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Powerfully atmospheric landscape photographs inspired by the heritage of Dutch Old Master paintings

The dramatic landscape photographs of Saskia Boelsums manifest a strong connection to the Dutch tradition of landscape paintings. She is inspired by nature, weather, and the seasons, with clouds and skies characterised by moody chiaroscuro and painterly monumentality. The reality of the changing climate, and what this will mean for the future, is a theme that runs throughout her work. She captures not only the beauty of the landscape, but also a vague sense of uncertainty and threat. As she says: "It looks like the classic historical Dutch landscapes and skies are being pushed out by landscapes and skies that are the result of climate change. I am very aware of that tension." "I am photographing when most people think the weather is too bad to go outside. By exploring different landscapes in all four seasons, I feel strongly connected to the universe. That feeling I'm trying to pass on through my landscape photos." – Saskia Boelsums.

Visual artist Saskia Boelsums was born in The Netherlands and grew up in Iran and Curaçao. She studied at the art academy in Groningen and graduated with a degree in spatial and graphic design. Since 2013 she has focused entirely on photography. She has won numerous awards, most recently the Felix Schoeller Photo Award in 2017 in the landscape category. Saskia's work has been shown in Amsterdam, London, Berlin, Moscow, Hong Kong, and New York.

