

Love actually, with an Amsterdam twist...

At a time when differences are often amplified, the creators of the Eberhardje present [a heartfelt short film](#) that shifts the focus to what unites us. Inspired by the iconic opening scene of Love Actually, an Amsterdam version was filmed at Schiphol Airport, carrying a simple yet powerful message: love is everywhere, always.

New Year's gift for Amsterdam

[The film](#) is an initiative by Ineke Kuiper and Résalieke Vlieger, founders of the Eberhardjes, heart-shaped butter biscuits from Amsterdam, bearing the words of former mayor Eberhard van der Laan: "Take good care of our city and of each other."

The project was created in collaboration with students and alumni of the Netherlands Film Academy and filmed in Schiphol's arrivals hall, the place where reunions happen and loved ones embrace.

"This film is our New Year's gift to Amsterdam, to the Netherlands, and in fact to the world," say the creators. "A message of love and connection, especially at a time when we need it more than ever."

A passion project

What began as a brief introduction grew into what film students call a passion project: a creative endeavor driven by belief rather than budget. Earlier this year, film student Olivia Mos approached the Eberhardjes team to support her documentary about the journey of a donor heart. It immediately felt like a good match, which led to the question: could we create something meaningful together? That moment revived a long-held wish of Ineke and Résalieke, to create an Amsterdam version of the airport scene from Love Actually, a film that continues to resonate worldwide because of its universal message of love.

Together with cinematographer Sil Weel and a team of young filmmakers, the idea quickly took shape. Equipment was borrowed, the crew assembled, and everyone contributed voluntarily. Dutch singer and storyteller Harry Slinger was invited to provide the voice-over. Paired with the visuals, his warm, unmistakably Amsterdam voice gives the film a sense of authenticity and human connection:

"Coming home and truly seeing one another, that's what it's all about. Sometimes it's so ordinary you almost forget it's there. But if you look for it, love actually is all around..."

A global message of connection

The Eberhardje team is [sharing the film](#) with entrepreneurs who serve and sell the Eberhardjes, partners, customers, the people of Amsterdam, and with audiences far beyond. The invitation is simple: share this short film of love and connection with as many people around the world as possible.

"What we hope to show," the team concludes, "is that when you focus on the good in people, the most beautiful things can emerge. That is true for our Eberhardjes, and for this film. As we step into the new year, be kind to one another, that will give the best results."

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Meer informatie over de Eberhardjes

Het Eberhardje is hét koekje van Amsterdam, symbool voor verbinding. Het koekje is vernoemd naar Eberhard van der Laan, oud-burgemeester van Amsterdam, die de oproep deed: *"Zorg goed voor onze stad en voor elkaar."*

De opbrengsten van de Eberhardjes gaan naar verbindende projecten in de stad. Voor financiële donaties werkt Stichting Eberhardjes Amsterdam onder andere samen met Stichting Mensen Maken Amsterdam. Daarnaast doneert de stichting in natura, zoals jaarlijks bij de Vrijheidsmaaltijden in Amsterdam. Wie Eberhardjes serveert, (ver)koopt of eet, draagt dus direct bij aan het mooier maken van Amsterdam.

Overige interessante links:

- [Download naar persberichten](#) in het Engels en Nederlands
- [Download of bekijk hier de films en stills](#) voor eigen gebruik (met en zonder ondertiteling NL/ENG)
- Beeldmateriaal Eberhardjes: <https://www.eberhardjes.nl/downloads/beeldmateriaal>
- Volg ons nieuws via www.eberhardjes.nl/nieuws
- [Lees hier meer over de projecten](#) via Stichting Eberhardjes Amsterdam

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