



## **Vanishing Cultures**

**Lezing met dia's door: Dos en Bertie Winkel**

**Datum en tijd:** Woensdag 22 april 2009 om 20.15 uur

**Locatie:** Dok Centraal, Vestplein 100, Delft.

**Taal:** Engels

**Door:** Studium Generale TU Delft & Etnografische Vereniging Delft.

**Entree:** De zaal is open vanaf 19.45 uur. De toegang tot deze bijeenkomst is **gratis**.

In this lecture in the series on remote cultures, Bertie and Dos Winkel will present a beautifully illustrated account of the tribes in the Omo Valley in the south-western part of Ethiopia. They will also present a documentary on the rituals of the Siria Masaai, the most remote of the Kenian Masaai tribes.

Nearly forty years ago, Dos and Bertie Winkel embarked on a series of impressive travels which they hope to continue for years to come. The two photographers developed their individual styles, Dos becoming an authority on underwater photography and Bertie specialising in portrait photography of the non-Western man. They have undertaken over a hundred trips to Africa, as well as dozens of journeys to other parts of the world.

They are in a hurry, as these ancient cultures are vanishing rapidly. Many of the cultures that they have visited in Africa are now virtually extinct. Only the very oldest members of the Baoulé, Senufo, Bambara, Bobo, Mossi and Lobi in Africa still practice their ancient rites and rituals. The younger generations wear Western clothes, own a bicycle or motorised vehicle and watch television.

Bertie and Dos feel immensely privileged to be able to capture our rapidly changing world in photographs. Coral reefs disappear faster than the rainforest, and it is only a matter of time before the last isolated Indians in the dwindling rainforest will be "discovered", heralding the end of their thousands of years of remote culture. Bertie and Dos hope to gain attention for the impact of these disturbing developments and aim to share and preserve the beauty of the non-western man for future generations.

This lecture is organised in collaboration with the Ethnographic Society Delft, [www.verreculturendelft.nl](http://www.verreculturendelft.nl).

The eye of the parrot fish, prehistorical frogs and a magical underwater forest. But also tattooed faces, ornaments and portraits of tribe members in Africa, Asia and South America. Welcome to the dazzling world of Dos and Bertie Winkel. A married couple of photographers who record the special and rare cultures, animals and organisms that are under threat of becoming extinct. For more information please visit [www.dos-bertie-winkel.com](http://www.dos-bertie-winkel.com).

