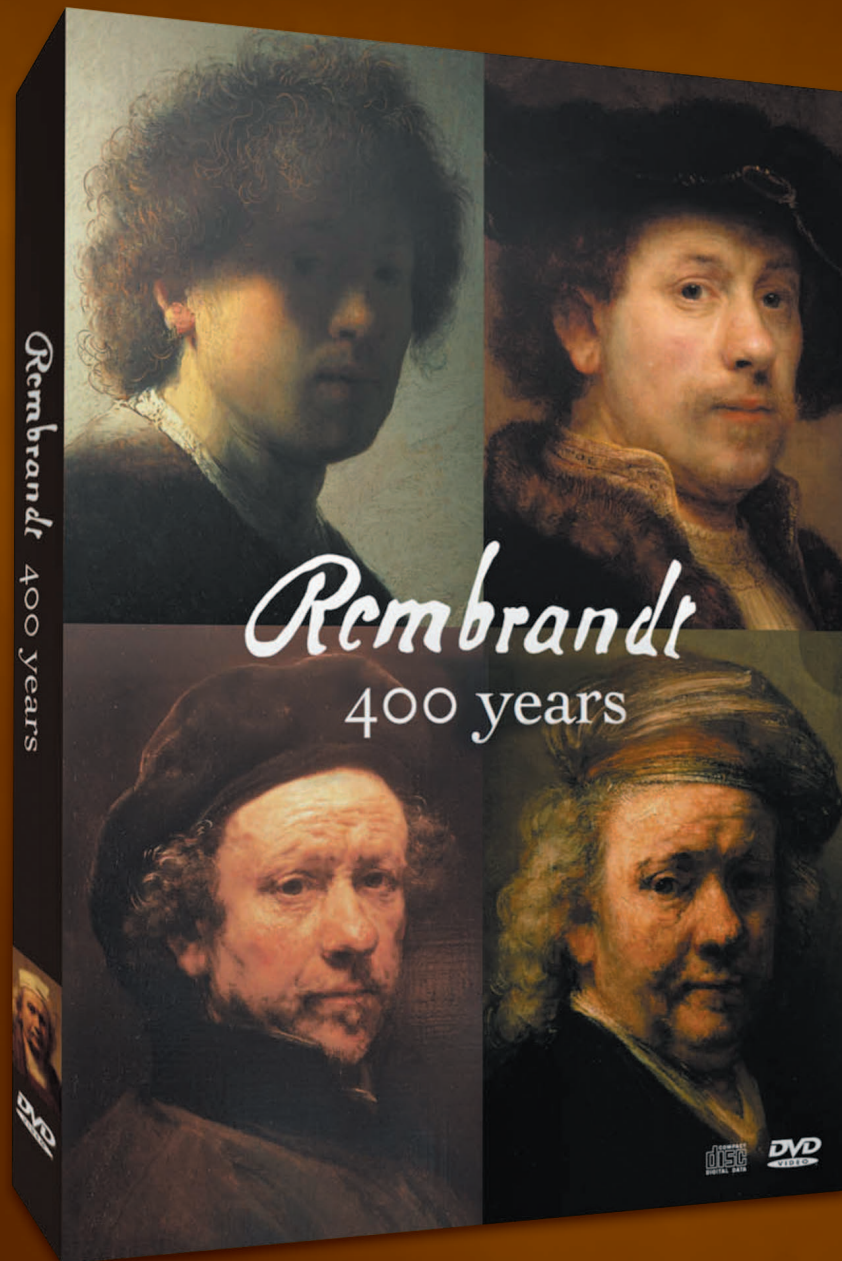


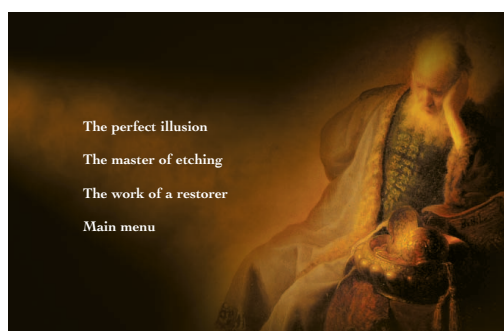
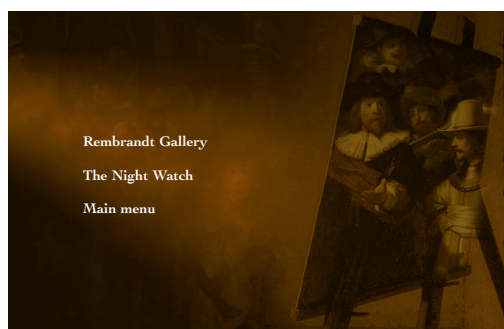
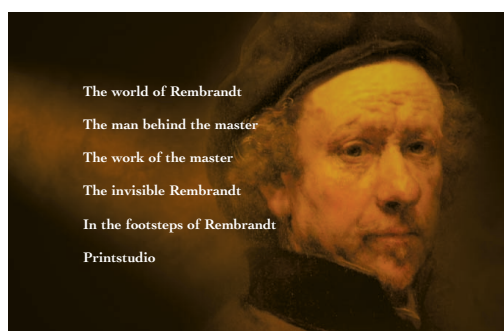
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The Master Revealed

In 2006, the world celebrates the 400th birthday of the great Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn. To support the festivities taking place during "The Year of Rembrandt" a new DVD on the life and work of the Dutch master has been released in the autumn of 2005. The two-hour DVD, produced in nine languages, delves into details of the world in which Rembrandt lived and examines the techniques he employed as a painter. It will remain a valuable resource long after memories of the birthday celebrations have faded.

The full story: Rembrandt the painter and Rembrandt the man



Introduction

The program begins with an overview of some of Rembrandt's most famous paintings and a look at the signature which adorned his works.

The world of Rembrandt

Rembrandt lived during Holland's "Golden Age". Dutch culture was flourishing and Holland was at the peak of its glory as a world power. That prosperity was reflected in Rembrandt's paintings and drawings. He was truly the right man at the right time in the right place.

The man behind the master

Rembrandt, the youngest son of a miller named Van Rijn, was born and raised in Leiden. Step by step we get to know the man behind the master as we trace his development from his early years at home, to his school years, to his training as an artist, to the beginnings of his career as he sets up his first studio.

The work of the master

Naturally, the full range of Rembrandt's work is on display, with dozens of characteristic paintings, illustrations and etchings, beginning with his earliest dated work and carrying on straight through to his last self-portrait in 1669. The conservator of 17th century painting at Amsterdam's famed "Rijksmuseum" casts a spotlight on "De Nachtwacht" ("The Night Watch"), explaining why it became – and remains – an icon of the Netherlands in the Golden Age.

The invisible Rembrandt

Rembrandt's fame and reputation are in large part based on his technique. We get to see, for example, his mastery of the "clair obscur" technique employing strongly contrasting light and dark shading, how he utilized composition in new ways, and his application of paint to the canvas in broad brushstrokes in such a way as to force the viewer to observe the painting from a distance. We see, too, his unique approach to etching. What was his secret? An art restorer reveals the invisible Rembrandt beneath the surface by means of radiology.

In the footsteps of Rembrandt

Many of the buildings and sites central to the life of Rembrandt are still standing today. A virtual tour takes you along the streets and canals of Leiden and Amsterdam to visit landmarks and monuments surviving from Rembrandt's time, as well as museums featuring his work.

Print studio

With a PC and a colour printer, you can print 49 reproductions for yourself, including some of Rembrandt's finest painting and etchings, as well as official documents, like the marriage certificate of Rembrandt and Saskia Uylenburgh.

DVD SPECIFICATIONS

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Genre:	Art
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Duration:	120 minutes
Censorship:	All age groups
Language:	Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Cantonese and Mandarin
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Audio:	Dolby Digital 2.0
Region code:	Free
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Production:	 CAPITAL INTERACTIVE

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