

Festival De Betovering: The best way to spend your Autumn break in The Netherlands!

From 18 to 26 October at 55 locations in The Hague.

The twentieth edition of Festival De Betovering (Festival The Enchantment) takes place during the Autumn break throughout the city of The Hague at over 55 locations; at theatres, museums, in the streets and more. **Children** up to 12 years can plunge into the magic of the performances and workshops this nine-day festival has to offer. Be moved, surprised, laugh and get goose bumps during a theatre or dance production, take part in challenging workshops, and much, much more!



The Enchantment is the international arts & theatre festival for a younger audience during the Autumn break in The Hague. The festival annually welcomes around 25.000 visitors.

A TASTE OF THE (INTERNATIONAL) PROGRAMME

The festival programme boasts roughly **500 performances, workshops and other activities** of both national and international origin, which take place at the larger theatres, smaller local community theatres, museums, libraries and out on the streets. For many of the international performances, this is their Dutch premiere! **Joy (9+)** is a Swiss dance performance which will have its Dutch premiere at De Betovering. A taut choreography combined with charmingly violent dancers makes the audience believe that the dancers truly are in conflict with each other. Additional to the performance you can attend the accompanying workshop to learn more about stage fighting yourself. The little ones can enjoy the softly surprising and sweet dance performance of **Boks (1+)** from Belgium about the search for one another, accompanied by a live soundscape. The Polish performance of **Parallel Worlds (1+)** is a performance for the little ones too with the most beautiful worlds created out of kitchen utensils and legumes. With **O temps d'O (5+)** the French Barolosolo Compagnie will use circus acrobatics to keep their feet dry from the thirty centimetres of water that appears on stage, as they rouse rhythmic songs to bring the audience in contact with waves, rain and water.

Of course, there is also plenty to see in the various disciplines from Dutch-based companies. Discover how there is no need to be afraid of the dark with **Dagdonker (DayDark) (4+)**, discover the colourful world of a blue girl who embraces living in an yellow world in **Geel (Yellow) (2+)** or listen to opera singing birds in their fantasy language in **Jabber (5+)**.

MORE TO DO

If you've seen enough and you're ready **to create or perform**, join in with one of the many workshops! You can join workshops at, among others, the Museon, the Mauritshuis, Haags HipHop Centre, Het Nederlands Dans Theater or at the Filmhuis Den Haag. From hiphop to Irish dancing, from mummifying your barbie to etching like Rembrandt, there's a lot to do!

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

The Enchantment is programming three **relax performances** for children who have trouble processing too many sounds or stimuli. You can also find **a low-stimulus environment** at these venues. This is a nice and quiet spot where you can calm down a bit if you find yourself overwhelmed by all the sensations in the theatre. There are photo booklets available online of the festival locations to help children prepare for their visit and for whom it is important to know what to expect in advance. Finally, many of the locations offer services such as accessible toilets, relief tiles, audio induction loops and facilities for assistant dogs.

DE BETOVERING (THE ENCHANTMENT)

The Enchantment is an international children's (till 12 years) art festival that takes place every year at 55 of The Hague's cultural institutions. The nine-day festival takes place during the Autumn school holiday. The festival programme comprises various performances and workshops and is visited by children (and their parents/caregivers) from The Hague as well as further afield.

Check out www.debetovering.nl for the complete programme (available from mid-September onwards - click on the British flag), for information about how to book tickets, ticket prices and other details. Many of the performances, dance workshops and visual arts workshops are suitable for non-Dutch speaking visitors. Please take note of the NDR (No Dutch Required) programme items. The ticket price for the majority of the performances and workshops is € 7.00.

Festival De Betovering

For: everyone up to 12 years of age and their parents/caregivers
Where: at 55 cultural institutions in and around The Hague
When: Friday the 18th to Saturday the 26st of October 2019
Programme/Tickets: from the beginning of September via www.debetovering.nl.

For press only (not for publication):

High-resolution image material and more information is available via: <https://www.debetovering.nl/professionals/pers-en-media>

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