



# GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14  
[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



## GrowOP! Festival 2019

### English info on the website:

<https://growopfestival.com/english>

### Welcome to the GrowOP! Festival

International opera festival in Aarhus, Denmark, September 19-24, 2019

Welcome to the GrowOP! Festival, an international opera festival for families and children aged 0-14. The Festival will take place in Aarhus, Denmark.

You can find information about the full programme and the performances presented at the festival by using the link above. The festival venues are 5 minutes walk from the main train station in Aarhus:

Enjoy the exciting performances of opera and music theatre, created specifically for children. The Exploratorium (Experimentariet) – a free, creative playground for the whole family. Relax in the Festival Pavilion and enjoy food and drink, and maybe a pop-up concert.

Enjoy the festival area around the Concert Hall (Musikhuset Aarhus) with Filuren, Rytmisk Sal and the park (Musikhusparken) – and the Brobjerg Complex with the Children's Culture Centre, dance theatre, Bora Bora, the Festival Tent in the yard and the special Glass Container.

For international visitors we recommend attending the Seminar "Making Sense Across Borders" on September 19<sup>th</sup> and Dinner & Sharing – a facilitated sharing workshop with food for all the participating theatres, artists and international guests.

Tickets for shows must be purchased, The Exploratorium is free.

Ticket price for public performances: DKK 75.

### Contact for international visitors:

Birgitte Holt Nielsen  
Festival Director  
Den Jyske Opera/Danish National Opera  
Email. [bhn@jyske-opera.dk](mailto:bhn@jyske-opera.dk)

Tel: +45 23 64 26 13



# GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14

[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



DEN JYSKE  
OPERA

## Performances

September 19-24, 2019

**HeartBeat** (HjerteLyd) is an invitation into a playful musical landscape where we delight in the joy of making music with our young audiences. Age 0-2½.

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/hjertelyd-0-2-%C3%A5r/>

**The Goodnight Opera** (Godnat, Sol)

One day the Sun decides that it doesn't want to go to bed. How can we convince the Sun to resume its course? By playing some music, reading a book, taking it to the opera? We'll do it all and see what happens.

Age 2-4.

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/godnat-sol-2-4-%C3%A5r/>

**The Ugly Duckling** (Den grimme ælling)

Meet Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale about the duckling that is treated so badly for being different from the other ducklings. But in this version it stands out from the other singing animals because of its talent for dancing.

Age 4-8.

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/den-grimme-aelling-4-8-%C3%A5r/>

**ABC** (Knud Romers ABC)

Your senses will hop, skip and jump as you enjoy this artful, educational alphabet safari based on Knud Romer's poetic, alphabetical fables and the letters jumbled into fascinating new combinations.

Age 7+

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/knud-romers-abc-fra-7-%C3%A5r/>

**Where are you, Proserpine** (Hvor er du, Proserpin)

"Where are you, Proserpine?" Is a mythological story about how the seasons were created, a Rococo opera about responsibility, love and respect – told from the child's perspective.

Age 8+

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/hvor-er-du-proserpin-fra-8-%C3%A5r/>

**The Judgement of the Völva** (Vølvens Dom)

A Nordic opera about the state of the planet, and the opportunities we are given if we choose to care about one another and all the species on the planet; to let hope prevail over anxiety.

Age 9+

More info in Danish: <https://growopfestival.com/kalender/v%C3%B8lvens-dom-fra-9-%C3%A5r/>



# GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14  
[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



## Exploratorium (Experimentarier)

Will be open in the weekend September 20.-21.

HjerteRummet/The HeartLounge	Relaxation, quiet music, baby-changing facilities as well as space for older siblings	Age 0-2½
GodnatRummet/ The Good Night Room	We create cuddly objects and small suns – and compose special lullabies for you to take home	Age 2-4
ScenografiRummet/The Set Design Workshop	Set design models in small boxes	From age 6
InstrumentRummet/The Music Room	Compose and play an animal – with two professional musicians	Age 4-10
ABCRummet/The ABC Room	Treasure hunt for things starting with A, B, C etc.	From age 5
KoloKostRummet/The ColoraCost Room	Dress up in costumes and sing like a true Rococo Mozart singer	From age 6
Klimakampen/The Climate Struggle	Climate pictures and Climate Stomp workshops in the Glass Container (outside the Children's Culture Centre)	From age 9



## GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14

[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



DEN JYSKE  
OPERA

## Food and Drinks – in the Festival Pavilion (FestivalTeltet)

Chill out in the Festival Pavilion in the old school playground at Brobjerg (next to the Concert Hall, Musikhuset), where you can buy food and drink or just relax. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to experience a pop-up concert or other surprises.

You can also buy food and drink at Café Johan R. in the Concert Hall, Musikhuset Aarhus.

Or take a break in the old playground or in the park nearby.

### About the city of Aarhus:

#### Aarhus, second city in Denmark

A vibrant mix of youthful energy and a living history is what makes Aarhus a city with an energetic beat. In Aarhus, when we say walking distance, we really do mean walking distance.

Experience renowned internationally attractions when you are in Aarhus: The Open Air Museum Den Gamle By (The Old Town) which has 3 stars in The Michelin Guide and ARoS Aarhus Art Museum with Your rainbow panorama on top – right next to the Concert Hall (Musikhuset Aarhus).

*"... Aarhus offers all the hygge (and Nordic cuisine) along with one of the most exciting design scenes on the continent." The New York Times Style Magazine*

Read more about Aarhus here: <https://www.visitaarhus.com/en-int/denmark/tourist-in-aarhus>



# GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14

[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



## About the GrowOP! Festival

### Vision

The vision of GrowOP! is of a cutting-edge rethinking of opera as a genre and concept in collaboration with children and young people as audience and participants. GrowOP! wants to support an artistic movement that crosses borders and creates a new opera language across nationalities.

### History and ownership

GrowOP! 2019 builds on the good results and solid experiences from 2017, when the festival was selected as a strategic project as part of Aarhus 2017 – European Capital of Culture, and won Danish Radio's P2 Prize for Innovation of the Year 2018. Because of the successful festival in 2017, the high demand and the artistic developmental potential, the festival will continue as a biennial as a permanent part of the Danish National Opera's seasonal programme. As part of the 2017 Aarhus European Capital of Culture programme the 2017 festival had a strong European dimension. In 2019 the format and profile have been further developed in an artistically more cross-disciplinary and interactive direction, at the same time as having a considerably greater focus on a Nordic profile but still with close connections to Europe. The Artistic Director of the Festival is Birgitte Holt Nielsen, who has 30 years' experience of performing, writing, producing and developing opera for young audiences – for the past 20 years at the Danish National Opera as Producer of Children's Opera.

**The following companies are presenting shows at the festival:** Den Jyske Opera (Danish National Opera), Malmö Operan (Opera Verkstan), Holland Opera, Saum Nordic Opera, BaggårdTeatret / sART DanseTeater / Den Fynske Opera, AllMighty Productions.

**Supported by:** Region Midtjylland, Aarhus Municipality.

**International partners:** Reseo, Opera Europe, Fedora



# GrowOP! Festival 2019

International Festival for children aged 0-14

[www.growopfestival.com](http://www.growopfestival.com)



## The Danish National Opera is behind the GrowOP! Festival

**The Danish National Opera (Den Jyske Opera)** has a great deal of experience of producing touring operas for young audiences all over Denmark. We are supported by the Danish Ministry of Culture and the Municipality of Aarhus, are based in Aarhus and tour the whole of Denmark with both traditional and innovative opera for all ages and for opera-lovers as well as 'opera virgins'. Formats range from large-scale main-stage performances to small, experimental shows. Since 1947 the Danish National Opera has worked passionately and professionally with the creation and production of opera performances at the highest international level. Read more about the Danish National Opera at <https://jyske-opera.dk/en>

### **DR P2 PRIZE AWARDED TO GrowOP!**

The 2018 DR P2 Prize from the Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR) for Innovation of the Year went to the GrowOP! Festival.

"It is with great joy and gratitude that I have received the news that GrowOP! Festival has received the P2 Prize for Innovation of the Year. To be awarded precisely this prestigious prize is a great acknowledgement of the idea of creating Denmark's first big opera festival for children – an idea that arose in my opera heart more than five years ago. It has been an incredible process to develop this project alongside good partners, and finally to be able to realize it in a way that has proved that opera really can do something special together with its audience – of the smallest children as well as young people and adults," says Birgitte Holt Dueholm, Producer of Children's Opera at the Danish National Opera and the woman behind the conception of the festival.