



Years before Walt Disney was ready to open the gates of his Magic Kingdom, famed Dutch artist Anton Pieck envisioned a fairytale world where his fantastically detailed illustrations of children's literature could come to life. In 1952, the doors to Anton Pieck's magical world opened for the first time. Ever since then, Efteling has continued to distinguish itself with a tradition of one-of-a-kind themed environments and attractions. Today Efteling tells stories that emphasize content and amazement over pure thrill, using a blend of enchanting placemaking, magical effects, animation and often state-of-the-art ride systems. Efteling's 400 plus acres include a themed hotel, golf resort and a recently added theatre and dining complex where live entertainment is given the same very special Efteling treatment. The Wonderful Efteling Show was awarded IAAPA's Big E for best park entertainment in 2003. With its distinguished traditions, flagship attractions such as Dreamflight and Villa Volta, and a creative management looking to the future, the TEA is pleased to honor Efteling Park with the Thea Classic Award.

**1952 – 1962**

**Fairy Tale Forest, Steam carousel**

*Mayor Van der Heijden*, Foundation Chairman  
*Anton Pieck*, Designer  
*Peter Reijnders*, Animatronics & Special Effects  
*A. Diender*, Director  
*Joop Salet*, Director  
*Piet Schapendonk*, Parks and Gardens Department/Head of Outdoor Objects Department  
*Chris Sprangers*, Playground Manager/Head of Park/Operations Assistant

**1962 – 1972**

**Fairy Tale Forest, Indian Waterlilies**

*Ton van de Ven*, Designer/Modeler/R&D Supervisor/Creative Director  
*Joop de Bont*, Modeller  
*Peter van Ostade*, Modeller  
*Henk Smulders*, Modeller  
*Jan Verhoeven*, Architect  
*Dré Broeders*, Electrician/Animatronics & Special Effects/Applications Manager  
*Hans de Rooy*, Electrician/Animatronics & Special Effects/Electronics Implementation Foreman/Project Co-ordinator  
*Cees Bouwens*, Carpenter/Building Department Supervisor/Head Maintenance Foreman

**1972 – 1982**

**'Pomme d'Or', Haunted Castle**

*Herman ten Bruggencate*, Director  
*Bart Jutte*, Head of Technical Department  
*Sjef van Puyenbroek*, Head of Model & Decoration Department  
*Sjef Verschuren*, Head of Building Department  
*Nico Rasenberg*, Head of Mechanical Engineering  
*Leo Pulles*, Head of Projects/Technical Affairs Manager  
*Alex Lemmens*, Head of Technical Department/Research & Development  
*Mari van Heumen*, Smith/Fitter/Animatronics & Special Effects/Security & Safety  
*Henny Knoet*, Modeller/Designer  
*Oran Otay*, Modeller  
*Jan van Meel*, Park Personnel/Section Supervisor/Park & Entrance Manager/Assistant Park Director

**1982 – 1992**

**Python, Swinging Ship, Bobsleigh Run, Piraña, Fata Morgana, Pegasus Entertainment, Troll King, People of Laaf**

*Ruud de Clercq*, Director  
*Marc Taminau*, Marketing Manager/Operations Director  
*Cees Kikstra*, Marketing Manager/Strategy & Development Director  
*Hans Pullens*, Modeller  
*Peter Koppelmans*, Painter/Scenic Artist/Decoration & Styling Foreman/Thematisation Project Co-ordinator/Design Co-ordinator

# *Efteling Park*

## *The Netherlands*



**Jos Brinkhof** , Modeller/Head of Modelling Department

**Peter Brabers** , Fitter/Head of Mechanical Engineering  
Maintenance Department

**Richard Swinkels** , Painter/Building Department & Decoration  
& Modelling Supervisor/Head of Decoration  
& Modelling & Building Department

**Chantel van Beurden** , Decoration & Thematisation  
Designer

**Henk Merkelbach** , Swimming Pool Manager/Entertainment  
Manager

**Jack Rijnen** , Head of Outdoor Objects Department

**Christ-Jan van Herpen** , Head of Gardens Department

**Erik van den Brand** , Border Area Co-ordinator/Technical  
Affairs Director/Project Development Director

**Pier Holtrop** , Finance & General Affairs Director

**Antoine van Daele** , Operations Director

**Edwin Tooren** , Gardener/Project Leader/Head of Gardens  
Department

**Harry Brekelmans** , Sr. Mech. Eng. Maintenance Fitter

**Chris van Grinsven** , Spatial Layout Designer

**Ronald van der Zijl** , Present Executive Chairman

### **2002 – 2005**

**PandaVision, Efteling Theatre, The Little Match Girl**

**Sergej Karnet** , Senior Designer

**Marieke van Doorn** , Spatial Layout Designer

**Michel den Dulk** , Junior Designer

**Martin Simons** , Sr. Modeller/Scenic Artist/Supervisor

**Jeroen Zwartjes** , Head of Entertainment

### **1992 – 2002**

**'Applause Award', Dreamflight, Entrance Building,  
Villa Volta, Giant and Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel,  
Bird Rok, Entertainment, Winter Efteling**

**Paul Beck** , General Director

**Reinoud van Assendelft de Coningh** , Marketing &  
Communications Director

**Olaf Vugts** , Gate & Cash Desk Staff/Marketing Staff/  
Marketing Manager/Park & Hotel Director

**Fons Jurgens** , Assistant Park Head/Operational Manager

**Robert-Jaap Jansen** , Graphic Designer/Decoration &  
Thematisation Stylist

**Carla de Kroon** , Senior Clothing Studio Employee

**Karel Willemen** , Decoration & Modelling Staff/Designer

**Henk Schellekens** , Senior Building Department Staff/  
Foreman

**Cees van Berkel** , Electrician/Animatronics & Special  
Effects/Electrical Fitter/Electrical Foreman

**Christian Brekelmans** , Senior Mechanical Engineering  
Maintenance Fitter/Animatronics

**Stan Dingemans** , Electrician/Special Effects/Senior  
Electronics Staff

**Tiny Brabers** , Sr. Mech. Eng. Maintenance Fitter