

**FESTIVAL OF WONDER 7.–10. NOVEMBER 2019
SILKEBORG - DENMARK**

International puppet, object and visual theatre

Festival theme: "Theatre on life and death"



It is once again time to experience Danish and international theatre during Silkeborg's popular Festival of Wonder www.festivalofwonder.dk.

101 performances and other puppet, object and visual theatre events will take place during 5 days. On top of it all Swiss artist and high-wire walker David Dimitri will be bringing his unique new circus performance.

Beautiful Silkeborg provides the frame for these outstanding experiences, the many Danish and Scandinavian premieres, and the many Danish and

international performances, "Half and Half" Danish and international, and many other events such as back stage talks, workshops, films and exhibits.

Silkeborg is a fantastic city for such a festival. Jysk Musik og Teaterhus is within walking distance to the other venues at the renovated Paper Factory, on to performance venues by the harbor where next to Hjejlen, David Dimitri's high wire walk is a game of life and death.

From there it is a short distance to the cultural area around the library, the creative school, the community house and Campus Bindslev, and to midtown with its cafes and restaurants.

The close proximity to the various venues during the 5 days is a plus for our 12,000 festival goers. It gives them the possibility to see many performances and other events, and enhances their chances of meeting new and old friends.

The theme for Festival of Wonder 2019 is theatre in life and death

Among the international highlights of the festival: The Dream of the Carnival of the Animals with the Spanish theatre Etcétera, will be presented in Jysk Musikteater with 11 classical musicians, 7 puppeteers and giant puppets.

The international performances for adults include "Visiting Hour" with the German Theater Junge Generation, takes up the topic of arbitrary murders, using large puppets and encouraging audience participation. The show takes place at Museum Silkeborg and is directed by Israeli puppet artist Ariel Doron.

Many of the festival performances have live music. French Theatre La Pendue presents "Tria Fata", an ingenious cabaret about an older woman at the end of her life. Her time has come. To postpone destiny she begins to tell about her life. We see a special life from birth to death, from childhood to adult love. "Tria

Fata” came about through talks between the director and his dying mother, creating a thoughtful life-affirming, musical performance.

The Grand Old Man of puppetry arts, Neville Tranter from the Netherlands, deals with the theme of boat refugees, using humor and psychological insight. With sublime theatre combined with top professional puppet art and fantastic characters, he illustrates the brutality and fragility human nature.

Festival of Wonder presents 14 international shows from France, Spain, USA, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Russia, Bulgaria, Israel, Greece and The Czech Republic. Plus there are many Danish theatres.

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Discover more at www.festivalofwonder.dk

Welcome to Silkeborg. Welcome to wonderful life-affirming theatre performances, puppetry, object and visual theatre with an extra element of world famous new circus.

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