

**WOLK, a new project by Lucas De Man and Pascal Leboucq**

**On the 5th of August 2016 WOLK (‘cloud’) premiered. In this 22m high tower visitors can experience a journey through a labyrinth of stairs and corridors full of magical moments. WOLK is a big art installation containing a theatrical quest from ‘what’ you are to ‘who’ you are. Lucas De Man, director, creator and TV-presenter built WOLK together with Pascal Leboucq in ’s-Hertogenbosch.**

**Art installation WOLK**

For WOLK De Man and Leboucq were inspired by Socratic maieutics, the art of asking questions, and the *Bildungs* novel ‘The Magic Mountain’ by Thomas Mann, the masterpiece characterizing our current time. With WOLK they want to give the visitor a beautiful, seldomly seen experience.

**Theatrical journey**

Aside from a 360 view over the city, WOLK also offers you a wonderful story. A girl takes you on a journey to the top of a mountain. Down at the foot, in the world we know, you receive headphones and set off. On the way you meet bizarre characters, hear wonderful music and see some unforgettable images. You walk through the 110m long set of corridors and after many wanderings reach the rooftop. In WOLK you get time to ‘be’, to leave the white noise behind for a while and surrender to the wind.

*“WOLK is a magical journey from the world to yourself. It deals with time, time to get closer to yourself.”*

Lucas De Man

**Crowd source platform**

As the City Artist of Den Bosch Lucas De Man developed a crowd source platform. This makes WOLK more than ‘just’ an art installation: it is a city project. With the crowd source platform Lucas aims give WOLK to the city and its residents. Especially to people who contribute a lot to social cohesions in the city, and to people who would otherwise not usually participate or be able to participate in arts and culture. Through the platform 64% of the tickets bought so far have been donated to 25 social organisations and their clients or members. Already over 900 volunteers, students, innovators and youngsters have received tickets for WOLK.

WOLK is on from the 4th of August up and until the 4th of September. The journey takes about 45 minutes and is suitable for visitors from 14 years and up. Tickets cost € 12,50 and can be ordered by www.projectwolk.com

**Note for the editors**

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Lucas De Man is artistic director of Company New Heroes, director at Het Zuidelijk Toneel and connected to the city of ’s-Hertogenbosch as a City Artist. In all of his projects Lucas strives to turn the public space from a consumerist marketplace into a space that connects, amazes, distracts, surprises, confuses and through all this creates: the encounter.

**WOLK**

City project WOLK is part of the international and multidisciplinary art project In Search of Europe ([www.insearchofeurope.eu](http://www.insearchofeurope.eu)). Aside from WOLK the project consists of the lecture performance ‘[De Man in Europe](https://youtu.be/Hs1VB-gQNR0)’ and the documentary [‘In Search of Europe, meeting modern visionaries’](https://youtu.be/9VAvPoDvPDI). For all parts of this big project Lucas found inspiration in the journey through Europe he made in the summer of 2015.