# Pablo Picasso ceramic bowl discovered in Kringwinkel Antwerp thrift store



In a surprising development on 25 April 2025, a staff member at Kringwinkel Antwerp, one of Belgium’s prominent thrift stores, uncovered a remarkable ceramic bowl attributed to the renowned artist Pablo Picasso. The discovery shines a light on the unique role thrift shops play in not only facilitating social causes but also potentially housing valuable art treasures.

Frank Van Buel, an employee at Kringwinkel Antwerp, identified the distinctive pottery amidst regular daily donations. Following the initial find, the Kringwinkel team collaborated with art experts to verify the authenticity of the piece, confirming it was indeed a genuine Picasso ceramic.

The remarkable bowl was subsequently purchased for €12,600 by a collector named Johan, highlighting how valuable items can sometimes be overlooked by donors who may not be aware of an object's true worth. The Kringwinkel organisation noted that many valuable pieces often arrive at their stores unrecognised, donated simply out of generosity or lack of knowledge about their significance.

Kringwinkel’s broader mission encompasses not only encouraging donation and reuse culture but also supporting social economy and autism initiatives in Belgium. The proceeds from sales like this one directly benefit these social programmes, reinforcing the organisation’s commitment to community welfare.

In light of this discovery, Kringwinkel has encouraged its staff members to further develop their expertise in identifying valuable and historically significant items, underscoring how training can enhance the chances of unearthing more hidden gems.

This incident raises intriguing questions about how masterpieces such as a Picasso bowl find their way into thrift stores. Factors contributing to this phenomenon include a general public unawareness of the value of certain artworks, a spirit of generosity in donating items to the community, and the social responsibility embraced by thrift stores offering a platform where art and social good intersect.

Overall, the discovery at Kringwinkel Antwerp reveals the unique intersection between art, community engagement, and social responsibility within Belgium’s thrift store network, underscoring the potential treasures that could yet be hidden in everyday donation bins.

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