

4.4.3.15 Publicly accessible art storage facility; Rotterdam

Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen is the world's first publicly accessible art storage facility. The world-famous art collection at the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen consists of more than 151,000 objects. The museum is home to Rotterdam's cultural heritage but with only 8% of its collect available to the public, the remaining 92% remain in storage. In order to break with this traditional policy of concealment that most museums around the world must adhere to due to space or other factors, the museum is making the complete collection visible to the public. By opening the first publicly accessible museum depot in the world, Rotterdam is ensuring that visitors will get an unobstructed behind the scenes view of the rest of the collection along with what goes into its preservation and maintenance of the artefacts and artworks on display.

Find out more at: <https://www.boijmans.nl/en/depot>