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## **Festival De Betovering - International Art & Theatre Festival for the Youth**

**The best way to spend your Autumn break in The Netherlands!  
From 13 to 21 October at 50 locations in The Hague.**

The eighteenth edition of Festival De Betovering (*Festival The Enchantment*) takes place during the Autumn break throughout the city of The Hague at over 50 locations; in theatres, museums, the streets and more!

Children 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 and welcomed a record number of visitors last year: almost 25.000!

### **NEW! The Betovering Woogie Boogie Party**

The **highlight** of this year might be **our first Enchantment Party** at the last evening of the festival, Saturday 21 October, between 19:30 and 22:00 in Theater aan het Spui! All the kids can enjoy the closing of the festival with this colourful *Woogie Boogie* party - in line with the **theme of the week: PARTY!** Here they can celebrate their coloured city and dance together after days of enchantment. With their artwork - created in workshops around the theme and **presenting your 'party-self'** around them, jumping on the dance floor, they show who they are together! The moment for children to own the stage and to inspire and enjoy each other's "colourful-party-me"!

### **FIVE festival centres**

This year the festival has extended with two more festival centres! **Theater de Vaillant**, Theater De Nieuwe Regentes, **Muzee Scheveningen**, Theater aan het Spui and Theater Dakota. Buzzing with activity, visitors can continuously build, invent and realise all manner of creations there. This year children prepare their outfits and accessories for the big party.

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

The festival programme boasts some 500 performances, workshops and other activities of both national and international origin, taking place in the larger theatres, smaller local community theatres, museums, libraries and out on the street. A lot of the international performances have their **Dutch premiere!** Performances include *Poggle* (2+) from the Barrowland Ballet from **Scotland** and K-Bestan from **France** with *Grandpa's Attic* (4+), a story with acrobatics and music! Or you can watch the performance *Seen* (7+) from the French company Sacékripa if you like horror and mystery. But first, we will open on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October with the dance performance *Zick Zack Puff* (5+) from the **Swiss company** Mafalda. Get lost in a strange world where all kind of creatures will meet each other.

Of course, there is plenty to see, from various disciplines, from Dutch-based companies too. For dance lovers, productions include Plan D- with the performance *Buurman in de Natuur* (5+) or DadoDans & Gaia Gonelli with their performance *Mappamondo* (2+). There's also **plenty to see for older kids**, such as the performance *Enkeltje Mars* (8+) of het Filiaal and *Wat er gebeurde terwijl de mussen de polka dansten* (8+) of Schippers en van Gucht & Het Paleis from **Antwerp**.

## **MORE to do!**

Have you seen enough and ready to create or perform? Join in with one of the many workshops! You can join workshops in, among others, the [Gemeentemuseum](#), the Mauritshuis, [Panorama Mesdag](#), Het Nederlands Dans Theater, [Het Koorenhuis](#), Theaterschool Rabarber or the [Filmatelier](#).

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

The Enchantment is an international children's (2-12 years) art festival that takes place every year in 50 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 50 cultural institutions in and around The Hague

When: Friday the 13th to Saturday the 21st of October 2017

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

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