

Searching for six paintings by Michaelina Wautier

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The Rubens House is in a search for six paintings by Michaelina Wautier.

"The Five Senses" series dates from 1650 and consists of five signed and dated works on canvas. All that is known about them at present is a single black-and-white illustration in a 1975 auction catalogue.

There has also been no trace since 1985 of the signed and dated still life "Garland with Butterfly".

The Rubens House is looking for these six works in the run-up to the first survey exhibition of Michaelina Wautier's work, which is due to open at Rubens's former Antwerp home on 1 June 2018. 'Michaelina', curated by Prof. Katlijne Van der Stighelen, is the first survey exhibition of the Baroque artist's work and is part of "Antwerp Baroque 2018: Rubens as an inspiration".

For in-depth descriptions of the paintings and more information on the exhibition, see:

<https://pers.rubenshuis.be/rubens-house-seeks-six-paintings-by-17th-century-artist-michaelina-wautier#>

The Rubens House has launched an international call for the paintings. Any information or tips will be treated confidentially and with full discretion by Katrijn Van Bragt, assistant curator at the Rubens House and project coordinator for the 'Michaelina' exhibition. Katrijn Van Bragt can be contacted during office hours on +32 (0)3 201 15 60 or at katrijn.vanbragt@stad.antwerpen.be

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