

PRESS RELEASE

Amiga: 30 years in Amsterdam
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Amiga: 30 years event in Amsterdam a great success!

Last Saturday, June 27th, a team of six volunteers organized the biggest Amiga-only event in recent history to celebrate the 30th birthday of the Commodore Amiga. A total of 450 visitors enjoyed a beautiful day in Amsterdam, packed with presentations, announcements and performances.

Amongst the invited speakers were RJ Mical, Carl Sassenrath and Dave Haynie, who were all previously employed by Commodore and helped create one or more Amiga models. Also present were current and former game developers such as Jon Hare (of Sensible Software fame) and Mike Dailly (responsible for the 90's hit game Lemmings and, in later years, Grand Theft Auto) in addition to famous musicians from the Amiga age such as Andrew Barnabas (SWIV), Chris Huelsbeck (Turrican) and Allister Brimble (Super Frog, Alien Breed). Former Commodore executives David Pleasance (Commodore UK) and Frank Geisler (Commodore Germany) also gave a very interesting view on their time at Commodore in front of a very interested audience. Trevor Dickinson (A-EON) told us about the companies AmigaOne efforts and future, and Mike Labatt (Cloanto) told us about the new release of Amiga Forever. Finally, the event could also count on the presence of Jens Schoenfeld, Matthew Leaman (AmigaKit), Kryoflux, Factor 5, Petro Tyschtschenko and Hyperion Entertainment.

The official event, partially made possible by the gracious sponsoring from, amongst others, A-EON Technology, Snakeware and Friend Software Labs, closed its doors around 19.00h after a fantastic day. It continued in a smaller group on board of a dinner cruise through the canals of Amsterdam, on which all VIP guests, performers and VIP ticket holders – a total of 51 people – were present. During these two hours the groups collectively shared their thoughts of the event and many of the group continued the evening in Amsterdam itself.

At the end of the day, most of the visitors felt to have been part of something special, something unique. An event at which the Amiga heroes and fans of past and present, have shown they still care.

About the event team

The event team consists of Folkert de Gans, Marvin Droogsma, Marcel Franquinet, Paul Hamer, Robert-Jan Mersch and René van der Steen – all Dutch Amiga enthusiasts who, in daily life, all have very different jobs. The team has met each other through the use of Facebook and various Amiga forums online as well visiting other Amiga events (demoparties, other meetings) in not-so-recent history.

About the Commodore Amiga

The Amiga is a family of personal computers sold by Commodore in the 1980s and 1990s. The first model, the A1000, was launched in 1985 and became popular for its graphical, audio and multi-tasking abilities. The Amiga provided a significant upgrade from 8-bit computers, such as the

Commodore 64, and the platform quickly grew in popularity among computer enthusiasts. The name "Amiga" was chosen because it is the Spanish word for (female) friend, and alphabetically it appears before Apple in lists of computer makers. The best selling model, the Amiga 500, was introduced in 1987 and became one of the leading home computers of the late 1980s and early 1990s with approximately six million sold.

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