

CHAPTER 22: WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN 2005 AND 2012

*** *Opening theatre/exhibitionhall.***

In front of our Continental Art Centre we had a huge parking lot. Finally a bank was ready to help financing our dream to have our own theatre/exhibitionhall. And after a series of problems to get all permissions the construction started of the appr.400m², 6 m high hall. The opening was on *oct.19, 2005* by the ***prime-minister Mr.Jan Peter Balkenende***. A very special honour, but the building is unique (the only of its kind) and is multifunctional for exhibitions, theatre, shows, film, performing arts, Cd-recordings, DVD-recordings, TV, product presentations, trainings, meetings, etc. Since this dedication a long list of activities has taken place

****Book Strategy moved on***

As mentioned elsewhere 6 books by Leen La Rivière have been selected as very important knowledge and guidance tools for creative Christians, churches, ministries, leadership.

Vol. 1, ***Biblical principles of creativity and the arts*** (English book title Creative and Christian) has been published in 14 languages. The content having deep impact

Vol. 2, Music and Ministry, is already in 5 languages

Vol. 3, Praise and Worshippers, is in 4 languages

Vol. 4, The Message, is in 2 languages

Vol. 5, Creative Leadership is already in 2 languages

Vol. 6, Faith (and the Church) in the Public Arena (not yet published)

Vol. 7, Prayers, is already in 2 languages.

*** *School of Rock***

In 2006 we launched the School of Rock in cooperation with all the 24 primary schools of the neighbourhood. It teaches children the art of performance. 5 groups of each 15 children are trained each year. Courses run from sept. till end of may

*** *40 years anniversary.***

2008 marked the 40 years anniversary; as the oldest part of the organization started with the Continentals, this was celebrated with a special concert of Continentals, Young Continentals, Continentals Kids. The theme was: 'More than music..?'

*** *into the virtual public domain***

Preparations are made for INTERNET TV. Test programs have been made. This is all still in a very experimental situation. Hopefully this will be a real new step

*** *2011 being a major shift***

Leen and Ria La Rivière got 65 years and retired. But they move on literally 'Pro Deo'. The CNV Kunstenbond (CNV trade union for artists) got renamed into CNV Kunst en Cultuur (Trade union arts and culture) and merged with the powerful CNV Vakmensen, sothat the members have a much better legal support. Leen remains chairman.

The move effects as well the Continental Art Centre, that is now owned by CNV Vakmensen, but all activities of projects of CNV Kunst en Cultuur remain in the CAC, that includes as well www.Continentals.nl , de www.school-of-rock.nl, etc etc

And so the ministry in the arts moves on into a new future to shape the culture