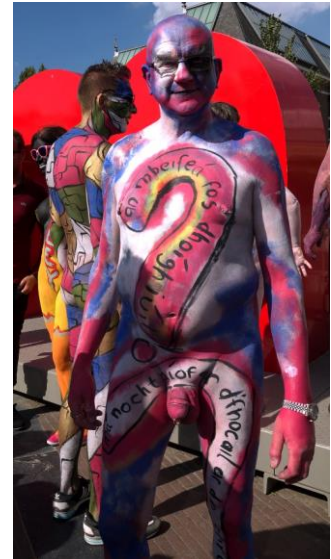
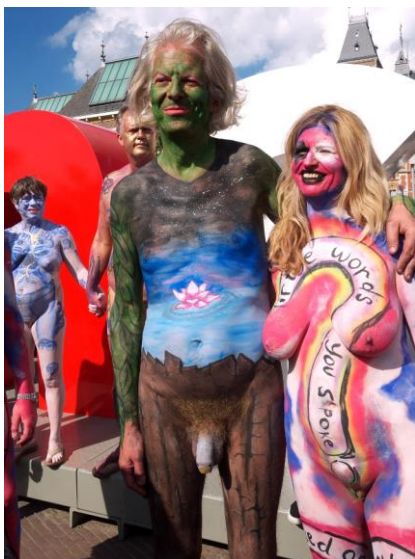


Fun in the Amsterdam sun

Hundreds of people wandered amongst the bodypainters and artists in Amsterdam's Museumplein on 20 August. On the theme 'Inner Beauty' a total of 27 live nude models, many of them naturists, were painted by 23 artists. It was a truly cosmopolitan gathering with participants from Holland, UK, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Austria, USA, and even Zimbabwe.



The Museumplein site was much larger than the Amsterdam 2015 site at Rembrandtplein. This time the choice was a large grass area outside the Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, next door to the Van Gogh Museum. The famous Rijksmuseum was only 300 yards away, so 21st century artists were working in proximity to the famous painters of previous centuries.

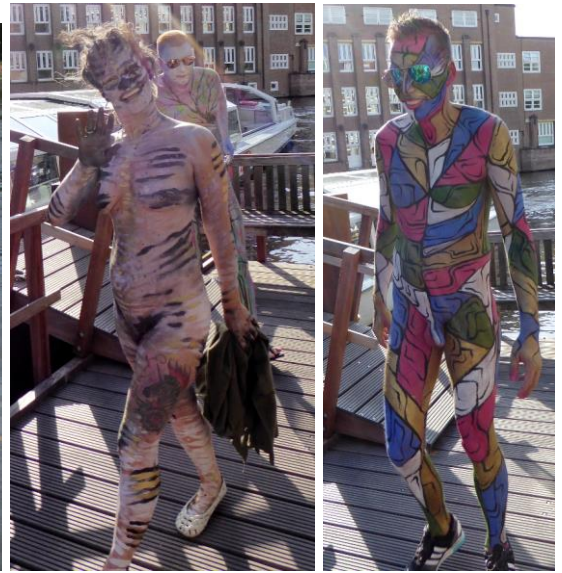




The event was organised, once again, by New York artist Andy Golub. After posed photos the group moved to the famous *Iamsterdam* sculpture. All the time people were watching, taking photos, and wanting to be photographed with the gloriously colourful nude bodies.



Then it was a short walk across Stadhouderskade road to hop onto a boat at the Singelgracht canal. Cheers from many people on other boats, and streets and houses overlooking the canal, greeted the group on its 1 hour journey around Amsterdam's famous canals. After disembarkation at the American Hotel, on Leidesplein, more cheers from the surprised, but happy, public.



Many more cameras clicked as tourists enjoyed the colourful naked group on their 400 metre street walk to the Matias restaurant on KorteLeidsedwardsstraat. Here, a busy day ended, with the bodypainting people euphorically unwinding over a meal, and looking forward to meeting again in Amsterdam for 2017 bodypainting day.



The Amsterdam event followed the 3rd New York Bodypainting Day on 9 July at Dag Hammaraskjold Plaza. Then on Saturday 27 August Andy held the inaugural Brussels Bodypainting Day at Sint-Katelijneplein (Place Sainte-Catherine). In central Brussels there were 10 artists and 20 naked models.

On Sunday 23 October a Bodypainting day was scheduled to take place at the Embarcadero, San Francisco. Who knows, in 2017 maybe London's Tate Modern will be brave enough to join its international colleagues and allow Andy to stage a bodypainting day at its riverside frontage?

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