
Het Wapen van Lochem (The Lochem Arms)

A façade artwork by Martijn Sandberg graces the Lochem Town Hall. A visitor to the Town Hall sees a concrete façade relief, built into the very frontage.

The emblem describes the Lochem coat of arms. It arouses an association with centuries-old banderoles and modern banners. When sunbeams illuminate it, it resembles a digital display. Legible from some positions, it encourages continued perusal from other positions.

Martijn Sandberg: "While viewing and reading the artwork, everyone literally forms his own picture of the town coat of arms based on the façade relief. The text I used and transformed into an artwork is the standard description of the Lochem arms, originating in heraldry. Anyone certain of this is invited to speak up, but it is probably unique to the artwork, and for the first time ever, that not the image but the description of the town coat of arms is on the front of a town hall."

Title: 'Het Wapen van Lochem' ('The Lochem Arms')

Artist: Martijn Sandberg

Location: Town Hall Lochem, Lochem/ NL

Material: façade relief in concrete

Measurements: (lxh) 3.10m x 6.20m

Concept and design: 2010

Realisation and installation: 2011-2013

Completion: 2013

Commissioned by: Municipality Lochem/ NL

Architect: RAU Architecten, Amsterdam