



REPORT 2012-21013 OPENDOEK – National centre of Amateur Theatre en Belgium

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What is OPENDOEK?

OPENDOEK VZW Amateurtheater Vlaanderen is the organisation, recognized by the Flemish Ministry of Culture for amateur theatre in the Flemish part of Belgium. Opendoek counts 927 amateur theatre groups and 27613 members. The organization is therefore representative for all the non-professional. OPENDOEK endeavours to expand amateur theatre in Flanders as much in quantity as in quality. It offers all citizens the opportunity to take part in the theatre experience and offers a place where once can find others and grow on an artistic and cultural level. OPENDOEK is mandated to reach and support the whole field of amateur theater in Flanders and the District of Brussels. This includes theatre groups that are members of the organizations, individual members, groups that are not part of an organization, branches of the discipline such as puppet theatre / narrators, groups that are in the process of being formed, children's theatre,...OPENDOEK has a library which offers theatre texts to groups or individuals and offers theatre courses, cooperating with the local art education, cultural associations and professional agencies or companies. The organization organizes theatre events, accompanies theatre groups concerning artistic support and interferes as consulting partner between theater groups and the authors offices, publisher societies or the government.

The main objectives for Opendoek to meet are:

- offering good theatre texts
- organizing theatre courses
- accompanying theatre groups concerning artistic support
- organizing theatre events
- cooperating with the local art education, cultural associations and professional agencies or companies
- Interfering as consulting partner between theater groups and the authors offices, publisher societies or the government

Main – international project in 2013

Vamonos! Let's go!

An interdisciplinary amateur arts project with actors, dancers, musicians and visual artist across the borders.

OPENDOEK, Kunstwerkt, Muziekmozaïek and Danspunt – four organizations for amateur arts- launch a mutual interdisciplinary and international art project.

Interdisciplinary: actors, dancers, musicians and visual artists enrich and influence each other on stage to create a performance.

International: participants followed a mutual course in Cuba in July and November, which will result in a festival taking place in Cuba and Belgium.

In June 2012 three Cuban officials of the Ministry of Culture came to Belgium to launch the project.

In April 2013 a work week in Cuba took place, during which 40 Cuban artists, active in the four art disciplines, examined the possibilities for the project, supervised by Bart Van Gysegem, the Flemish artistic coordinator.

At the end of the week, three interdisciplinary art groups were formed. In the next phase, Cuban groups were matched with Flemish groups to create a performance together.

In Belgium too, 40 Flemish artists formed three groups, amongst which one group travelled to Cuba in July 2013 for an international experience.

Eight Flemish artists and eight Cuban artists worked for ten days on an interdisciplinary and international production.

This resulted in three festival days in Havana on the 19th, 20th and 21th of July. Beside the Cuban-Belgian production, two other Cuban groups performed.

During the coming autumn holidays the roles will reverse, as Belgium will welcome the Cuban artists and their companions. Three festival days will take place: on the 1st of November in Antwerp (Huis voor de Amateurkunsten), on the 2nd of November in Gent (Tinnenpot) and on the 3rd of November in Brussels (Zinnema).

Every festival day starts at 4 p.m. and promises to be a great hit both artistically as socially – as different cultures and disciplines will meet each other. Apart from the Cuban-Belgian production, two other Belgian interdisciplinary performances will take place and there is even more dance and music on the program.

VAMONOS! is a pioneering project in stimulating artist to practice their discipline in other ways and to get in touch with other disciplines. The course of the project enabled the actors, dancers, musicians and visual artists to enrich each other.

The result will be a fascinating viewing experience for artists and art lovers who are looking for innovation.

The VAMONOS! festival days can be recommended to art groups from different disciplines, art teachers and art students, directors and any interested spectator.

A big Cuban delegation will be present as well, mixed with Cubans living in Belgium and sympathizers.

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