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ULTIMA 2016 PERFORMING ARTS FABULEUS

FABULEUS was founded in Leuven in 1995 as a production house at the request of a group of young people who wanted to be able to put on shows under real conditions. Continuous exchanges between experienced performing artists and their - often very - young counterparts take place here in a professional context. Many budding artists do all their acting training here and then return later to create new productions. In this respect FABULEUS serves as an international example. In its productions, FABULEUS consciously seeks diversity in the makers and forms of theatre and thus targets a broad audience of all ages.

In 2010, the city of Leuven awarded FABULEUS the title of city theatre company. In 2011, FABULEUS moved, together with several other artistic and art education organisations in Leuven, to the 'Openbaar Entrepot voor de Kunsten' (OPEK - Public Warehouse for the Arts). Since 2015, FABULEUS has been the in-house company at Werking Jong Publiek (activities for young audiences) at STUK dance centre in Leuven.

Last season, FABULEUS celebrated its 20th anniversary with a wonderful compilation show bringing together over 100 players in the opener and presenting as a finale 'Merlijn of het barre Land', a reference to the very first production by FABULEUS, this time directed by Astrid Ogiers (who was herself a young talent at FABULEUS), under the artistic direction of Dirk De Lathauwer.

The children's show 'Klutserkrakkekililokatastrof' by Katrien Valckenaers (now at Ballet Dommage, previously a young FABULEUS talent herself), Maxim Storms (Ballet Dommage), Rachid Laachir and Filip Bilsen (FABULEUS) has now been selected for Het Theaterfestival at Bronks in September. Two other productions were already chosen for that festival previously: 'Snipperdagen' (2014) and 'Liefdesverklaring' (2015).

In 2018, 'Paradise Now' will be all ready to go. This youth production by Michiel Vandevelde is inspired by the performance of the same name by the famous New York actors' group The Living Theatre from 1968. FABULEUS will appear at the Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels for the first time with 'Paradise Now'. Over the coming years, FABULEUS will work with Abattoir Fermé, Jorre Vandenbussche, Radouan Mriziga and Haider Al Timimi.

Dirk De Lathauwer is responsible for the general and artistic management.

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