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0.1 Picture of building/site



depicted item: House and garden Albert Bontridder
source: *Hedendaagse architectuur in België*. Lannoo, Tielt,
1994, p. 65.
date:1994

1. Identity of building/group of buildings/urban scheme/landscape/garden

- 1.1 current name of building: house and garden Albert Bontridder
- 1.2 variant or former name
- 1.3 number & name of street: Lequimelaan 16A
- 1.4 Town Sint-Genesius -Rode
- 1.5 Province/state Flemish Brabant
- 1.6 zip code 1640
- 1.7 Country Belgium

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1.8	national grid reference: Land register reference Section Sint-Genesius-Rode, 2 nd division, section F, number 2X72	10
1.9	classification/typology	11
1.10	protection status & date: House and garden are protected as a monument since 13-11-2003 by the Minister of Monuments and Sites of the Flemish Government.	12

2 History of building

2.1	original brief/purpose: Residential – Own house of the architect	13
2.2	dates: commission/completion: 1959	14
2.3	Architectural and other designers: Albert Bontridder (°1921), poet and architect. He wrote for several journals and published among others in 1979 a monograph on Léon Stynen. Bekaert describes him as “ <i>more poet than architect</i> ” (BEKAERT 1994, p. 65). As architect he worked for more then 10 years with P.A. Michel and from 1956 on he associated with Jacques Dupuis (1914-1984). In this way the oeuvres of Dupuis and Bontridder become strongly related. Other interesting houses designed by Albert Bontridder are the house for L.P. Boon (1952), Marcel Wauters (1960) and Marc Galle (1966).	15
2.4	others associated with building	16
2.5	significant alterations with dates: In 1971 Albert Bontridder designs an annex at the first level (above the front door and living room). Further he added a staircase to the existing entrance. Both realisations are in complete harmony with the existing building.	17
2.6	current use: Own house of the architect Albert Bontridder	18
2.7	current condition: Good condition	19

3 Description

3.1	general description The house Albert Bontridder is built in the same street as the <i>Maison Urvater</i> of André Jacquain. The parcel, masked from the street by trees, has a slope of 3 meters high. The design of the house follows in an intelligent way this slope. The house provides as well living accommodation for a family with two children (entrance, living room, kitchen, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, games-room) as a workshop for the poet-architect. The living accommodation is situated on the ground floor and the workshop at the 1 st level partly above the kitchen, partly using the slope of the parcel. The volumes are constructed in white masonry, with metal framework under a mono-pitched roof. The interior is sober, but with surprising perspectives and is visually related to the garden. The use of materials for the interior is as well sober, but warm: white painted masonry, wooden ceilings, lacquer doors and linoleum with contrasting tints.	20
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general assessment

- 4.5 The house has a high historical and architectural value. It can be seen as the *chef-d'oeuvre* of Albert Bontridder and as an important example for modern architecture, more precisely for the Flemish residential architecture in the periode 1945-1970. The building received the *Prijs Van de Ven* in 1960. 27

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visual material attached

Fig. 1. Exterior

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Fig. 4. Interior , architects – poet atelier

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Fig. 5. Interior, living room

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- 5.3 rapporteur/date: Inge Bertels, 01.07.2004 30

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