

« My connection with Forges De Clabecq begins with where I live, 30km north from Clabecq, in the town of Ninove. My hometown is connected with Les Forges because many Flemish workers came from this area.

I remember my first visit to this amazing place very well, a cold sunny day in 2006. I crawled through a broken fence at the agglomeration, and was immediately captured by the wonderful view of the blast furnaces, the maze of pipelines and conveyor belts, and in general : the scale of this enormous factory.

When the demolition started at the end of 2007, I decided that I had to document as much as possible, as this historic, unique place would disappear very soon, so I started a race against time, and the demolition machines.

5 years later, time is running out for Les Forges. Haut Fourneau 1 is gone, HF2's future is unsure and HF6 is on the edge of destruction. When the last stone has toppled over, I will have spent 800+ hours on site, taken 15000+ photographs and gained an unlimited amount of memories, ..at the end, Forges De Clabecq will mean as much to me as it meant to the people who worked there. »

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