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**Festival De Betovering**  
**International Art & Theatre Festival for Children**

**The best way to spend your Autumn break in The Netherlands!  
From 19 to 27 October at 55 locations in The Hague.**

The nineteenth 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 ranging from 2 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! Mobile phones OFF, imagination ON!

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

**A TASTE of the (international) programme**

The festival programme boasts some 550 performances, workshops and other activities of both national and **international origin**, taking 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!** The festival opens with “*Bounce*”, a comical dance performance by the French Arcosm, at the Koninklijke Schouwburg. Other performances include “*9*”, from Canada, with a deaf dancer as the main character, who dances to Beethoven’s 9<sup>th</sup> symphony. Other performances on offer include the funny “*Ups and downs*” (2+) from Germany and “*Dot*”, a Spanish multimediashow. For the very young dance lovers we also have *The adventures of Luc* from Senegal. Alternatively, the kids can make the journey of a lifetime during the show *Taama*, which means ‘journey’ in More, the most spoken language in Burkina Faso.

Of course, there is also plenty to see in the various disciplines from **Dutch-based companies**. There will be some juggling with the truth in the performance *Jokkebrokker* and we’ll dive into the world of fantasy in the performance *Legends*. For the music lovers there is *Bruno will become a superhero* with a sextet on the stage and also the show *Koning van Katoren* will be a musical adaptation on the fairytale of Jan Terlouw.



## **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 Gemeentemuseum, the Mauritshuis, Panorama Mesdag, Het Nederlands Dans Theater or at the Pier in Scheveningen. From hip-hop to Irish dances, from making fashion out of rubbish to etching animals, there's a lot to do!

## **NEW in the Netherlands**

The Enchantment is programming three **relax performances** for children who have some trouble with 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.

## **De Betovering (The Enchantment)**

The Enchantment is an international children's (2-12 years) art festival that takes place every year in 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/guardians), both from The Hague and further afield. Check [www.debetovering.nl](http://www.debetovering.nl) for the complete programme (available from mid-September onwards - click on the British flag), how to book tickets, ticket prices and other information. 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.

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Festival De Betovering

For: everyone from 2 to 12 years of age

Where: at 55 cultural institutions in and around The Hague

When: Friday the 19th to Saturday the 27st of October 2018

Programme/Tickets: from mid-September via [www.debetovering.nl](http://www.debetovering.nl) and/or participating institutions.

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