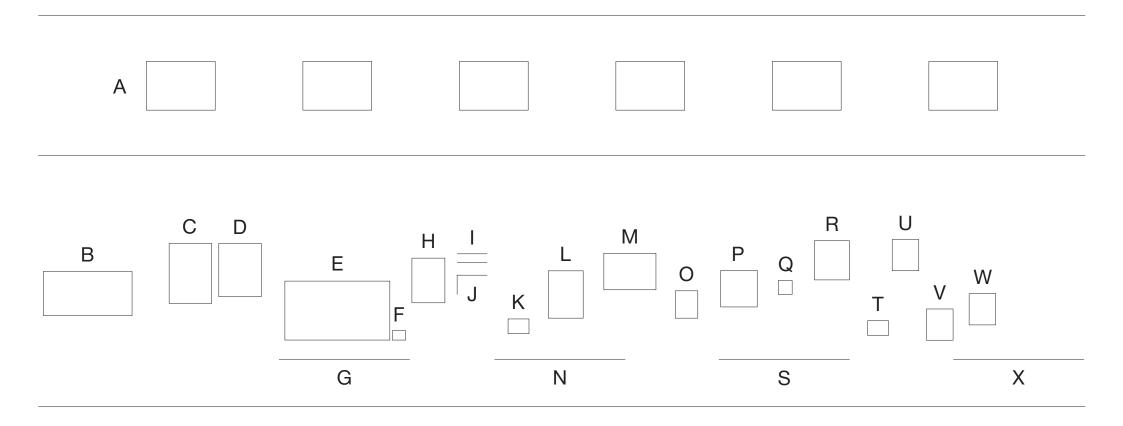
On the black wall



This wall shows work from the living rooms of Jef Geys' colleagues and students from the Rijksmiddelbareschool Balen. The most diverse (art) traces of Jef Geys can be found in Balen and the surrounding area: a bottle label from a bar that Geys ran, a 'Sponsor photo' of himself with a fellow teacher, a small reproduction of a 'Seed bag' as thanks for a translation to a French teacher and classical paintings, a windmill and children's portraits, signed 'Jef Geys Cultuurcentrale Balen'.



A 6 photos of the back wall of Jef Geys' classroom 1963

The (black) back wall of the classroom was vital to Jef Geys' pedagogy. On that wall he hung documentation about art and social themes as well as original works of art. Photos of the wall regularly appeared in his publications.

- B Video message from journalist Karl van den Broeck
- C Jef Geys Petunia Hybrida

Lithograph of the Seed Bag from 1963

D Jef Geys Kempens Informatieblad 1971

The cover of the first issue of Geys' free magazine, the Kempens Informatieblad, a protest against expensive catalogues.

E Jef Geys Schoolfoto rijksschool Balen 1969

In 1969, Jef Geys directed a group portrait of the entire Balense State School. The School Photo hung in the principal's office.

- F Director of the Rijksmiddelbareschool Willy Van Caeneghem at his desk in front of Jef Geys' school photo After 1969
- G School documents of Jef Geys: back wall of the classroom – lesson preparations – students setting up

H gie Knaeps
Walter van den Broeck with a
'Stabas* (in foedraal)' by Jef Geys
1970

*The Stabas, Romanian for 'staff', is a colored stick, with or without a case, designed around 1966. It is a ridiculous power symbol to parade or pose with. What fellow teacher Walter van den Broeck does convincingly!

- I Jef Geys Stabas (rood & geel) 1966
- J Jef Geys Stabas (in foedraal) 1969
- K Jef Geys and his students visit an exhibition by Marcel Broodthaers in Antwerp 1969
- L Jef Geys
 Poster Rijksmiddenschool Balen
 from the collection of the Museum
 of Contemporary Art Ghent
 1984
- M Jef Geys Lili Dujourie 1984
- N Exercises by student Hilde Vandenberk from Jef Geys' school lessons 1984
- O Jef Geys Bar 900. Flesetiket Multiple

- P Sponsor photo: Toon Schraepen en Jef Geys 1989
- Q Jef Geys Print of Sierkalebassen, grote soorten, gemengd Rond 1980
- R Jef Geys Cultuurcentrale Balen Toremansmolen Arendonk Around 1974
- S Personal catalogs and preparations for the exhibition Museum of Contemporary Art Ghent - Rijksmiddenschool Balen of student/worker Hilde Vandenberk 1984

In 1984, Geys organized an exhibition at his school with a selection of works of art from the collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Ghent. The students wrote catalog texts and served as guides.

- T Jef Sleeckx, Walter Van den Broeck and Jef Geys with Lenin at the bar Photo of an excerpt from the work Op avontuur met Lenin ¬– 1971 – Strike by Raymond Minnen 2016
- U Jef Geys
 Liedjes met Bert & Edith uit C'est
 aujourd'hui dimanche, tiens ma jolie
 maman voilà des roses blanches,
 toi qui les aimes tant!
 2014

- V Jef Geys Cultuurcentrale Balen Portrait of Yolanda Van Gestel 1976
- W Jef Geys CC Balen Portrait of Jozef Van Gestel 1979
- X Photos of the exhibition Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst Gent in Rijksmiddenschool Balen From the archive of Jef Geys 1984

