
Make Love Not War

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The site-specific artwork 'Make Love Not War' by Martijn Sandberg, forms part of the transformation of the former Tapijn Barracks (Tapijnkazerne), Maastricht.

The barrack terrain was laid out between 1916 and 1919 and is now an urban park containing University of Maastricht buildings. The artwork figuration is incorporated in the paving of the main path, using bricks.

Visitors walk in Tapijn's rustic public park. They parade, where soldiers used to march, over the main path of the former military terrain. From different viewpoints a pattern of letters appears in the paving. Step by step a score becomes visible under our feet, from far away and nearby.

A never-ending 'canon', a 'refrain' of each time is written in stone: 'Make Love Not War, Make Love Not War, Make Love'.

Artwork: 'Make Love Not War'

Artist: Martijn Sandberg

Location: Tapijnkazerne (Tapijn Barracks), Maastricht

Material: bricks

Measurements: main path (lxw) 238m x 2.75m

Concept and figuration: 2019

Realisation and completion: 2020 (128m) / 2021 (110m)

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