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Espoo City Theatre presents *Fight Night*, an international box office smash hit, that invites audiences to participate and decide who makes it to the next round; rumble in Louhisali at the end of January.

In *Fight Night*, Belgian theatre performance group **Ontroerend Goed** examines the fundamentals of democracy. Five actors face each other over five rounds. Questions are put to the audience and answers are given by using a voting device found on each seat. To remain on stage, actors must curry favour and win over voters by successfully surfing the emerging public opinion. In this interactive performance, actors are knocked out one by one.

The work interrogates the prevailing conditions of politics and reflects on whether democracy has a future. It invites audience members to critically examine their role in political decision making. How easily you are won over, and with which promises?

*Who will you vote for?*

Ontroerend Goed is an artistic collective known for its innovative work reshaping the form and content of artistic performance. *Fight Night* introduces Finnish audiences to a novel way of thinking about theatre and gives the patrons an opportunity to test their limits. The show is performed in English. NB. Surtitles are not provided as content evolves based on audience vote.

“A cross between Big Brother and an Italian general election”. ★★★★★ The Independent

“C’est Impressionnant.” ★★★★★ De Morgen

★★★★ Time Out

Director Alexander Devriendt, script Alexander Devriendt and Angelo Tijssens in cooperation with the company. On stage Aaron Gordon, Angelo Tijssens, Aurélie Lannoy, Bas Vandendriessche, Julia Ghysels and Max Wind.

Ontroerend Goed collective: <http://www.ontroerendgoed.be>

Instagram: @ontroerend\_goed

Performance trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hHBllw3wA>

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**Espoo Cultural Centre, Louhisali on Fri Jan 31 at 7pm and on Sat Feb 1 at 1pm.**

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