

## Press release

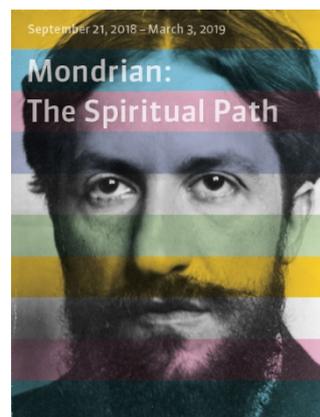


Museum  
Villa Mondriaan  
Winterswijk

### Piet Mondriaan's Spiritual Path

New exhibition in Museum Villa Mondriaan, September 21, 2018 – March 3, 2019

Museum Villa Mondriaan will present the exhibition 'The Spiritual Path' from September 21, 2018 to March 3, 2019 in collaboration with Gemeentemuseum The Hague. The autumn exhibition will focus on Mondriaan's religious quest. Benno Tempel, director of Gemeentemuseum The Hague, will be guest curator of this exhibition.



Piet Mondriaan, St. Jacob's Church with tree, around 1898-1899. Collection Association Het Museum Winterswijk.

The religious and philosophical ideas that were prominent in Piet Mondriaan's life were crucial for his quest for abstraction. Mondriaan spent his youth in Winterswijk in a strict protestant family. In his Winterswijk paintings he was clearly influenced by his faith. After moving to Amsterdam to study at the National Academy of Art he let go of the protestant ideas. In the capital he became acquainted with theosophy. He fell under the spell of Madame Blavatsky's and Rudolph Steiner's theosophical work. Slowly but surely the spiritual lifestyle superseded his protestant faith.

The exhibition in museum Villa Mondriaan portrays Mondriaan's religious development, beginning at his christening in Amersfoort until his first contact with the theosophical views. The visitor will travel with Mondriaan on his spiritual journey through a varied selection of religious paintings and

extraordinary historical objects and photos. The audio guide has been voiced by guest curator Benno Tempel.



Piet Mondriaan, Young Child, 1901. Collection Gemeentemuseum The Hague.

#### Exhibition: The Spiritual Path

**Duration: September 21, 2018 – March 3, 2019**

**Location: Zonnebrink 4, Winterswijk**

#### Opening hours:

**March 6, 2018 – November 4, 2018, Tue - Sun 11-17 hrs**

**November 5, 2018 - March 10, 2019, Fri - Sun 11-17 hrs**

**Information: [www.villamondriaan.nl](http://www.villamondriaan.nl) of +31 (0) 543 51 54 00**

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**Note for Editors** Additional information and imagery can be obtained by contacting Katja Blauw, head of the communication department. Tel: +31 (0) 543 51 54 00. E-mail: [communicatie@villamondriaan.nl](mailto:communicatie@villamondriaan.nl)

**Pictures:**

- 1) Piet Mondriaan with full beard and hair parted in the middle, around 1908. Collection RKD - Netherlands Institute for Art History, The Hague.
- 2) Piet Mondriaan, St. Jacob's Church with tree, ca 1898-1899. Collection Association Het Museum Winterswijk.
- 3) Piet Mondriaan, Young Child, 1901. Collection Gemeentemuseum The Hague.