

PRINSJES FESTIVAL

Experience and
celebrate democracy



Democracy deserves to be celebrated

Prince's Festival celebrates the feast of democracy. With its brimful programme, this multi-day festival adds lustre to 'Prince's Day', the annual opening of Dutch parliament. The festive activities shed light on the meaning and function of our democracy. Prince's Festival is a modern tradition in The Hague that connects with the whole nation.



The value of Prince's Day

- ✓ Prince's Festival aims at contributing to public awareness of the value of Prince's Day: democracy deserves a fete, since it's a joy to live in our democratic constitutional state.
- ✓ Prince's Festival - a festival of substance - illuminates and appreciates different aspects of democracy through activities where politics, media and culture meet.
- ✓ In this way Prince's Festival contributes to the festive character of this national event in the royal residence The Hague.



Experience, understand and enjoy

Prince's Festival is for both young and old, for residents and visitors. The target group consists of people who want to experience, understand and enjoy The Hague as a democratic governmental centre on and around magnificent Prince's Day.

Prince's Festival appeals to an increasingly large and multifarious public. In addition, the festival receives a lot of attention from the press. From the intersection of politics, media and culture Prince's Festival aims to develop itself further in the coming years. The festival especially seeks to include (high school) students, through close cooperation with education and science.

Province: strategic Prince's partner

Prince's Festival connects with The Hague - city of peace and justice - and with the country. Every year one province in particular contrib-

utes to this. The spotlights are on this province as a strategic festival partner. After Friesland kicked off the first edition of Prince's Festival in 2013, followed by Limburg (2014) and Overijssel (2015), Zeeland was handed over the baton for 2016. The partner province can accentuate different aspects of the festival's programme. The province, moreover, has the opportunity to demonstrate to offer the Netherlands from the Prince's embassy in the royal residence The Hague.



A selection from the programme

Every edition of the festival has a unique theme. Based on this, the festival's programme is progressing propitiously. To name a few events from the current programme: passion and political theatre are highlighted by the **Prince's Cabaret** (with Jan Jaap van der Wal as its promoter), as well as in the **Prince's Film** and in the political youth's debate: **Prince's Debate**. The majestic Voorhout is the stage of the **Prince's Fair** and of the largest hat show the Netherlands has to offer: the **Prince's Hat walk**.

Democracy in words and images hosts the election of the best political book and the best political picture. The prestigious **Prince's Prize** will be awarded to the politician that most eminently contributes to the authority of our parliament. Restaurants located in the political centre of the Netherlands offer an exquisite menu as contrived by the **Prince's Chef** from the participating province. This was Henk Savelberg in 2014.

The **Montesquieu Prince's Lecture**, delivered in 2015 by Mehdi Jomaa, the interim prime minister of Tunisia until the start of that year, further explores the festival theme. The same goes for the **Prince's Poem**, which in that year was recited by Glenn de Randamie, better known as Typhoon. Top actors of Het Nationale Toneel, including Mark Rietman, participate in the **Prince's Speech**, which highlights the political speech. The **Prince's Reception** is a network meeting for young professionals, while **Prince's online** offers a political communication and social media workshop.



Prince's Festival foundation: a volunteer movement

Prince's Festival is made possible by many volunteers who feel involved with democracy and the constitutional state. They constitute the foundation's organisation. In committees, juries, working groups and as programme curators they deploy their professional talents for this initiative. The board of trustees advise the board of the foundation and supervises the finances. Several partners synchronise their agendas and activities in the programme council of Prince's Festival.

Prince's partners and friends

Many institutions, funds, authorities and companies support the festival, among others Boschuyzen Foundation, Diligentia and PePijn theatres, the Senate, Fund 1818, Gasunie, the municipality of The Hague, Gemeentemuseum - Escher in het Paleis, Haagsche Kluis, Kloosterkerk, Koninklijke Schouwburg, Montesquieu Institute, Het Nationale Toneel, Nederlandsche Maatschappij voor Nijverheid en Handel, international media centre Nieuwspoor, Pathé Buitenhof, ProDemos, the partner province, Pulchri Studio, Rabobank and Sociëteit De Witte. Additionally, many friends support Prince's Festival financially or in kind.

Prince's Festival's media partners are: Elsevier, Den Haag Centraal, Groene Amsterdammer, RTL, and daily newspapers Trouw and NRC Handelsblad.



Committee of recommendation

Prince's Festival's Committee of Recommendation is chaired by Gerdi Verbeet, former chairwoman of the House of Representatives. The other members of the committee are: Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Royal commissioner in the province Overijssel), Theo Bovens (governor in the province Limburg), John Jorritsma (Royal commissioner in the province Fryslân), Sywert van Lienden (initiator G500), Paul van Vliet (comedian), Jouke de Vries (dean Campus Fryslân RUG), Wim Willems (professor from The Hague), and the chairmen of the Parliamentary Press Association, the professional association for communication Logeion and the professional association for Public Affairs.

Support Prince's Festival

Prince's Festival would not exist without the support it receives from the many volunteers, friends, Prince's and media partners, funds, institutions, authorities and companies. Support remains welcome. The foundation's board is always eager to get into touch with people that foster sympathy for this celebration of democracy. More information on this and on the festival in general can be found on our website:

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