

## Caravan Next enters the streets and stages in Europe

The Social Community Theatre project Caravan Next is a grand theatre European project with 13 different artistic partners from 11 different countries. From September 2015 till February 2019 Caravan Next connects professional artists with communities and local citizens in a huge network of European theatre organisations and cultural institutions. In this period 30 grand Social Community Theatre events will take place in 16 different European cities. Each event has a specific subject that reflects European challenges in the third Millennium. In January and March 2016, the first two events took place in Prague and Amsterdam. The events offered theatre, art and cultural exploration in two four days long festivals based on the themes of “Hikikomori” and Connectedness.

**Disconnected** - Prague 22nd-25th January 2016, by Farm in the Cave



The composition *Disconnected* is a unique blend of installation, documentary and physical theatre with the theme of the Japanese term hikikomori. Hikikomori refers both to the sociological phenomenon of acute social withdrawal and the people belonging to this societal group. Hikikomori is sometimes called the “illness of modern society”.

*Disconnected* combines action, video and text with live music and was performed after four-day long program with discussion, exhibitions and live installations. When creating the event, Farm in the Cave cooperated with members of Czech Vietnamese minority who also participated in the performance.

## Explorez Festival - Amsterdam 10th – 13th March 2016, by ZID Theatre



ZID Theatre's Explorez Festival presented a four-day extensive program. The festival is a result of collaboration, exchange of work methods, cultural education and social community theatre with partners from Morocco, Italy, Serbia, Denmark and Amsterdam. ZID's performance *Here We Are* included 20 actors in the ages 11 – 80 from all parts of the world and. The theatrical concert *The Empty Chair* by Altamira Studio Theatre (Italy/Denmark) and ZID brought different religious communities together in a multicultural ceremony. Other Explorez events were *Open Stage Program*, Parades of colourful performers and *Theatre Tables*: a performance and get-together where ZID actors from different part of the world shared cultural experience with the audience.

The next Caravan Next event will take place in Turin, Italy 26th of May - 1st. of June.

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