouwbelang behouden. Graag informeren wij u over de procesaanpak en de definitieve keuze waartoe wij hebben besloten.

Procesaanpak

Op 8 januari 2019 heeft het college van burgemeester en wethouders ingestemd met een herbestemming van de laad- en loskraan als kunstwerk en daarvoor een open uitvraag gedaan aan (Weerter) kunstenaars. Voor deze uitvraag is een plan van aanpak opgesteld. In dit plan van aanpak zijn de selectiecriteria benoemd voor de voorselectie en het ontwerp.

Op 18 juni 2019 heeft het college ingestemd met een selectie van 4 kunstenaars. Deze zijn door de selectiecommissie geselecteerd op basis van visie, referentie en ervaring.

Op 23 oktober 2019 hebben de 4 kunstenaars hun ontwerpen ingediend en nader toegelicht.

Voor de beoordeling van de ontwerpen is een brede selectiecommissie samengesteld met in- en externe leden (waaronder ook een afvaardiging uit de klankbordgroep Werhaboulevard). Daarnaast zijn de ontwerpen voor advies voorgelegd aan monumenten-welstandscommissie, planoverleg Rijksdienst voor Cultureel Erfgoed en commissie cultuurhistorie.

De ontwerpen zijn nader toegelicht in de extra informatiebijeenkomst op 19 november 2019.

Keuze

De selectiecommissie en de monumenten-welstandscommissie hebben unaniem gekozen voor het ontwerp van Studio Job vanwege de hoge artistieke waarde van het kunstwerk. Hij heeft expliciet gekozen om de besturingscabine van de kraan te gebruiken: het hart van de laad en loskraan.

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In het ontwerp is het hart van de laad- en loskraan gebruikt: de besturingscabine, het enige onderdeel dat verbonden is met de mens als bedienaar van de machine. Deze wordt als "reliëf" (=stoffelijk overblijfsel) van de oude kraan gedragen door een aantal personen, gekleed als werklui anno 1940. De cabine wordt enerzijds opgewaardeerd door onderdelen uit te voeren in gepolijst brons en anderzijds door het verval te versterken met (visueel) gebroken ruitenvlakken (geëtst).

Naast de verwijzing naar het verleden is er in het ontwerp aandacht voor de nieuwe generatie werkenden, die net als de arbeiders in het verleden werken aan de toekomst. Hiervoor brengt Studio Job een kenmerkend element in, namelijk bloeiende rozen. De klok bovenop de cabine die zowel voor- als achteruit loopt verwijst naar het verleden, maar ook naar het heden. De sokkel waarop het beeld staat is geen losse bakstenen sokkel, maar maakt een geheel uit van het beeld en wordt ook in de studio vervaardigd (aluminium). 's Avonds is de cabine van binnenuit verlicht zodat het lijkt "of er iemand thuis is".

De elementen die Studio Job in dit beeld gebruikt zijn typisch voor zijn werk en maken het beeld tot een echte 'Studio Job-sculptuur'. Uit het ontwerp blijkt dat het kunstwerk hoogwaardig en gedetailleerd uitgewerkt en verfijnd afgewerkt wordt. Uit het ontwerp en de toelichting blijkt dat de kunstenaar het gepresenteerde ontwerp goed heeft doordacht en dat er meerdere lagen en interpretaties mogelijk zijn. Het is een juweeltje in de omgeving. Gezien de schaal past het daar uitstekend. De schets geeft een impressie hoe het kunstwerk straks in de omgeving geplaatst wordt, maar is niet op schaal getekend. De bebouwing is 18 meter hoog, het beeld inclusief sokkel 7 à 8 meter hoog.

Het planoverleg Rijksdienst voor Cultureel Erfgoed spreekt haar voorkeur uit voor het ontwerp van Dirk Verberne vanwege de hoeveelheid hergebruikt materiaal. Daarbij is minder gekeken naar de artistieke waarde. Het ontwerp van Studio Job heeft volgens het planoverleg weliswaar minder historisch materiaal gebruikt maar scoort hoog voor wat betreft het verhaal van de kraan. Zij vraagt aandacht voor de juiste procedures.

Realisatie

De uitvoerkosten ad € 375.000,- kunnen worden opgevangen binnen de grondexploitatie Landbouwbelang waarin een bedrag ad € 575.000,- is gereserveerd voor het herplaatsen van de laad- en loskraan.

Voor de uitvoering van het kunstwerk wordt tevens subsidie aangevraagd (o.a. BPD-fonds en het Mondriaan Fonds en de Provincie KLC). Gezien de naam die Studio Job in de kunstwereld heeft en de hoge artistieke waarde ervan, is het verkrijgen van subsidie een reële mogelijkheid.

Het restant bedrag, minimaal € 200.000,-, wordt vanuit de grondexploitatie overgeboekt naar de post Algemene middelen.

De uitvoering zal anderhalf tot twee jaar in beslag nemen. Het betreft een hoogwaardig, gedetailleerd en verfijnd kunstwerk.

Met vriendelijke groet,
burgemeester en wethouders,



M.J.M. Meertens
gemeentesecretaris

b.a.



A.A.M.M. Heijmans
burgemeester

Studio Job

Wertha Crane



Studio Job Atelier, Tilburg

Studio Job Biography

Studio Job is a ground-breaking art and design studio based in The Netherlands and Milan. Job Smeets, from Weert, Netherlands, a pioneer of contemporary conceptual and sculptural art and design founded Studio Job in 1998 in the renaissance spirit, combining traditional and modern techniques to produce once-in-a-lifetime objects. Joined in 2000 by graphic designer Nynke Tynagel the studio added a multitude of craftspeople and has gone on to grow to over 30 people and have worked with a vast range of high profile clients, galleries and collectors.

In the Studio Job atelier, traditional and modern techniques are combined to produce once-in-a-lifetime objects. A vast range of crafts are practiced at Studio Job, where traditional craftspeople such as sculptors and specialists in casting bronze and making stained-glass windows, work alongside experts adept in using lasers and 3D printing. Based in both Belgium and the Netherlands, technique, science and ornamental designs come together in their work as examples of what can be described as Gesamtkunstwerk - a total art work or an all embracing art form.

Studio Job are pioneers of contemporary conceptual and sculptural design. The results range from unique bronze artwork in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, to a royal stamp featuring the Dutch King (40 million pieces produced) from the unique life-size bronze sculptures on Miami Beach, to the one-off Wunderkammer curiosity cabinet that Studio Job produced for Swarovski in Innsbruck.

All Studio Job projects are distinguished by a love of detail, freedom of expression and blend of 2D and 3D. With more than 400 exhibitions, including solo shows, around the world Studio Job's work can be found in many important museum collections. Their iconic, heraldic and cartoon-like sculptures are popular with collectors world-wide. Proclaimed one of the most influential design teams by the Financial Times, Studio Job are passionate about building up an oeuvre that is becoming increasingly extravagant in its details and increasingly personal.

Studio Job work across many areas including art, design, fashion, architecture and interiors having worked with a vast range of high profile clients including sculptures for Swarovski, Barneys and Land Rover, and product collections for many brands such as Swatch, Alessi, Moooi and Pepsi to name a few. In 2017 Studio Job teamed up with Italian manufacturer Seletti to form the joint brand BLOW producing products in their pop spirit with a radical twist. In 2018 Studio Job launched their own online store JobShop of limited edition collectibles.

Studio Job are consistently ranked as one of the world's most influential players within design and art. Their highly collectable work creates a bridge between object and product by merging monumental design and graphic artwork.

Job Smeets

Job Smeets, the founder and director of Studio Job was born, raised, and in his own words 'thrown out of Weert'. The town of Weert had such an impact on his life and works, and can be seen echoed in many of his industrial styled works, and his celebration of the everyday seen in the Farm and Homework collections.

Within the practice of Studio Job it's not uncommon for us to use an existing canvas or grid as a base for new artwork, examples can be seen in the 'Automobile' based on a Landrover Defender, the upcoming Tunnel project in Amsterdam, the Light Tower in Kijkduin, the facades found in Milan, Miami and Amsterdam.



"As a young schoolboy I used to make a de-tour to pass by this incredible structure. I was always intrigued by it, by how those ships were unloaded with those tonnes of flour. For me, it's an iconic part of the industrial heritage of Weert. For me growing up there, it was the Eiffel Tower of Weert, as the only steel construction in the town and an icon."

Some years later, I moved to Antwerp, Belgium to a studio by the harbour, the harbour was much bigger, and the cranes higher, but I was drawn to living in that area because of this early influence of the crane in Weert. I found that former high-tec industrialism becomes prehistoric inheritance within one lifetime.

Food for thought, food for me, food for Weert."

- Job Smeets - 2019

The Wertha Crane

Materials: Casted bronze and aluminium polished and patinated, light installation, hand painting, toughened glass, electrical clockwork, acrylic, transparent epoxy coating, metal construction, restored cabin

Approximate dimensions: Height 6-7m, Width 2.5m, Depth 4m.

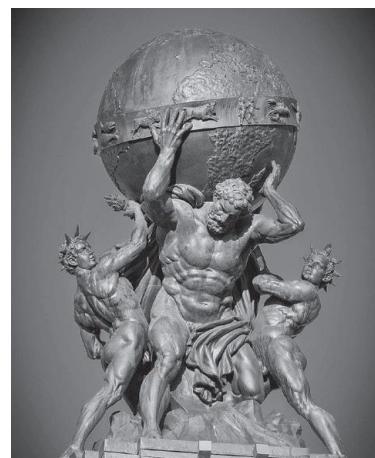
"Weert has played a profound part in my life; growing up in the town until I was 18, then returning after studying to open my first ever atelier, and now coming home to Weert as I turn 50 to work on a project that, by total chance, will sit below the window of my parents apartment. I consider myself to be a home-grown product of Weert, it has a special place in my heart as it's where I grew up in many senses of the word."

Job Smeets's family go back almost 100 years in Weert, encompassing many facets of Weert's social history, with one side of the family owning a successful forklift company. The other side a true working class family with nine children. Job's uncle even becoming Price Carnival Fun I of Weert back in 1984. *"To me my parents are the perfect example of the people of Weert; honest, hard working and loyal to their town."*

"The Wertha Crane was an iconic part of my childhood, as a boy cycling along the canal every day during summer to the public pool 'Ijzeren Man' travelling underneath the crane that stretched across the road. I recall it functioning with the flour being transported on the canal boats back when Weert was considered a flourishing town as the Gate of Limburg. Knowing the town from its' industrial times and now as a modern more residential town I wanted to highlight these elements in the piece I designed for Weert."

"When we visited the remnants of the crane, with my parents to also get their reaction, we got a melancholy feeling of the past. What I saw was not precious architecture, more a huge brutalist industrial workhorse. I realised it wasn't necessary to use the whole crane, since the volume would be just too much for the new location. What we needed was it's soul. When I explored the deteriorated cabin, it felt more related to the people who brought the crane to life. In my work I'm always interested in focusing on the relationship between people and object, in this case, it's the people that made that crane come alive not the material."

Seeing the amount of decay and the true scale of the piece lying in the long grass, Job felt compelled to resurrect the heart and soul of structure and it's meaning to the area to give it a second life. Rather than just recreating a now redundant old machine, he wanted to celebrate history and entropy of the old structure. Like a phoenix from the ashes, taking the heart of the piece as the central focus, we formed our sculpture around the original metal cabin, keeping the true skin of the piece visible. Inspired by the classical Greek sculpture of Atlas carrying the world on his back, we have the cabin of the Wertha crane being held on the shoulders of the people of Weert, symbolising the future of Weert built and carried forward on the backbone of its industrial past.



Atlas Sculpture



Job Smeets visits the Wertha Crane cabin

The Wertha Crane (continued)

Starting at base of the sculpture, a casted and polished metal pedestal will be formed into a brick structure to echo the industrial roots of the area, a theme that has been prevalent in Studio Job's work for years. By creating a brick structure rather than real bricks the pedestal becomes part of the sculpture itself, essentially a very classical approach.

The legendary workers of Weert will be sculpted in accurate minute detail, in a true to life form wearing historically accurate attire (for example overalls, boots etc..) delivering emotion through their posture and expressions.

On the shoulders of the workers sits the original cabin, stripped to its' bones then restored and preserved to last for future generations. The cabin will be clad with bronze elements made in our atelier, such as; window frames, a bronze horn, and the ventilator. Out of the windows (created to look broken although they will be solid) grow hand-painted bronze roses symbolising new life and growth arising from the ashes of the past. *"Rather than fetishize the history, we want to show a Weert built on the industrial past that looks to its bright future".*

Atop of the cabin we have added the 'past and future' clock, derived from both the classic clock in public square and the factory workers clock. On this clock the time runs both forwards and backwards, the numbers and hands running backwards to the past but accurately telling the current time in reverse form (the clock is an optional feature of the sculpture).

Many elements of this piece are iconic symbols that play a role in many of Studio Jobs' work and sculptural masterpieces (examples can be seen on the following pages); the roses as a symbol of strength and rebirth; the red brick pedestal an homage to industrialization; transforming defunct vehicles has been a huge theme, from the Automobile (2013) to the Carwash (2018) and B*llsh*t Circus (2019), the elevation from familiar vehicle to art work;

playing with the idea of high and low such as crafting smashed windows that are not actually smashed. The decay becomes the pattern.

We propose a sculptural piece that is for everyone yet also can be a personal experience. Creating it in a position and scale (at approximately 7 metres high) that seen from the city bridge connected to the canal, as you would have viewed the old crane. And on the other hand, the opportunity to create possibly the first singular purpose public square in Weert, for both residents and visitors to enjoy the sculpture up-close, seeing the intricate detailing of the work. *"We want to create a true piece for all people and ages, something to be discovered on a Sunday walk, a place to visit with your family. At the centre of it we want to combine both the history and the art form."*

With every side different the sculpture is a 360 degree experience that drastically changes from day to night. As the daylight fades and the vibrant colours diminish, a light source emerges from within the cabin creating a night-time light sculpture creating a warm beacon in the new square.

The sculpture will be professionally engineered and then hand crafted at the Studio Job atelier in Tilburg, Netherlands. All elements of the work will be sculpted by hand, first in nature-form then casted in bronze and aluminium, and finally painted and polished before being coated with a transparent weather proof layer to ensure maximum durability in all weather conditions. Due to the nature of our materials we are able to estimate the durability of new work will exceed many generations. The piece would also be fully recyclable and created from 'green alloys' both recycled and fully recyclable metals. The durability of the piece ensures the minimum of maintenance is required reducing the energy and cost needed, as well as impact on the environment, a key factor in Studio Job's work.

- Job Smeets, Milan, 2019



'Broken Window' Example - from 'Carwash' by Studio Job

Roses Example - from 'Carwash' by Studio Job



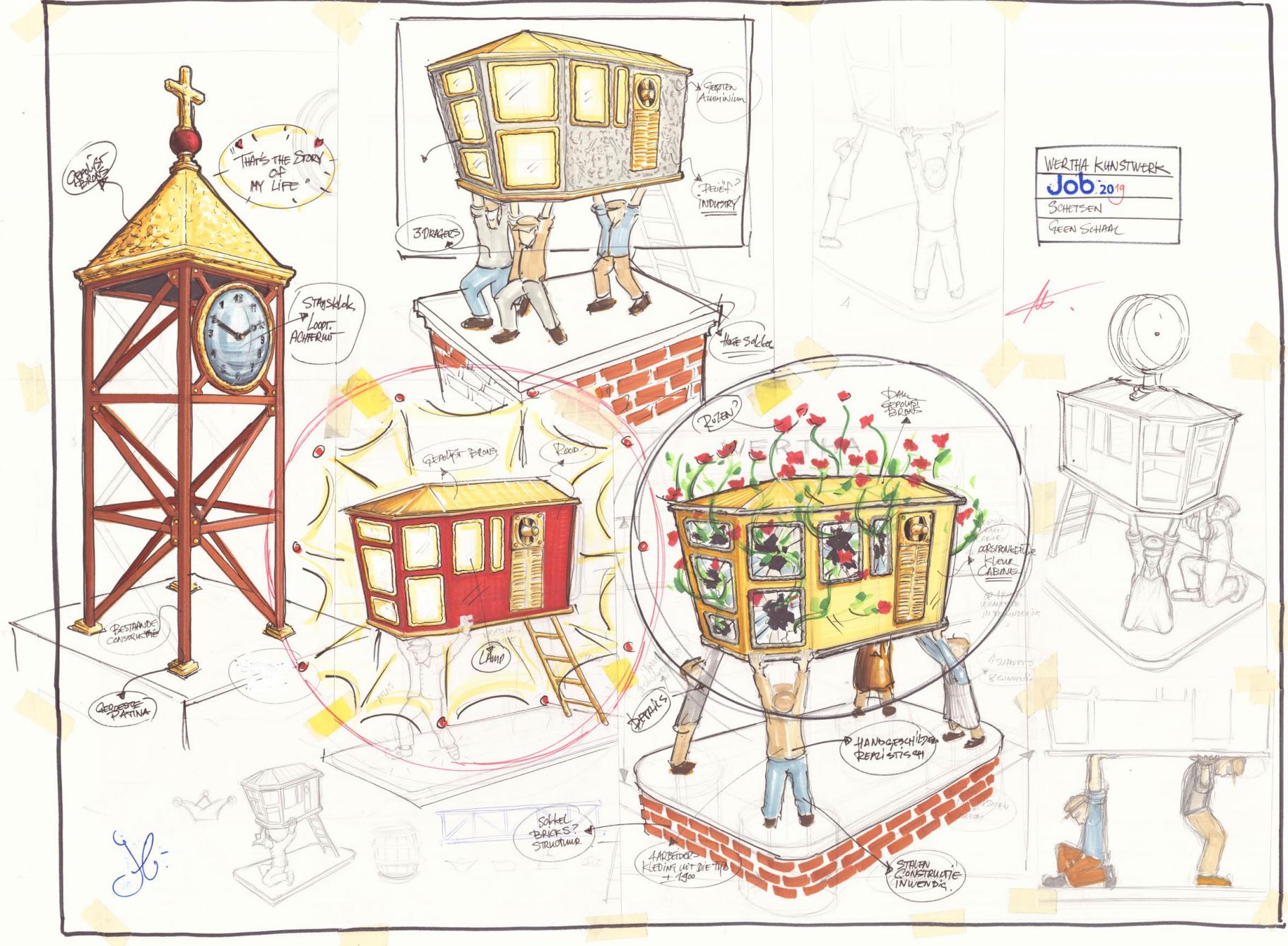
Brick Structure pedestal example - House of Job Milan



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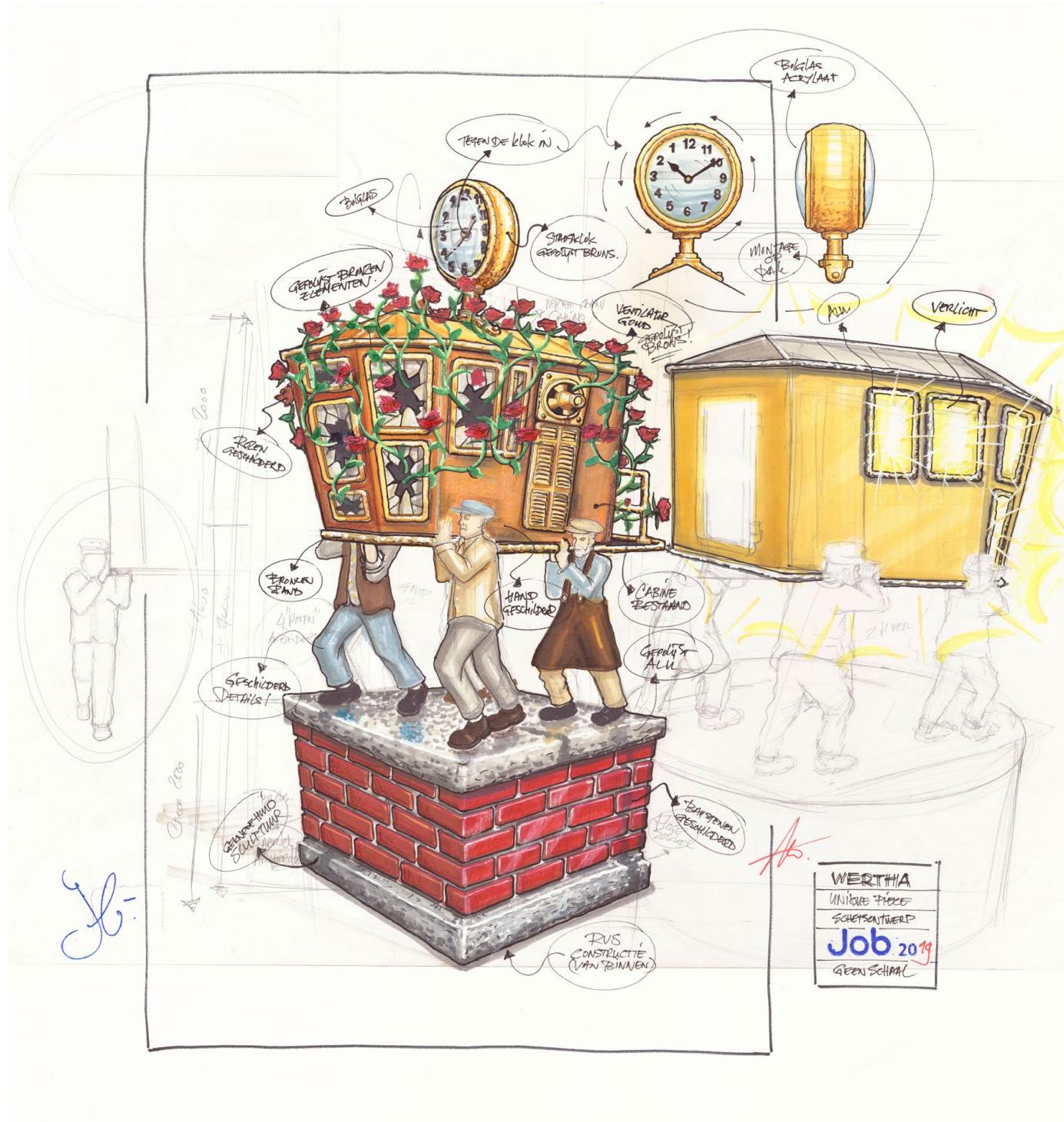
Wertha Crane - Proposed Concept Sketches

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Proposed Costs

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Offer date: 21 10 2019
Offer number: Werthaboulevard 01211009

PROJECT:	Kraan Werthaboulevard		
	Description	Amount	
	1. Technisch tekenwerk	€ 3.000	
	2. Moedervorm - sokkel - 4 personen - rozentakken + rozen - sierlijsten - ventilator - verlichting	€ 78.750	
	3. Gietkosten - siliconen & zand mallen - gieten van alle moedervormen.	€ 135.000	
	4. Afwerking - constructie - schuren & lassen - polijsten	€ 66.000	
	5. Handschilderen - schilderen van gegoten onderdelen	€ 37.500	
	6. coaten - weer beschermende coating (Transparant)	€ 7.500	
	7. opknappen bestaande cabine kraan - originele onderdelen kraan herstellen	€ 14.500	
	8. Verpakken / kisten - beschermen voor transport naar locatie	€ 1.750	
	9. overige kosten - constructie materialen - afdichtmaterialen - schildermaterialen - verpakkings materiaal - glasramen	€ 12.500	
	10. interne transport - studio Job naar externe partijen	€ 5.000	
	11. Supervisie tijdens installatie op locatie - studio Job aanwezig tijdens de installatie	€ 2.000	
	12. Afronding na installatie. - Kunstwerk afwerken/bijwerken na installatie	€ 1.500	
	optioneel		
	13. Klok	€ 9.250	
	Subtotal (Excl. 9% btw)	€ 374.250,00	

Cost price in euro
Exl. foundation, installation and transport, incl. supervision installation
Terms of payment: 50% order, 50 before delivery

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