

Dutch candidature

FEST conference 2013



'Waterfall' International Storytelling Festival in Zwolle 2010

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The Association of Cooperating Storytelling Organisations (in formation, see attachment) nominates the Netherlands to organise the FEST conference in 2013.

Storytelling is gaining attention in the Netherlands. This is illustrated by the fact that there are now two storytelling schools and several (inter)national festivals. There is also a strong coordinating organisation for storytellers: The Storytelling Foundation.

We have chosen Zwolle as a location for FEST because the Waterfall International Storytelling Festival will be held in this city in June.

What do we offer:

City:

Zwolle, a beautiful historical Hanseatic town with a lot of canals. It is also a city where many storytelling activities developed and are produced. Zwolle is favourably situated and easy to reach from National Airport Schiphol.

Period:

28, 29, 30 and 31 May 2013, prior to the Waterfall International Storytelling Festival, which is held in Zwolle from 31 May to 2 June.

Waterfall International Storytelling Festival is a storytelling festival which produces its own storytelling performances, mostly with young talents. These productions are exchanged with other Dutch (storytelling) festivals.

This year, Waterfall was declared one of the best three Dutch regional events in 2010.

Other activities:

In the same period, several other cultural activities will take place in Zwolle:

- Gedichten aan de Melkmarkt (Poetry on the Melkmarkt)
- Kunsten op Straat (Arts on the Streets)
- De Zwolse boekenmarkt (Zwolle's book market)

Accommodation:

A hotel boat which will especially be moored next to Storytelling theatre De Verhalenboot for the conference. Both boats are moored on a canal in the centre of Zwolle.

Association:

All of the storytelling organisations that want to organise the FEST conference 2013 have united in the Association of Cooperating Storytelling Organisations which is in formation.

With joint forces they will equally carry and form the organisation of FEST. These organisations operate on a national or on a regional level with a national character.

Recommending Committee:

Municipality of Zwolle

We would be thrilled to organise the FEST conference 2013 in the Netherlands and hope to welcome you in the Netherlands. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the conference.

The Dutch delegation at FEST 2011:





- Raymond den Boestert
- Irene Bakker-Sterk
- Mirjam Mare

Att. 1: List of participating organisations in Association of Cooperating Storytelling Organisations (in formation)


Att. 2: Letter of recommendation

Attachment 1:

The Association of Cooperating Storytelling Organisations which is in formation, consists of the following cooperating partners:

	<p>Storytelling Foundation</p> <p>Member of FEST</p> <p>www.stichtingvertellen.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 32077682</p> <p>Aim: To stimulate and promote storytelling in the Netherlands.</p>
	<p>Academy for Storytelling</p> <p>Member of FEST</p> <p>www.vertelacademie.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 30186508</p> <p>Aim: To educate storytellers and people who want to apply storytelling to their work.</p>
	<p>Foundation a School full of Stories</p> <p>Member of FEST</p> <p>www.eenschoolvolvanverhalen.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 05083159</p> <p>Aim: To stimulate storytelling by and for children at school.</p>
	<p>Storytelling Theatre De Verhalenboot</p> <p>Candidate-member of FEST</p> <p>www.deverhalenboot.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 050700975</p> <p>Aim: To organise storytelling theatre performances, festivals and courses in order to build bridges between people of different cultures, ages and religions, and to stimulate and spread storytelling as a trade.</p>

	<p>Storytelling Magazine: Verteleens...</p> <p>Candidate-member of FEST</p> <p>www.verteleens.eu</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 06070383</p> <p>Aim: To be a storytelling magazine which promotes the oral storytelling tradition in the Netherlands and Flanders, through education, libraries, theatres, business, health care institutions, storytellers and among storytelling enthusiasts.</p>
	<p>Waterfall International Storytelling Festival</p> <p>Candidate-member of FEST</p> <p>www.waterval-vertelfestival.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 05070681</p> <p>Aim: Same as De Verhalenboot. Waterfall International Storytelling Festival and De Verhalenboot are allied to each other and have a common aim.</p>
	<p>Storytelling Festival Amsterdam</p> <p>www.storytellingfestival.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 34366928</p> <p>Aim: To contribute to the development of the art of storytelling in the Netherlands and also increase public attention for storytelling by presenting an outline of the different styles of storytelling by the finest national and international storytellers.</p>
	<p>Meertens Institute (part of the Royal Dutch Academy of Science)</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: not applicable.</p> <p>Aim: Documentation and research on Dutch language and culture</p>
	<p>Documentation and Research Centre for Folktales</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: not applicable.</p> <p>Aim: Documentation and research on Dutch Folktales in the past and the present</p>

	<p>Narrative Culture Foundation</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 34300237.</p> <p>Aim: To collect, register, make publicly available, carry out academic research and spread the oral storytelling tradition and folktales in the Netherlands.</p>
	<p>Het Verteltheater Foundation</p> <p>www.verteltheater.nl www.verteller.nl</p> <p>Nr. Chamber of Commerce: 30136378</p> <p>Aim: To stimulate the development of the art of storytelling and storytelling theatre, and to introduce as many people as possible (children and adults) to the art of storytelling, through performances in the Netherlands and abroad.</p>

This list will be expanded when more organisations join in.



Verteltheater De Verhalenboot