



## Renaissance Children

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- Documents an exhibition on art and the education of children in Mechelen during the Habsburg Empire
- Offers insight into educational values and techniques from the 15th - 16th century
- Sheds a surprising light on the genre of the children's portraiture

**Renaissance Children** puts child portrait painting from the 15th and 16th century in the spotlight and tells the historical, pedagogical and artistic story of the most remarkable paintings.

In the 15th and 16th century, the House of Habsburg ruled over a large part of Europe, and would turn into one of the most important European royal families in world history. In that time, Mechelen was the centre of education, where many Habsburg princes and princesses spent a large part of their youth, among whom Margaret of Austria and Charles V. Other powerful families also sent their children to Mechelen – the most famous of whom is perhaps Anne Boleyn, who would later become queen of England. **Renaissance Children** goes back to that Belgian city, where many portrait paintings of children originated. The book specifically focusses on child portraits of top artists, such as Jan Gossart, Bernard van Orley and Juan de Flandes. Includes unique paintings by Flemish Masters, such as Jan Gossart, Bernard van Orley and Juan de Flandes. Insight into educational values and techniques from the 15th and 16th century. The first publication about art and education at one of the most important royal houses in European history.

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