



## **TÅRNBY TORV FESTIVAL**

*- a performance festival for neighbourhood. With citizens from Tårnby, local and international artists.*

*Can we practice democracy by dancing with an extraterrestrial in our garden?*

Children and adults from private houses and public institutions of Tårnby, local artists as well as artists from Copenhagen, Europe and the World and students from Den Danske Scenekunstscole celebrate five days of meeting well known strangers and estrangement of the well known.

In a time where fear leads to observation of our neighbours activities and tendencies of rebuilding walls increase, the festival wants to open a space for curiosity towards the unknown people that are living next to us and engage with the strangers that cross our seemingly known environment.

*Rediscover your neighbourhood by seeing it like a tourist!*

The festival is initiated by Tårnby citizen and performance artist Andreas Liebmann and happens in and around an abandoned large open-plan office in the first floor of Tårnby Torv 7. After a successful first try in 2017 and several activities in autumn like Tårnby Torv Fuglehave (In cooperation with Tårnby Torv Forening and the martial arts club Sor Rachan), Philosophy for kids (in Cooperation with Tårnby Library) and the local shooting of a remake of the film classic "E.T." from Steven Spielberg with the involvement of lots of

Tårnby citizens and film actor Nicolai Dahl Hamilton, the festival invites for five days with debates, performances, film, party and common meals.

The Tårnby Torv festival includes amongst others the childrens day (17.November) with “Virak Revy”, a performance for kids including a live art workshop and the presentation of “Philosophy for kids”, the release of the locally produced E.T. remake “Tårnby får besøg” (including participation of local politicians and clubs), a party with The Mood Providers, a debate with the Belgian art critic and activist Wouter Hillaert, a guide for Tårnby Tourists, new pieces by artistic newcomers and a long sunday neighbourhood brunch.

### *Experimental peoples theatre*

The background for the festival is a research about the function of theatre for a democratic culture. How can entertainment, the play with metaphors and serious content, eye-to-eye exchange and common fun create a sense for a location and the people living there? Can we get stronger by exercising curiosity? Can we get better dealing with the strange, the stranger and our groundless ground?

The Tårnby Torv Festival is an attempt to strengthen the line between artistic work, social debates and the main characters in the play: The people living around the corner. Since 2017 the public space at Tårnby Torv 7 has connected with local people, artistic newcomers, clubs and citizens from Tårnby and other regions of the world. The Festival from 14.-18. November seeks to bring together all these wonderful players and create strong bonds for the future to come.

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