

UNDER SAIL

IX

Event

Antwerp

27
Jan.

8
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2015

free
entrance

The registration for the workshops and performance is strongly suggested.

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Antwerp is a city of 'super-diversity'. With new migrants arriving daily, many of the city's neighbourhoods have become 'welcome districts' for these groups. These areas have also attracted young Belgian families and cultural organisations, largely due to the affordability of local housing and the cosmopolitan appeal of such diverse urban neighbourhoods. Under Sail uses the stories and experiences of newcomers and inhabitants of these districts to examine the concept of ghettos. Are these areas 'ghettos of today' or are they something completely different?

About the project *The City Ghettos of Today*

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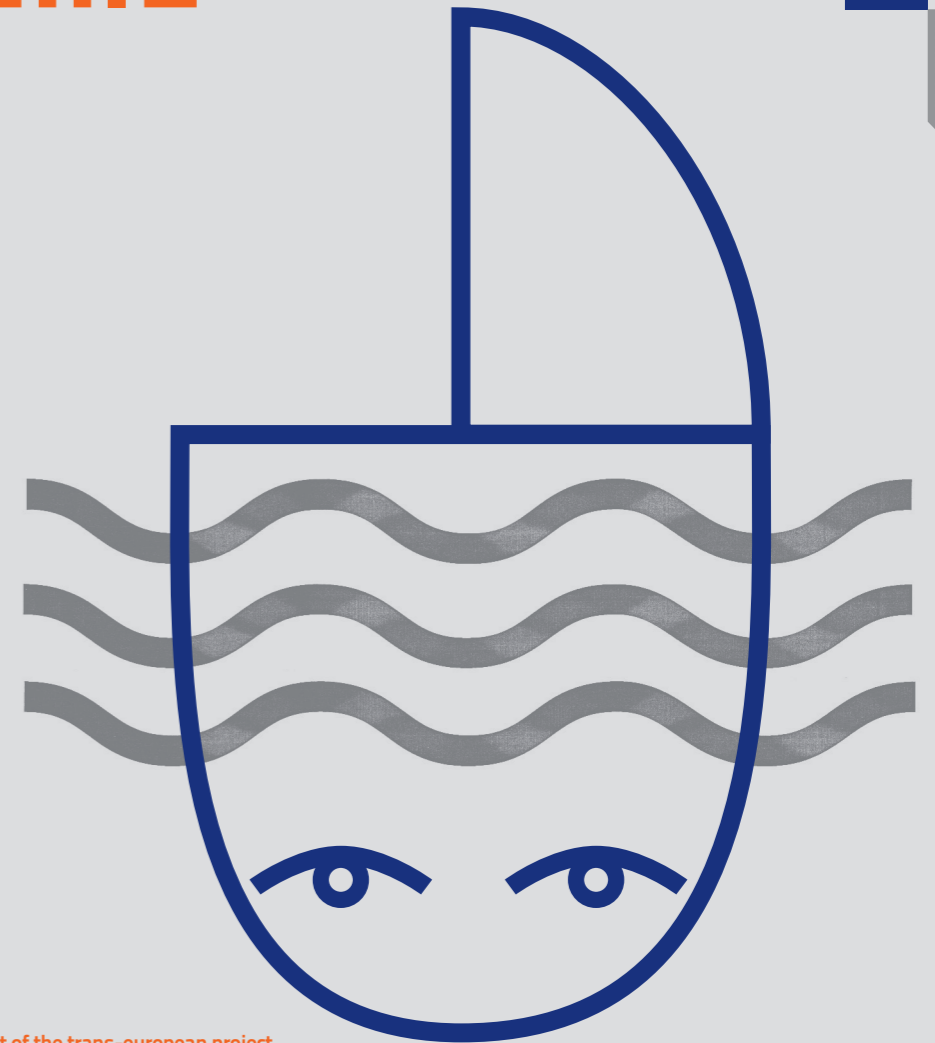
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Part of the trans-european project *The City Ghettos of Today*, 'Under Sail' is an installation-performance showcasing the fruits of intercultural artistic workshops led by the project's international artistic team.



Artistic workshops: 'Under Sail'

when:
**28th of January – 6th
of February**

Tue 27 January 18h – 22h
Wed 28 January 14h – 17h & 19h – 22h
Thu 29 January 14h – 17u & 19h – 22h
Fri 30 January 14h – 17h & 19h – 22h
Sat 31 January 10h – 17h
Sun 1 February 10h – 17h
Mon 2 February 14h – 17h & 19h – 22h
Tue 3 February Seminar
Wed 4 February 14h – 17u & 19u -22h
Thu 5 February 14h – 17h & 19h -22h
Fri 6 February 14h – 17h & 19h -22h

Sat 7 February 14h – 22h
/ 20h performance Under Sail in MAS
Sun 8 February 14h – 18h
/ 16h performance Under Sail in MAS

where:
**Matterhorn,
Albrecht
Rodenbachstraat 21,
Borgerhout**

KunstZ will host The City Ghettos of Today's residency in Antwerp. kunstZ is a community art organisation focused on employing, engaging and training Antwerp's minority groups in order to facilitate their professional insertion into the city's cultural landscape. The organisation produces performances in collaboration with their minority partners and is equally a platform for employment in Antwerp and Flanders. kunstZ also runs a theatre-training program for immigrants and foreign-speaking newcomers, the students of which will participate in The City Ghettos of Today project.

'Under Sail'
'I'll promise you calm seas, auspicious gales, and sail so expeditious, that shall catch your royal fleet far off... '.

While the other cities focused on specific characters from 'The Tempest' (Caliban's voices, Prosperos' veils, Miranda gazes upon the sea, The island is full of noises, Uninhabited island, The Caliban's cave) the Antwerp residency will explore the notion of 'homecoming', focusing specifically on the return voyage of The Tempest's island habitants back home.

The artistic team and the students of the kunstZ Academy will look forward into the future... What are the needs and dreams of this mixed company? How do they keep the ship sailing? How does the crew cooperate to balance the ship on rough seas?

WORKSHOPS LED BY THE ARTISTIC TEAM OF THE PROJECT:

DIRECTION AND DRAMATURGY
Pietro Floridia (Cantieri Meticci, Bologna)
DIRECTION AND DRAMATURGY
Greet Vissers (kunstZ, Antwerp)
DIRECTION
Alicja Borkowska (Strefa WolnoSłowa, Warsaw)
PLAYWRIGHT
Tomasz Gromadka (Strefa WolnoSłowa, Warsaw)
ACTORS TRAINING AND DRAMATURGY
Linda Fahssis (Cie Check Points, Paris)
MUSIC AND SOUND DESIGN
Alejandro Olarte (University of Arts of Helsinki,
Centre for Music and Technology)
VIDEO ARTIST
Marek Płuciennik (Ptarmigan, Helsinki)



Seminar: Breeding grounds. New citizenship and art forms in urban diversity

when:
**3th of February.
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

where:
University of Antwerp

cost:
15€
(including lunch & coffee)

Diversity in urban areas presents specific challenges and opportunities, particularly in the arenas of social integration, solidarity and culture. Are top-down policies in these domains better equipped to facilitate social harmony in these areas or is a bottom-up approach more conducive to congruous living amidst diversity?

This seminar will provide a platform for a dialogue between the artists, cultural practitioners and researchers as well as a group discussion which will discuss the myriad dynamics of working with an din a diverse society.



Theater performance / audiovisual installation 'Under Sail' Artistic workshops presentation.

when:
**7th of February 8 p.m.
and
8th of February 4 p.m.**

where:
**Museum of Flemish heritage,
MAS**

The performance takes place on the 8th floor of the museum MAS, with a view on the city and the port. The students of the kunstZ academy will present the results of the workshops in a multidisciplinary installation. On the 7th of February the installation will be open for public throughout the day. In the evening there will be a performance based on the workshops. On the 8th of February there will be an afternoon performance at 4 p.m. and the installation throughout the day.

The installation and the performance will be created by *The City Ghettos of Today's* workshop participants in collaboration with the project's international artistic team.