

# UNDERTONES

In everyday life, we hear thousands of sounds, but we are not used to listening to them. For *Undertones*, Marres has invited artists to work with city sounds for a route through Maastricht. The route introduces you to spectacular underground spaces. These natural and often dark sound chambers sharpen the hearing and provide a unique acoustic layer to the artworks. Inspired by old and new local sounds, the artworks reveal an underground acoustic mirror of the area.



Rutger Zuydervelt, Ice Age, 2014

**Haroon Mirza** <sup>UK, 1977</sup>  
**Adam, Eve, Others and a UFO** <sup>2013</sup>

British artist Haroon Mirza works with sound, which he activates in spatial installations. He composes soundscapes based on the immediate area. In *Undertones* he presents *Adam, Eve, Others and a UFO*: a musical composition in the form of a sculpture. It contains a UFO-shaped LED circuit, which powers a circle of eight speakers. A thick, black microphone cable connects the speakers in a rhythmic and symmetrical formation. The electricity that drives the LED lights is amplified to generate the sound, which can be heard through the speakers. The LED lights are programmed to turn off and on in a sequence, creating a looping composition akin to techno music. Each speaker's sound is varied because, as referenced in the title, they are made by different manufacturers.

**Espen Sommer Eide** <sup>NO, 1972</sup>  
**396 Hz at 2000 frames/s – 88 BPM at 1000 frames/s** <sup>2013</sup>  
**Language meaning music I** <sup>2013</sup>

Musician and artist Espen Sommer Eide creates his own musical instruments, which he calls 'philosophical instruments'. This work presents two slow-motion videos that investigate the two fundamental properties of sound — the movements of pitch and time. The third video, *language meaning music I*, explores the connections between language and music. Its starting point is a short clip from a Bollywood comedy about language confusion. By tuning the vowels through various tuning systems of instruments and music from along the Silk Road, travelling from the east to the west, and quantifying the consonants into rhythms, meaning dissolves and musical aspects of language emerge.

**Joseph Beuys** <sup>DE, 1921 – 1986</sup>  
**Ja Ja Ja Ne Ne Ne** <sup>1968</sup>

Joseph Beuys is considered one of the twentieth century's most influential artists. He was a committed teacher and activist, who believed that art is not so much a profession, but a way of being in the world. In his broad conception of art, every man was an artist and every act a work of art. This understanding of art underlies all of Beuys' works: installations, drawings, sculptures, discussions, and political statements. The work presented here came from a visit to a wake in the Lower Rhine (DE). At a coffee table, old ladies ritually murmured the same apparently meaningless words, which Beuys represents in this collage with *Ja Ja Ja Ne Ne Ne*.

**Chaim van Luit** <sup>NL, 1985</sup>  
**and Fabian de Kloe** <sup>NL, 1982</sup>  
**Voyage Souterrain** <sup>2014</sup>

With their installation *Voyage Souterrain*, visual artist Chaim van Luit and historian Fabian de Kloe offer a glimpse of an on-going exploration of the underground systems in the south of Limburg and in Belgium. The title is inspired by the book *Voyage Souterrain, ou Description du Plateau de Saint-Pierre de Maestricht* (1821), a study of Sint Pietersberg by the



Espen Sommer Eide, language meaning music I, photo: Thor Broström/Kit

**Anri Sala** <sup>AL, 1974</sup>  
**Air Cushioned Ride** <sup>2006</sup>

Anri Sala has an extensive body of largely video work that is characterised by the poetic and sometimes humorous treatment of social situations. In his recent works, sound takes an increasingly important role. *Air Cushioned Ride* came about during one of his trips. While driving on a rest area for trucks in Arizona, the radio waves from an unknown station playing country music started to interfere with the baroque music he was listening to. Such an incident is called cross modulation or a spurious emission. The trucks acted like a wall, at times redirecting one music while blocking the other, several times, punctually, in the same places. The baroque music re-emerged each time the car passed the truck where it read AIR CUSHIONED RIDE.



Espen Sommer Eide, Audible, photo: Espen Sommer Eide

French naturalist Jean Baptiste Bory de Saint-Vincent (1778–1846). From end 2013 until beginning 2014, van Luit and de Kloe conducted their own exploration of the Sint Pietersberg as well as other sites of natural history. The resulting installation presents a material and audio-visual impression of navigating, crawling, digging, and breaking through these geological and historical layers.

**Ryan Gander** <sup>UK, 1976</sup>  
**Escape Hatch to Culturefield** <sup>2012</sup>

In *Escape Hatch to Culturefield*, a locked trapdoor secluded in the Marres garden emanates music by Charles Mingus. The escape hatch leads to Gander's imaginary creation 'Culturefield'. The place feels secret, but Gander doesn't like that term. He sees it as a place where creativity is experienced without any intellectual or conceptual boundaries: a starting point for other people's imagination. "Sound is like a tool or a material, but as the works I make are all very different with no real visible stylistic signature between them it pops its head up in my practice only when necessary, when a concept demands its use."

**Rutger Zuydervelt** <sup>NL, 1978</sup>  
**Ice Age** <sup>2014</sup>

Rutger Zuydervelt is a sound artist, musician and composer, who often works with found sounds. Since 2004 he has been working under the alias 'Machiefabriek'. Inspired by Alvin Lucier's experiments with sound, space and memory, Rutger Zuydervelt fills the icehouse of Marres with an immersive soundscape. The low rumble of distant traffic blends with the sounds of bass clarinetist Gareth Davis. The irregular ticks of melting ice, accentuated by percussionist Enrico Malatesta, identify the former function of the cellar. *IJstijd* (Ice Age) makes the notion of time and space disappear, and transports the visitor to a place where the present and the past share a parallel existence.

**Thomas Rutgers** <sup>NL, 1983</sup>  
**and Jitske Blom** <sup>NL, 1983</sup>  
**The Beaters** <sup>2013</sup>

Thomas Rutgers graduated as a music technologist at the HKU, and completed his Masters in applied composition in 2006. He gives cinematic concerts and designs 21st century musical instruments. Jitske Blom graduated from the Design Academy in Eindhoven in 2008. She makes installations and designs that make us use the space around us and show a new way of looking and listening. Together they made *The Beaters*, a sound installation commissioned by Intro in situ, for Resonance, European Network for sound art. Nothing in this choreography is what it seems: materiality is concealed, motion is manipulated, and gravity defied!

## UNDERGROUND MAASTRICHT

Maastricht has an extensive underground network of tunnels, caves, quarries, and mine shafts. There are the Casemates, which, between 1575 and 1825, were dug to ambush enemies from underground. There is the Sint Pietersberg, the interior of which is made up of a limestone called marl, originally sediments of the prehistoric Krijtzee (Chalk Sea). As a result of marl mining, sprawling corridors dozens of meters underground developed. And there are the cells under the former monastery Minderbroedersberg, which served as a prison from 1806 to 1975. The church of the former monastery was rebuilt in the early 19th century as a courthouse and military police barracks. In the 1970s, the Minderbroedersberg cells were used to imprison troublemakers and criminals.

**MARRES**  
Marres, House for Contemporary Culture, with its beautiful garden and charming restaurant, is situated in the heart of Maastricht. It explores the visual arts in the broadest sense of the word, through exhibitions, lectures, research, publications, and performances. With artists, musicians, designers, chefs, and perfumers, Marres develops a new vocabulary for the senses in the context of visual arts.



Casemates, Photo: VVV Maastricht

**David Helbich** <sup>DE, 1973</sup>  
**Maastricht Tracks** <sup>since 2013</sup>

The Berlin-born, Brussels based composer David Helbich, produced a Maastricht version of his performative sound-walk, *Tracks*. Helbich composed a theatrical score for special places in the city, with detailed instructions on how you should listen to the tracks according to the location. With headphones on, the city becomes a theatre and a stage, with you as an actor. Headphones and an mp3 player are provided at Intro in situ or you can download the audio files to your own mobile devices via his blog. [www.davidhelbich.blogspot.nl](http://www.davidhelbich.blogspot.nl)

**III CRYPT OF SINT SERVAAS BASILICA**

**Graindelavoix / Björn Schmelzer** <sup>BE, 2000</sup>  
**Maastricht Cryptonomies** <sup>2014</sup>

The Graindelavoix music collective, formed by Björn Schmelzer in 2000, aims to give new interpretations to the West's musical past. For *Maastricht Cryptonomies*, Graindelavoix interprets the antiphons and responsoria of St. Servatius. The medieval legends tell how the saint's body repeatedly disappeared from the Basilica's crypt, only to appear elsewhere to perform a miracle. Graindelavoix sees parallels between the crypt and a sound box: a hollow chamber that exudes maximum resonance. Four singers and two improvising musicians shall work for a week on the sound installation and try to activate the original function of the crypt.

With: Marius Peterson (vocals), David Hernandez (vocals, choreography), Jean-Christophe Brizard (vocals), Margarida Garcia (electric double bass), Manuel Mota (electric guitar), Alex Fostier (sound installation), Björn Schmelzer (vocals, artistic direction). With the support of the Flemish Community.

Graindelavoix holds open rehearsals between 16 July and 22 July at the Sint Servaas Basilica. The concert is on 22 July. During this period at Marres, the company will also give brief appearances, performances, and a lecture-performance. As of 23 July, the sound installation can be heard in the church. *Please note: the crypt of the Sint Servaas Basilica may be closed for a few hours due to special church services. These short closures will be announced beforehand on [www.marres.org/undertones](http://www.marres.org/undertones).*

**IV CELLS OF THE MINDERBROEDERSBERG**

**Espen Sommer Eide** <sup>NO, 1972</sup>  
**The Distribution of the Audible** <sup>2014</sup>

When we think of demonstrations and protest manifestations, we usually think of screaming, sirens and megaphones. In his work for the Minderbroedersberg, artist Espen Sommer Eide addresses more subtle layers of sound transfer and the distribution of sound between government and individual. He made an installation that consists of a custom-made public address sound system constructed of discarded public speakers from various countries and organisations. For the old monastery and later prison cellars of the Minderbroeders, Espen Sommer Eide created a composition that projects the transformative intensity and power of the sound of mass protest into the tiny rooms and narrow corridors of the cellar complex.

Kaffe Matthews, You Might Come Out Of The Water Every Time Singing

**VII CAVES OF SINT PIETERSBERG**

**Kaffe Matthews** <sup>UK, 1961</sup>  
**You Might Come Out Of The Water Every Time Singing** <sup>2012</sup>

Kaffe Matthews is an internationally recognised pioneer in the field of electronic improvisation and live composition. She has made six solo albums on the *Annette Works* label, directs research project Music for Bodies making vibrating sonic interfaces and is currently establishing the #sonicbike association, the Biophonic Research Institute (BRI). For the installation *You Might Come Out Of The Water Every Time Singing*, Matthews went diving off the Galapagos Islands to research hammerhead sharks. Sharks and the Sint Pietersberg may seem an unlikely combination until you consider that the marl caves are the residues of the prehistoric Krijtzee (Chalk Sea) in which sharks roamed millions of years ago. [www.kaffemathews.net/sharks](http://www.kaffemathews.net/sharks)

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Secret sounds  
in Maastricht's  
underground  
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[www.marres.org/undertones](http://www.marres.org/undertones)



Photo: Gertjan van der Vliet

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**PASSE-PARTOUT**  
For Undertones, Marres will issue exhibition passes, providing visitors access to the exhibition in Marres and all locations of the Undertones route. Available at Marres and the Maastricht Tourist Office (Kleine Staat 1), but also digitally via [www.vvvmaastricht.nl](http://www.vvvmaastricht.nl)

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## UNDERTONES LOCATIONS

### I Marres

Capucijnestraat 98

"The foaming and splashing of the Maas's water: Wonderfully soothing, and sometimes frightening. A large river that makes Maastricht a 'big' city."

Albert Berghof, owner Blanche Dael / Coffeelovers

### II Intro in situ

Capucijnengang 12

### III Crypt of Sint Servaas Basilica

Keizer Karelplein 3

### IV Cells of the Minderbroedersberg

Minderbroedersberg 4-6

### V Casemates, Waldeckbastion

Waldeckpark near Tongerseplein

### VI Caves of Sint Pietersberg

Recolletenweg

## TO SEE & EXPERIENCE

### A Bonnefantenmuseum

Avenue Ceramique 250  
Museum for ancient, modern, and contemporary art

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### E VVV Maastricht

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"Upon entering the Bonnefanten Museum's tower, the beautiful mural by Sol LeWitt immediately catches the eye. The reverberant acoustics elevate every sound to grand proportions, creating something serene. It's as if you're floating in space."

Sound artist Rutger Zuydervelt

"When I walk down the street and hear so many different languages together, many nationalities, and all next to each other, that is the sound of Maastricht."

Ilja Willems, Café owner of Il y a

"The... softly pronounced G."

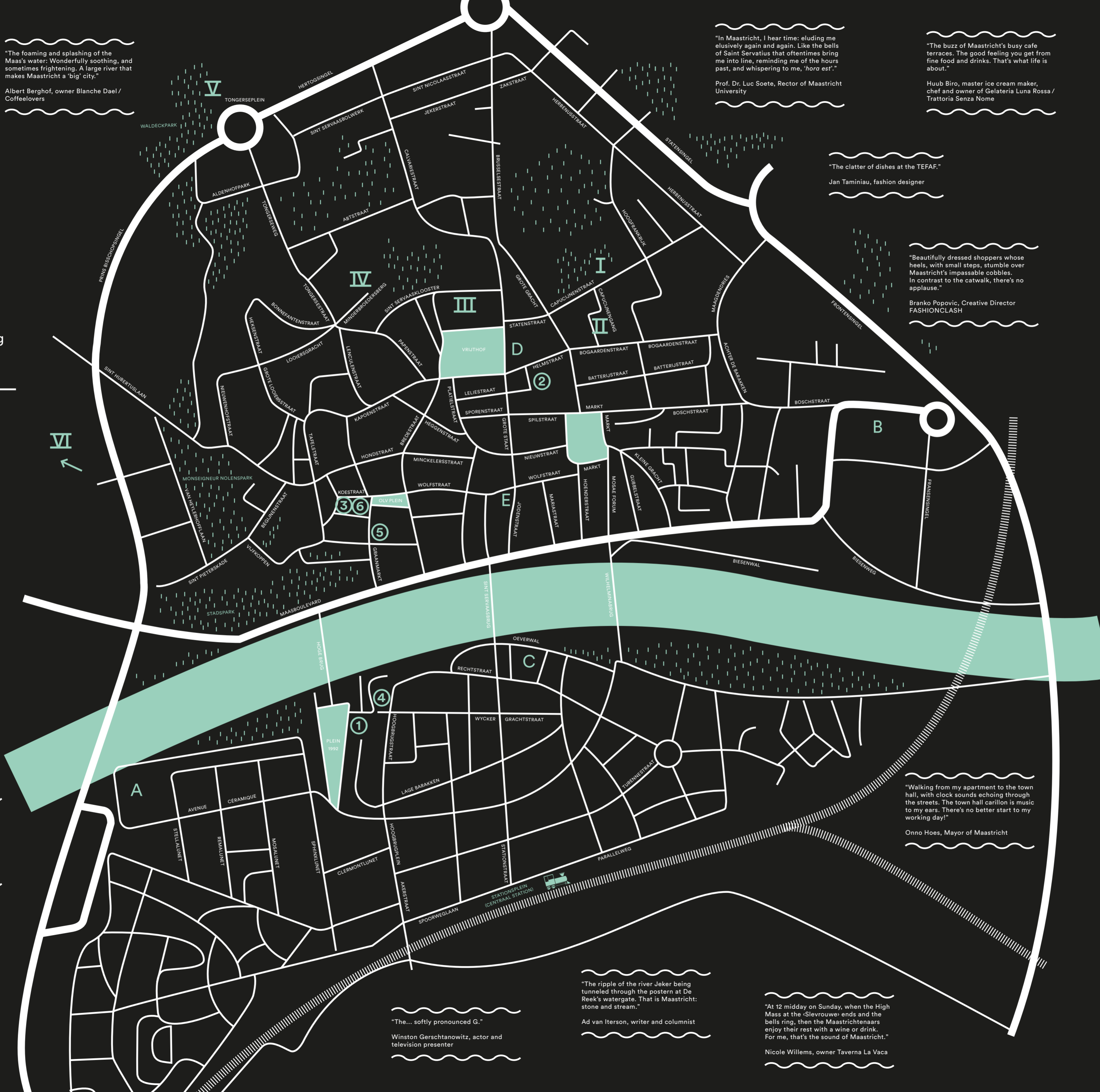
Winston Gerschtanowitz, actor and television presenter

"The ripple of the river Jeker being tunneled through the postern at De Reek's watergate. That is Maastricht: stone and stream."

Ad van Iterson, writer and columnist

"At 12 midday on Sunday, when the High Mass at the 'Slevrouwe' ends and the bells ring, then the Maastrichtenaars enjoy their rest with a wine or drink. For me, that's the sound of Maastricht."

Nicole Willems, owner Taverna La Vaca



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