

## Programme Notes Ciconia Consort season 2024-2025

### II. December 2024

#### *Old Dutch Christmas*



Anton Pieck



Hendrick Avercamp

'Old Dutch Christmas' stands for an warm evening of old Dutch nostalgia. The famous *Pictures of an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky will be presented on a beautiful selection of paintings by the great Dutch Old Masters, such as Melchior d'Hondecoeter, Frans Hals, Jeroen Bosch and Rembrandt. The returning *Promenade* in the piece will be imagined on skates with the famous winter scenes of Avercamp, like a real Frisian 'Elfstedentocht'.

The classic melody "O du lieber Augustin", in Holland well-known from a Dutch 'Sinterklaas' celebration-song, is still popular in the 20th century, with a medley by Bing Crosby or the Thanks Giving song "Fat Turkeys". Ciconia Consort plays Johann Nepomuk Hummel's *Variations* on this melody. Furthermore, the audience is immersed in the real 'Dutch sound' of the composers Willem van Otterloo and Hendrik Andriessen.