

theater zaal 1

20.00 Unmasking Colonial Myths
Reggie Baay, Johan Fretz, Cynthia Mc Leod, Nelleke Noordervliet (introduction), Sarah Sluimer (moderator).

Are we dealing with stubbornly clinging myths about colonial times, also in our literature? *In Dutch. Ends at 21.05.*

21.10 Ellen Deckwitz and Adriaan van Dis: Inheritance

Robin Block, Ellen Deckwitz, Adriaan van Dis, Fiep van Bodegom (moderator).

A discussion about family, inheritance and whether or not it is possible to escape the transferral of history, and thereby your roots, and the good fortune or grief that goes along with them. *In Dutch. Ends at 22.00.*

22.05 I Have No Other Country than this Country

Antjie Krog, Jolyn Phillips, Chris Keulemans (moderator).

Writing in Afrikaans and English: a conversation about South Africa, generational differences, and the future – plus poetry. *In English. Ends at 22.55.*

23.00 Letters from Overseas

Jasper Albinus, Reggie Baay, Alfred Birney, Robin Block, Ellen Deckwitz, Angelina Enny, Rosabelle Illes, Antjie Krog, Jolyn Phillips.

Nine authors present a letter they wrote to someone in a (former) colony, as an ode to the enslaved Wilhelmina, who sent a never-delivered but recently opened letter to her former master in 1795. *Several languages, translated to Dutch and English. Ends at 23.50.*

theater zaal 2

20.00 Indonesia: History is an Always-Broken Promise

Robin Block, Angelina Enny, Goenawan Mohamad, Chris Keulemans (moderator).

Writers from Indonesia and The Netherlands look at the history and the way former colonizers are viewed now. Chris Keulemans talks with them about how this influences their work and invites them to read from their work. *In English. Ends at 20.55.*

21.00 Poetry Unlimited: Surinam and Aruba

Rosabelle Illes, Antoine de Kom, Chris Keulemans (moderator).

Conversations with two poets about their work and how roots influence it – plus readings. *Bilingual Dutch & English. Ends at 21.50.*

21.55 National Quiz of New Dutch

Asis Aynan, Noraly Beyer, Funda Mjude, Jörgen Raymann, Soortkill.

Now that the Smibanese Dictionary 2.0 of street language has been published, Writers Unlimited is hosting the National Quiz of New Dutch! Come and test your knowledge of New Dutch, which has influences of Turkish, Sranantongo, Papiamentu, English and Berber. *In Dutch. Ends at 22.55.*

theater foyer

20.10 Spot on Young Poets

Roberta Petzoldt, Francis Broekhuijsen (hosting).

High-school students from Dalton Den Haag recite their own poetry, the result of workshops and poetry lessons given at the schools by poet and guest teacher Diann van Faassen. Appearing with them is poet Roberta Petzoldt, winner of the 2019 C. Buddingh Prize, as well as young studentpoet Mirle Wittekoek, winner of the 2019 Young Campert Award. *In Dutch.*

21.05 Friday Night Wintercafé

Francis Broekhuijsen (hosting), DJ Socrates.

Here, at the beating heart of the Writers Unlimited festival, you encounter one another, or the authors for a chat and to sign their books. Festival guide and presenter Francis Broekhuijsen leads the way through the program. The De Vries Van Stockum Bookshop is open all evening in the foyer, offering a special selection of titles by all festival authors. *In Dutch.*

Meet & Greet - time schedule

Meet the writers for a conversation or booksigning!

21.10-21.30

Antjie Krog and Simone Atangana Bekono

22.05-22.30

Akwasi

23.00-23.20

Mylo Freeman and Sunny Bergman In Dutch.

23.55 Winternachten Club featuring KUENTA

DJ Socrates, KUENTA, Francis Broekhuijsen (hosting).

Live show featuring Afro-caribbean dance music, preceded by DJ Socrates' beats. *Ends at 01.00.*

filmhuis zaal 1

20.00 Rosabelle Illes: On Visibly Invisible stories

Rosabelle Illes, Gerlinda Heywegen (moderator).

A conversation with the Aruban poet about her cinematic inspiration, based on clips chosen by her and her video performances In English. *Ends at 21.00.*

21.20 Johan Fretz's road trip through Surinam, Onder de Paramariboom, and film

Johan Fretz, Gerlinda Heywegen (moderator).

Toriman and writer Fretz discusses film clips, inspired by his travel tale of Surinam *In Dutch. Ends at 22.10.*

22.25 Film: The Truman Show

A screening of the film selection of poet Rosabelle Illes. Without knowing it, Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey) is playing the lead in a reality soap – precisely the kind of television that became so popular shortly after the film's release. Lightly inspired by Philip K. Dick (among others), director Peter Weir tells this bizarre story in which absolutely everything is as fake as fake can be. *English spoken, Dutch subtitles. Ends at 00.05.*

filmhuis zaal 2

20.30 Film: A Fool's Paradise

In the road movie A Fool's Paradise, South African-Dutch director Saskia Vredeveld journeys through South Africa and asks if she would still feel at home in that country. She follows in the footsteps of Dutch colonists and travels into the unknown. Documentary, Netherlands, 2019. Languages: Dutch, English, Afrikaans; subtitled in Dutch. *Ends at 21.45.*

22.30 Film: Stones Have Laws (Dee Sitonu a Wetj)

Majestic images of the forest and the sometimes serene, sometimes raging river set the tone, while the local Surinamese Maroons that live there, descendants of enslaved Africans that managed to escape, illuminate their world. "A unique portrait"**** De Volkskrant, "A story that we really should know"***** Documentary, Netherlands/Surinam, 2018. Languages: Saamake, Okanisi, Dutch; with Dutch subtitles. *Ends at 00.10.*

filmhuis studio A

20.25 Book of My Life: Jolyn Phillips

Jolyn Phillips, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). Writers tell us about their favourite book, followed by a book-signing session. *In English. Ends at 20.45.*

20.50 Book of My Life: Jörgen Raymann

Jörgen Raymann, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). *In Dutch. Ends at 21.10.*

21.15 Book of My Life: Angelina Enny

Angelina Enny, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). *In English. Ends at 21.35.*

21.40 Book of My Life: Cynthia McLeod

Cynthia Mc Leod, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). *In Dutch. Ends at 22.00.*

22.05 Book of My Life: Reggie Baay

Reggie Baay, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). *In Dutch. Ends at 22.25.*

22.30 Book of My Life: Johan Fretz

Johan Fretz, Hassnae Bouazza (moderator). *In Dutch. Ends at 22.50.*

Highlighted programmes: In English or language no problem

The Winternachten 2020 wristband gives access to all auditoriums as long as places are available. The bars of Filmhuis Den Haag and Theater a/h Spui are PIN only. No drinks allowed in the auditoriums.