

SPOR2017

EPIPHANY

FESTIVAL FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AND SOUND ART

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& ANNA BERIT ASP CHRISTENSEN



SPOR FESTIVAL 2017 ANNOUNCES THEME AND CURATORS

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On the second week of May, the Danish SPOR festival will be spreading an intense bombardment of concerts, exhibitions and musical events over Aarhus for the 12th time. With the announcement of this year's festival theme EPIPHANY, the curators of SPOR festival 2017, Anne Marquardsen and Anna Berit Asp Christensen, invite everyone for a sneak peak of the experimental and wondrous universe of SPOR, which will fill the European Capital of Culture in May.

THE EVERYDAY TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

This year SPOR festival is framed by the theme EPIPHANY, which explores the magic and mystery of the everyday. SPOR festival 2017 will conquer the spaces of the everyday and shed new light upon the habits and routines of the daily life. With this year's theme, the private and public spaces of the everyday life will be staged and challenged, when concerts, performances and installations cause the everyday, as we know it, to disintegrate and resurrect as something completely new, subtle or even grotesque. SPOR festival invites artists as well as the audience to create new connections within the everyday's network of people and objects. The familiar is turned upside down, while the wondrously extraordinary is studied within the ordinary.

THIS YEAR'S CURATORS

The curatorial team of SPOR festival 2017 consists of the two festival directors of SPOR, Anne Marquardsen og Anna Berit Asp Christensen. Since 2007 they have created experimental festivals with an international view, embedded in the local environment - often in collaboration with guest curators. This year SPOR festival is part of the

European Capital of Culture - Aarhus 2017, and in interaction with the cultural capital theme LET'S RETHINK, the curatorial duo of Marqvardsen and Asp Christensen will be presenting a whole row of packed festival days, where music and art meets and leads the audience in new directions.

AARHUS 2017 OPENS WITH SPOR NEW MUSIC SCHOOL

This year, Aarhus is the European Capital of Culture, and this week the year of the cultural capital is kicked off. SPOR's educational flagship, SPOR New Music School (SNMS), takes part in the official opening, and both today, Friday January the 20th and tomorrow Saturday the 21st, interested children and adults can get a taste of SNMS. As part of the official opening program, the show 'Flaskepost til Fremtiden' will be performed, featuring a work composed by students of SNMS in 2015.

2015 was also the year, where SPOR festival arranged SNMS for the first time, and every year since then SPOR has invited curious, musical children between the age of 11-15 to participate in workshops and concerts during the festival days in May. For the third year in a row, SNMS dives into musical experiments and composition for children, and this year you can already experience the youthful sound of SNMS this week, performed by a children's symphony orchestra.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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About SPOR Festival

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