

AJM van Houdt: a contractor you can count on!

AJM van Houdt is passionate about the flawless execution of every conversion or renovation project. Van Houdt: "It would pique my pride to deliver substandard work. We view ourselves as true craftsmen who take pride in creating something beautiful. Whether it concerns the total renovation of a home or a simple bathroom conversion, we are synonymous with impeccable work. We have many years of experience and custom projects are our forte."

AJM van Houdt is no stranger to The Hague and surroundings. This renowned contractor has countless projects, big and small, to its name. Current projects include a major renovation programme in the centre of The Hague. De Tempel, a building which once served as a bank and later as a discotheque, is being transformed into an inspired municipal archive. Almost every component is being restored to its original condition. Doors, windows, frames, ceilings, plasterwork... an awe-inspiring endeavour. Van Houdt: "It really is a mega-project. This one-of-a-kind building is being gutted entirely and then rebuilt from the ground up. We use reclaimed materials to restore the original character. Of course, we're happy to take

on smaller projects too. We have extensive experience and offer impeccable service in the fields of carpentry, masonry, painting and plumbing, to name a few".

AJM van Houdt has a rock solid reputation in the Statenkwartier district in particular. Not surprisingly, since the company specialises in classic buildings. And the development of creative and original solutions is its strong suit. Everything is discussed in detail beforehand and the client receives a clear estimate of the schedule and budget. Van Houdt explains: "So our clients can rest assured that there won't be any nasty surprises afterwards. We always stick to the schedule and budget. To achieve that, we



carry out regular checks to see if everything is going as planned. And our clients receive regular progress updates. The end result is what counts for us. After all, we want our clients to be proud of our work, to recommend us to

others. We are always busy – and with good reason. Craftsmanship... now that's something you don't

see that often any more. But it just happens to be our specialty." www.ajmvanhoudt.nl

Greg Shapiro is performing his new show

Greg Shapiro – The American Nederlander – is known from Boom Chicago, Comedy Central News and BNR's 'New & Improved America'. On the 27th of October 2010 his comedy show 'How to be Orange' can be seen in theater Diligentia in Den Haag.

His first solo show was 'Greg Shapiro's Going Dutch' - an assimilation course in stories & song. 'How to Be Orange' goes even more in-depth, for those who live here longer. How to fit in when 'full is full,' how to reconcile the terms 'Freedom' & 'Party,' how to dye your hair blond, if necessary - How to Be Orange.

Besides Amsterdam Greg's show can be seen on the following locations and dates:
- 12th of January 2011
Miditheater in Tilburg
- 25th of January 2011 Griffioen in Amsterdam
- 7th of April 2011 Theater Zuidplein in Rotterdam.

For more information about Greg Shapiro and his comedy show go to: www.puuree.com and www.gregoryshapiro.com



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This introduction is the first of a small series in this newspaper where we will offer a selection of possible legal situations an expat could encounter, as well as some of the solutions and general advice that could be of interest to any person with a non-Dutch nationality temporarily based in The Netherlands.

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