



NORDIC LARP CONFERENCE
PREVIEWS

The program and how to read it

The following pages gives you a preview of every program item planned for Knudepunkt 2015 - at least all the stuff we knew about before the deadline for print. Once again, thank you so much to each and every contributor. We love you.

And before you delve in, here are some quick instructions:

- The program items are listed by starting time and secondly in alphabetical order
- Items will always end 15 minutes before next block starts, so you can get to the next item on time
- Almost no items require signup, but many have limited space, and it's first come, first served

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Thursday 19:00

A Town in Denmark

Game - Best of Denmark - Blackbox Cph
Thursday 19:00 - 00:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Author: Nicolai Strøm Steffensen

A town in Denmark where a terrible tragedy took place. The local community is fighting to stay together when the story about 7-year-old Louise Jespersen is primetime news across the country, putting this little nowhere town on the map. Who can you trust, when no one knows who did it?

Play it if: You want to play an intense drama based on characters, relations and intrigues.

Ars Marte - How to Make a Close Combat Fight Be About the Feelings?

Inspirational - Workshop
Thursday 19:00 - 21:00 in The Octagon, Gymnasiet

Host: Johan Lundby

Ars marte is a method to help players explore feelings in situations which physical concerns or restrictions might make impossible without some form of moderation. The objective is not to resolve the outcome of combat but rather to fight, albeit safely. In this workshop we explore and work through the basics of the technique and try out some possible game applications. Wear clothes you can move around in comfortably and some water bottles.

Body Image, Body Shaming and Larp

Inspirational - Talk
Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Host: Shoshana Kessock

While international standards of beauty may change, the way our bodies impact LARPs is huge. Whether it be casting or interaction, cultural capital or the perception of our characters, we will discuss the fundamental role our bodies take as parts in LARP and the stigmas, shames, and issues that come up as a result.

Character Writing Workshop

Inspirational - Workshop

Thursday 19:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Erlend Eidsem Hansen, Charles Bo Nielsen

Running you through the workshop made for the Larpwriter Summer School. It will be tough and pressure your creative minds to the maximum. Hopefully also fun and give you some good tools for creating and getting to actually write the characters.

Fifteen Men

Game - Best of Denmark - Fastaval

Thursday 19:00 - 00:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Authors: Simon Steen Hansen, Anders Troelsen, Niels Jensen

Fifteen pirates are traveling towards Tortuga with a mighty treasure. All of them are trying to outscheme the others and be the last man standing. A scenario with intrigue, boardgame mechanics and fourteen gruesome deaths.

Play it if: You want to see firsthand how board game mechanics and a gamist agenda can contribute to a great roleplaying experience.

First Timer's Guide

Fundamentals - Talk

Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: Jonas Trier-Knudsen & The Fundamentals

The first talk of the Fundamentals-track will give you all you need to know

to be a part of the following three. We will cover the fundamental topics, terms and traditions of the Knudepunkt scene. The talk is aimed at first timers, but everyone is welcome.

Intellectual Property Law

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 19:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Host: Caroline Christiane Kasten Koren

This is a speedy introduction into the world of intellectual property (IP), specifically including copyright and trademark in an international context. As larp is growing as a medium and expanding into more professional contexts it is relevant to understand IP. The crash course will aim to give you a better understanding of how to: 1) Protect your own IP 2) Avoid violating the IP of others.

Opt In/Opt Out Design For Larp Safety

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 19:00 - 21:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Host: Johanna Koljonen

Play is always voluntary – it requires active consent not just at the beginning, but continuously. Based on years of structured safety talks in the Nordic community, this lecture suggests a practical attitude for thinking about individual, social and community safety in larp: not built on forbidding things, but on enabling real choice. The talk also touches risks we currently have no design solutions for, like exhausted, irresponsible organisers.

Prepshop

Co-creative - Workshop

Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in The Aula, Gymnasiet

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

The Prepshop is a collaborative space for planning co-creative sessions.

Come to The Prepshop if you want to participate - you don't need to have a specific idea. Read more about The Prepshop at page 20.

Putting Magic Back in Games

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Mads Havshøj, Troels Thylstrup

This talk is about creating larp magic with tech. We are making a game in the Dresden files world named Tusmørkets By (City of Twilight), and there will be magic. We will show some of our prototypes, how they are made and what they are for. We will also go through some future ideas and how to make simple or cool magic items. There will be TECHwords like: Arduino, GSM, RFI and, GPS module. There will also be LARPword likes: Bob the skull, Detect evil, Tracking spell, Talk to the dead and Summon spirit.

Roleplaying Related Research in Czech Academical Field

Inspirational - Three round burst

Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Josef Kundrat, Martin Buchtík, David František Wagner, Lukáš Brychta, Jakub Dolecek, Tomáš Hampejs

We will present all four roleplaying related ongoing projects which are currently held in the Czech academical field: [1.] Roleplaying simulations as a new methodological approach in social science research (Buchtík, Hampejs). [2.] Designing and running educational larps (Kundrat, Dolecek). [3.] Educational research in wider sense (Wagner). [4.] The immersive theatre with using game theories (Brychta).

Sensory Design in Larp

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 19:00 - 20:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Erik Pihl

Get better at exploiting the extra dimensions that larp has compared to film and theater: Design for stimulating all five senses. A talk on sensory design, how it has and could be applied to larp. Come and contribute with your ideas and experiences.

Universe Design Method

Inspirational - Workshop

Thursday 19:00 - 22:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Host: Jakob la Cour

Universe Design Method is a playful workframe that can be applied for larp worlds, physical game design and storytelling with focus on human experience. During the workshop participants are introduced to the method during a rapid prototype of a micro universe. The goal of the workshop is to be able to talk about universe design and have an actual experience of the basic components. Bring clothes for physically active co-creation.

Youth-larp Forum

Inspirational - Workshop

Thursday 19:00 - 22:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Host: Sindre T. Westgård

As in all recent Knudepunkts, youth-larp organizers and interested parties meet to exchange ideas and experiences in an informal forum where no question is too small. Edularps, "spare time-larps", commercial larps and others have been covered and resulted in both toolbox-lists, inspiring other larpwrights and making contacts. Come for yourself and see what this year's forum will bring!

Thursday 20:00

Bodies & Paint

Inspirational - Workshop

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Karolina Staël, Stina Almered

This is a workshop that teaches you how to express yourself with body paint. You will learn how to mix the body paint, how to connect paint with feelings and finally how to shower it all away. This technique is a good tool for building relations before a larp and can also serve as a technique during a larp. You will fingerpaint yourself and other participants. Bring bathing clothes or similar and a towel. The paint contains gluten.

From KP With Love

Social - Social event

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in The Bar

Hosts: Karoline Cleo Lærke Hatting, Emma Greve

Did you miss us? We have definitely missed you, and we have collected songs from KP-participants who have a special message for their friends - old as new. Thursday evening we'll be playing these sweet tunes for you. So come join in on the love and take the opportunity to tell your fellow KP-people how happy you are to see them!

Theory

Fundamentals - Talk

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: Jaakko Stenros & The Fundamentals

Is larp art? Are we adults playing a kid's games? Are we gamers gone culturally rogue? What makes the "magic circle" so damn magical? This talk takes you through the fundamentals of larp theory: A talk that dares to tell you how to think about larp.

Geas: The Pilgrimage

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Katarzyna Górka, Kamil Bartczak

Geas: The Pilgrimage was a 360 degree illusion larp at the Polish seaside. It was aimed at giving players a sense of spirituality and encourage to some universal thinking. The larp made some controversies because is used literal representations of every action, including sex, violence, nudity and psychoactive substances. Such elements were present in the game, but were treated as means to achieve maximal immersion. Player feedback suggests that it worked well.

Larp-Jacking - A New Weapon to the Artsy Horde

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Host: René Bokær

Larp-Jacking is a method, where you as a player can submit new rules to the larp. I will explain more about the method and you will probably learn that you already are part of this movement. And then I will tell you about the first time I truly Larp-Jacked.

Meet New People

Social - Get to know people

Thursday 20:00 - 22:00 in Narnia

Hosts: Miriam Lundqvist, Petter Karlsson, Sonja Schwarzenberger

Would you like to meet new people at Knudepunkt? No matter if you're a newcomer or been to every Knudepunkt before you are welcome to this playful mingle session. With small games, exercises and other tricks we will help you talk with people you don't yet know at Knudepunkt. The facilitators for this event will give you clear instructions for every exercise and every part of it is optional.

Pop-Up Candystore

Social - Social event

Thursday 20:00 - 22:00 in The Bazar

Host: Helene Willer Piironen

The pop-up candystore is culture exchange for the sweet tooth! Take a break from the serious discussions and taste candy from all around the globe. To make sure your country is represented, feel free to bring candy typical for your region, contributing to the candystore. There's always room for more candy!

Revelations of the Larp Census

Inspirational - Talk

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Host: Aaron Vanek

The first global larp census, which ran October 2014 to January 2015, received almost 30,000 responses from around the world. The overall findings will be presented for the first time, revealing many heretofore-unknown aspects about the live action role playing community. Expect this presentation to prompt more questions. After this talk you might be inspired to data delve and discover some of larp's hidden secrets, so all the census information is freely available at LarpCensus.org.

Watergames

Social - Social event - Pool

Thursday 20:00 - 21:00 in The Pool

Host: Tora de Boer

Come let's play with water! I wanna invite you to some playtime in the pool. It's all easy games, you might remember from your childhood. Only now, they take place in water which just makes them even more awesome! We are going to start in the shallow end, and then move to the deep end for the second half. In the deep end the ability to swim is required. If you are not worn out after this, I hope you will join me for waterpolo afterwards.

Thursday 21:00

Larp in Palestine

Social - Room party

Thursday 21:00 - 22:00 in Mordor

Hosts: Ane Anderson, Mohamad Rabah, Riham Kharroub

It's book-launching time! You may think it will be as boring as it sounds, but fortunately you are wrong. Our book "Birth of LARP in the Arab World" consists of documentation of humble experiences of larp in the Arab world with amusing pictures and a very creative design. It is a combination of reflections by Palestinians, Norwegians, Finns, and Palestinian refugees in Lebanon who organized or participated in LARP games, workshops, summer schools and festivals.

Project Presentation

Social - Social event

Thursday 21:00 - 23:00 in the Bazar Stage

Host: Juliane Mikkelsen

This is your chance to get updated on all the cool upcoming projects. Prepare to see your bank account weep when you find out how many larps you MUST attend the coming year! There will be several small five minutes presentations about different larps, books or other projects taking place in the coming year.

Tell Me About Your Character Booth

Social - Get to know people

Thursday 21:00 - 22:00 in The Bazar

Host: Lizzie Stark, Ane Anderson

Had an intense game experience recently? Need to get it off your chest? The Doctor is here to help! Tap the timer and you've got exactly two minutes to tell us about your character. We will be raptly fascinated and ask insightful questions. You will come away feeling crisp, refreshed, and ready for Knudepunkt. (Listening available in English, Norwegian, Danish, or mime).

Thursday 22:00

Kink Party

Social - Room party

Thursday 22:00 - 23:00 in Oz

Host: Melina Cunelius

Let's bring ropes and whips to beat us a party! Into fetish, bondage, shibari, S/M, dominance and submission or just kinky and queer? Whoever you are and whatever you are into - join the party!

Official Battle Of The Airbands

Social - Social event

Thursday 22:00 - 23:00 in The Bar

Hosts: Karoline Cleo Lærke Hatting, Emma Greve

Have you always dreamed about powergliding across a stage, guitar in hand but finding yourself lacking the necessary musical talent? We have a solution. We're going to find the ultimate airband heroes! All you need to do is collect a band of friends, foes or complete strangers and find the song you've always dreamt of performing. Get your dusty old airguitar out of the closet, bring your dancing shoes and join the official Knudepunkt Battle Of The Airbands! Sign up at the bar until Thursday at 18.00.

Thursday 22:30

D&D Speed Dating

Social - Get to know people

Thursday 22:30 - 23:30 in Nania

Host: Lizzie Stark, Gorge Locke

You know that awkward moment in the D&D campaign when you have to justify why the chaotic evil thief is hanging out with a lawful good paladin? This extremely short (45 min), light hearted larp provides the answer to just that question: speed dating. Whether you're a brand-new

vermin lord or an established hero, this game poem by US designer Marc Majcher will help you find the right quest.

Thursday 23:00

One Hour Room Rave Party!

Social - Room party

Thursday 23:00 - 24:00 in Mordor

Hosts: Stina Almered, Karolina Staël, Martin Jordö

Rave - Sweat - Glow Sticks - Psychoactive Music - Infected Mushrooms. Come and dance your clothes off! The Gothenburg Crew presents an hour of tri-psy Swestyle maxcore rave! Bring your rave gear and get lost in confusion. Peace, love, unity and respect! <3

Thursday 00:00

Knudepunkt TV

Social - Social event

Thursday 00:00 - 00:30 in The Bazar Stage

Hosts: Otto Channel and friends

Knudepunkt-TV is a sketch show made by a team from each of the four Scandinavian countries. Each team presents 5-7 minutes of sketches where they in a loving but teasing way make fun of LARP and RPG. Expect Nordic humour in all colors, so grab a beer or soda, find a seat and get ready for laughing your ass off. All sketches will be subtitled in English.

Friday 8:00

Morning Workout

Social - Social

Friday 8:00 - 9:00 in Narnia

Host: Carolina Dahlberg

Start your day with a workout inspired by yoga and pilates. Beginners will find the workout somewhat challenging and fit people will just get a nice warmup. The purpose is not to make you tired, but to give energy and focus.

Friday 10:00

Let's Get Offended!

Keynote - Rules

Friday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

Hanne Grasmø on being "krenkt" as a privilege. When larp is art- how free is the artists to offend? Do we need common norms, boundaries or rules to be sure the audience do not get hurt and to create an inclusive and equal playground? She will suggest how Charlie Hebdo's ideals, human rights and revolutionary (anti)art can apply to larping.

Hanne Grasmø: sociologist, pedagog, theatre instructor and writer. One of the markers of the first Knutepunkt (1997). Have tried to change our world through larps for two decades.

"I Enjoyed it, but I'm Not Sure it Was a Larp"

Keynote - Rules

Friday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

Can larps exist without precious elements like rules, culture building, or sentient characters? What illogical, and potentially risky, alternatives can be used to compose roleplaying situations that have nothing to do

with the problem solving logic of design and simulation? How can the community use sketching, group critique, and conceptual layering to avoid pre-generated and didactic content? I will attempt to confront these questions by presenting Larping with cadavers, collaborations with Mexican drug cartels, the rise and fall of the Anabaptist Kingdom of Münster, and maybe a little postmodern dance.

Brody Condon is an artist currently based in Berlin. Using a combination of progressive roleplay and group psychotherapy technique, Condon has created participatory performances such as Level Five, Future Gestalt, and To Prove Her Zeal. His work has been included in numerous museum, gallery, performance art festival, and public art exhibitions internationally since 2003.

Our Genre Can Beat Up Your Genre (And Your Genre Will Enjoy It)

Keynote - Rules

Friday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

All-round raconteur Jamie will look for the unspoken, hidden "rules" of Nordic larp, why we're drawn to them, and what it does to stories when you give them the Nordic larp treatment.

James Lorien MacDonald is a writer, stand-up comic, actor, performance artist, and larper based in Helsinki. He came to larp with the Walkabout project in collaboration with Aarni Korpela, and is also working with P. Leinonen on post-identity larp Identlos, and the extreme gender larp Between Steel & Glass with E. Wieslander and O. Nøglebæk.

Friday 11:00

2-player Yoga for Larpers

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Host: Ebba Petró

Welcome to a fake and fun yoga class! The workshop will mix elements from yoga and role play. Into the room we bring breathing, postures and instructions from yoga practice. We bring playfulness, interaction and situations from role play context. You'll practice a choreographic technique for shared stillness and presence. No yoga experience needed. Bring comfortable clothes.

Edularping and Special Needs

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Morten Kjærgaard Tellefsen

I have worked with edularping on Østerskov Efterskole for 7 years, with a focus on kids with special needs. It has been a fun and very bumpy ride. The talk will explain what we have learned, and give a chance to discuss what being a special-student in an edularping context means.

Folk Dance for Larp

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Host: Pierpaolo Vittoria

This workshop will deliver training in three simple folk dances of the broad anglo-french heritage (Chapelloise, Circassian circle, Virginia reel) putting an accent on the possibility to separate pattern from gesture and "reskin" the dance to suit the required setting. They should be adaptable in look & feel to a time span from middle age to wild west. Incidentally, they are great fun in real life too.

Key Works

Fundamentals - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: Johanna Koljonen & The Fundamentals

There is no right way to make larps. But some games have become more talked about and influenced more designers and players than others. This talk will flash you through a gallery of games that were all part of shaping Nordic larp. From American bomb shelters to schools of witchcraft and wizardry.

Larp-Agency: The Future of International Affairs

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Carl David Habbe, Jose Jacome, Fabrice Wauthy & Guest Stars
We focus on international, foremost europe larp associations and of course want to connect the local/national larp clubs. We want to be the FIFA for Larp but less evil. We want to share our ideas and plans with you. Of Course you will be invited to one or two of our own projects/events, like the first international Larp club Convention during 01-06.11.2016 on Malta.

Make Larp not War – Peacebuilding Initiatives for Syria

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Clara Biermann, Felix Sarrazin, Mohamad Rabah, Omar Saidyousef, Riad Mustafa, Tina Leipoldt

You might think there are a lot of things people would need much more urgently than somebody teaching them how to Larp in a conflict. Hence, when the needs are getting more severe, when families are separated by frontlines and public services have deteriorated – there is also a need to stimulate dialogue, to find new ways of expressing emotions and talk about the unspoken and find some mental relief.

Opps, I Did it Again - Courage, Faith and Post-it Notes

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Host: Cecilia Dolk

Cecilia Dolk is a productivity coach and producer. She will talk about almost everything but not "game design theory" but the practical part of doing a larp. Let's check on some mistakes and miscalculations she have done over the years, so you do not need repeat them. The focus is on learning by doing, logistics, being brave by making mistakes and having fun while doing it. But she will also touch on some of her best productivity ideas, tools and apps to make doing logistics easy, smooth and fun!

Playfulness, Play, and Larp

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Host: Jaakko Stenros

Play is older than language, culture or humans. Most animals with a spine play in some way, and it is even possible to engage in cross-species play. How do we get from this animal urge to play to complicated human creations like College of Wizardry or World of Warcraft? What is the relation between playfulness, art, exploration, and learning? What is the evolutionary function of play? And what can all this teach us about building larps? Game scholar Jaakko Stenros gives a lecture on his doctoral dissertation topic.

Prepshop

Co-creative - Workshop

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Host: Knudepunkt 2015

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The Forgotten Organizers

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Host: Juliane Mikkelsen

When you organize a larp it's usually a big project with a lot of tasks, and with a lot of people to do those tasks. But do we remember them all? How come we tend to forget those who did the small, less rockstar jobs? Juliane facilitates a discussion on how we can challenge and change this phenomenon.

The Noon Project: Socializing Orphans via Larps

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Host: Anna Konovalenko

Our program is currently being held in three Russian cities and includes about 15 different larps that teach teenagers communication, cooperation and other social skills. We are going to tell you about the program and demonstrate some of the games we have created, show photos and videos and discuss the question of larps in education. I hope to share experience from creating the larps, distributing them to non-larpers and coping with local authorities.

Why You Should Include People - and How You Do it

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Frederik Nissen, Paul Dahl Sinding, Signe Feldstein, Gustav Eliasson, Lukas Sonne Lunø

Including people in your organization is important, but how do you make sure that they stay around? In this talk, we will share our experiences being the included people - or hangarounds as we are called. We are going to tell you about the pros and cons of being a hangaround, how you make them feel welcome, and most importantly what influence your

behavior have on us. All of this will be told through the eyes of five young hangarounds from Rollespilsfabrikken in Denmark.

Friday 12:00

Co-creative Sessions

Co-creative - Session

Friday 12:00 - 13:00 in The Aula, Gymnasiet

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

The full program for each block of co-creative sessions will be presented in The Aula 15 minutes before they begin. Come by, take your pick and join the co-creative madness. Read more about the Co-creative sessions at page 19 or go to www.program.knudepunkt.org to see the newest additions.

Friday 13:00

World's End

Game - Best of Denmark - Fastaval

Friday 13:00 - 18:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Author: Nina Runa Essendrop

The world is ending and there is nothing anyone can do about it. Three lost and lonely people take on a last journey to find themselves and come to terms with their lives. A poetic and surreal scenario where silence is as important as speaking.

Play it if: You want a heartfelt experience and is not afraid to draw on your own emotions when you roleplay.

Animus

Game - Best of Denmark - Blackbox Cph

Friday 13:00 - 18:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Authors: Carolina Dahlberg, Karl Ytterberg

This larp is a spin-off of the Assassins Creed video games. The story takes place in Sweden, Denmark and Norway, telling the story about known and unknown individuals playing significant parts in some historical turning points.

Play it if: You enjoy transparent and collaborative play, serious themes and epic and action packed storylines.

Friday 14:00

Birth of Larp in the Arab World

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Mohamad Rabah, Ane Marie Anderson, Hilda Levin

"Birth of Larp in the Arab World" is the first book about Larp in Arabic and English. Come hear the editors of the book talk about the process of documenting the Larp scene in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. In this historical moment for the Nordic Larp we will give and discuss some sneak previews of the book, and talk about what results you get when you ask fresh communities of young Larpers to write about the things they find important in Larp and life

Designing Larps in the Czech Republic - Mosaics of Interesting Stuff

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Martin Buchtík, David František Wagner, Kamil Buchtík, Jindrich Mašek, Michal Havelka, Jakub Balhar, Josef Kundrát, Tereza Stanková, Jakub Dolecek, Jakub Trizuljak, Martin Bezdícek, Tomáš Dulka
"Mama always said designing larp was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." We will present interesting and specific larp design practices, mechanics and thoughts from several

close-to-Nordic-larp-style pieces made in the the Czech Republic. Our box chocolates contains 20 carefully selected design features to provide an inspiration. Each of them will take up to two minutes.

Electronics for Larp from Russia

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Vasily Zakharov, Gennady Kruglov

A larp can be made better, different and more beautiful if you could develop electronic devices specifically for that larp. That's exactly what we do, beauty and wonder is our credo. We will talk about the possibilities custom-made electronics may give you as a larp organizer, and show some examples like musical Armllets from recent "Ticket to Atlantis" larp.

Design

Fundamentals - Talk

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: Eirik Fatland & The Fundamentals

We engineer the social. We create imagined worlds. We are larp designers. Over the years we have developed both the common tools and specialized techniques of our field. This talk walks you through the fundamentals all larp creators need to know: From character styles to spatial understanding.

Handling Real Life Depression in Larp

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Host: Nathan Hook

An opportunity for people with experience of real life depression to discuss the issue together, particularly in respect to larp. Possible topics include ways to manage depression when it strikes during a larp event,

experiences of making disclosure to fellow players and organizers, and how to avoid in-game sadness from triggering a depressive episode. While the focus is on depression as a very common condition, mention of other mental health conditions is welcome. An agreement of confidentiality from those present is expected.

Is it Necessary to Control Every Aspect of a Larp?

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Gert Hansen, Kirsten Hageleit

Gert Hansen will be talk about only controlling small aspects of a larp and let the players decide where to go with it and explain his thoughts behind minimal control and why it makes for a much more enjoyable experience.

Kirsten Hageleit will talk about how players step forward to fill in when larpwrights and larp organizers step back. Kirsten pushed back against the common American notion that larps are games first, experiences second, and that story is what happens to players, not the other way around.

Money Stuff in Projects - an Introduction

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Host: Astrid S. Andersen

Would you like to be able to do financial management? Or have you often wondered what the organizer in charge of economy is actually doing in-between meetings? I'll give a basic introduction to budget planning and financial management for smaller or larger projects, based on my own experience.

Physicality Based Character Work Through Gabrielle Roth's 5 Rhythms

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Host: Jannick Raunow

We will dance. Through Gabrielle Roth's five rhythms, we will work with the movement based archetypes: Legato, Staccato, Chaos, Lyrical and Silence. Legato is directional flow, light and ease. Staccato is non-flow, quick and start/stop. Chaos is non-directional flow, power and everything at once. Lyrical is upwards, joy and life. Silence is non-movement movement, quiet and unseen. Grounded in physical sense-memory these can be used for larp character work. And we will dance.

Rejection: Clash of Personalities

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Host: Blaz Branc

When a player in your larp rejects the assigned character (either by saying so out loud or by freezing out/becoming passive during play), we can call it Rejection. This talk aims to find ways of dealing with Rejection, instead of avoiding it altogether. Preparing the players for 'difficult' roles might lead to a higher reward of play, as opposed to just letting players stick to their usual comfort-zone characters.

Representing Racial and Cultural Diversity in Larps - a Practical Approach

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Tor Kjetil Edland, Lizzie Stark, Kat Jones, Tereza Stanková, Tomáš Dulka, Liselle Angelique Krog Awwal

Larp designers giving examples of different ways they have worked with representing racial and cultural diversity in their games. Kat Jones

will talk about race, racism, and inclusion in American indie roleplaying games. Tereza Stanková and Tomáš Dulka will talk about have they worked with Native American and African American characters for the Czech larp Hells on Wheels. Liselle Angelique Krog Awwal will talk about the College of Wizardry from a player perspective.

Østerskov Efterskole

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Jeppe Aanæs Steensen

At Østerskov Efterskole we have been working with different variations of edularp for almost nine years. Each week a different narrative with different educational goals. During this talk Jeppe Aanæs Steensen will explain the basics behind constructing edularps on a weekly scale and comment on the challenges we met over the years. There will be elements of workshop and of course time to answer all of your questions.

Friday 15:00

Spacial Design for Interaction

Keynote - Rooms

Friday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

In this talk Signe Hertel will introduce us to some of the possibilities within spatial design to manage our players and how the physical framework can influence the behavior of the players and amplify the feelings of intimacy and conflict.

Signe Hertel graduated from the Royal Academy's school of Architecture in 2014 and works in the political, practical and poetic fields of architecture in a visionary Danish architectural firm. She has for several years been interested in the interplay between spatial design and game

design and has begun to introduce new ways of working in this field in the Danish larp scene.

The Chamberlarp Revolution

Keynote - Rooms

Friday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

The chamberlarp scene has seen a tremendous development over the past five years. Partly by borrowing from other art expressions such as theater, dance and performance. Partly by moving out of scenario-specific locations and into the black box. How did this happen and what does it mean for the genre in terms of recognition, spreading of ideas and public outreach?

Martin Nielsen is a larp designer and project organizer from Oslo, Norway. He is the manager of Alibier AS, a company working with participatory learning methods, including roleplays. He has been part of the teams running Fantastiforbundet's larp projects in Belarus, Palestine and Lebanon, and is one of the organizers of The Larpwriter Summer School and the international larp festival Grenselandet.

What You See Is Still What You Get

Keynote - Rooms

Friday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

"A larp is physical life within a fictitious framework. It's player-driven creative chaos in awesome costumes. Rules beyond rudimentary safety are frowned upon." That's the kind of larp I grew up on. Boy do I feel old. Today we discuss our events as "games" with a heavy focus on dramatic mechanics. What do we lose when adopting this model of thinking? Who do we exclude? What factors in making a larp great do we tend to overlook these days? Is there a case to be made for an "Old School Renaissance" in larp?

Martin Ericsson aka. Elricsson is the author of dozens of larps, transmedia stories and pedagogical games including Carolus Rex, Hamlet and Monitor Celestra. His passion is transforming larp from being a tiny subculture into being seen as an accepted part of human culture. Martin is currently busy trying to save one of his favorite fictional universes.

Friday 16:00

A Problem of Actual Choice in Game-World

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Alexey Semenov, Olga Vorobyeva

How to make a choice of the character in the game-world situations more actual, credible, natural, familiar and personal? And how to avoid the situations when the choice looks unnatural forced or depended on out-of-character reasons? In this talk, some formal game mechanic and content larp design steps for solutions founded on experience from Russian larps are submitted for your consideration.

De la Bête : 95 Novels in One Larp

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Host: Lucie Chlumská

De la Bête is a larp for 95 players. Each character's story was meant to be like one French novel. We would like to share our experience from writing the De la Bête larp, especially from the making of characters and stories. How did we design the game without one unified plot but with 95 unique stories? How did we write the characters and over 100 plots for them? And in the end, how did we cast the players for the characters to provide them with the best fit for their needs?

Edularp About Science

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Josefin Westborg

A lot of the time, we at LajVerkstaden, get the question about how to do edularps that are not about history or social science. Most people can see how it can be effective to experience how it was to be a viking if you're trying to learn about how the vikings lived. When it comes to physics and chemistry it gets harder. We don't think so! Here we will tell you about "The mystery at the science academy" a steampunk larp with some inspiration from Harry Potter.

Larping for Peace

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Host: Tindra Englund

Larping can be a rewarding and amazing experience. But have you ever wondered if it could be a tool for something even more epic? What about world peace? In this talk I will try to introduce the concept of larp as a tool for conflict transformation and why I believe it might work. You will get to learn some about peacebuilding and conflict transformation and hopefully understand how these theories could overlap with the theories and experiences of larp, not least in Ramallah, Palestine.

Larp in Preset Fictional Worlds

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Lise Hannesdatter Rasmussen, Shoshana Kessock, Ann Kristine Eriksen

On playing larp in well-known existing fictional worlds, such as the Dresden Files, Warhammer and Harry Potter universes, from the perspectives of player and organizer.

Practical Larp Design at College: A Game Worth the Candle

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Host: Michal Mochocki

Hear the story of rpg and larp design lab I taught last year: part of GAMEDEC: Game Studies & Design major within 2nd Gen Humanities BA (gamedec.ukw.edu.pl). Think of the use of larp design in the teaching of humanities and social sciences. See the value of this skill for employment and career. Yes, the game is worth the candle!

Prepshop

Co-creative - Workshop

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Host: Knudepunkt 2015

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Steering For Emotions

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Host: Mike Pohjola

How to cry more at larps? Practical examples of steering yourself towards hardcore emotional experiences in larps.

The Emotions in Your Physics

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday at 16:00 - 17:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Host: Mikkel Funch Brunberg

We will pin-point physical qualities in your body, that can help you build a character you can relate to - with recognizable, and easily accessible emotions. Your body stores emotions and instant reactions as physical

tensions. We will work on being aware of these tensions, and how to approach and use them deliberately. Different body focus triggers different emotions. Afterwards I'll suggest add-ons on how to use this for creating a character from a picture or a que word.

Tickets to Ride. How to Decide Who's Gonna Play?

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Host: Hanne Grasmø

Three experienced Nordic larp organizers will give you different points of view on how to do larp casting. Sofia Stenler/Frida Gamero (Last Will): "Randomizing – the Fair way to Play". Bjarke Pedersen (Pan, Inside Hamlet): "Invitation Only - the Directors Choice". Margrete Raaum (KoiKoi, 1942): "Inclusivity, and How to Deal with Unwanted Players".

To Be a Novice and an Enthusiastic Grown-up – How to Become a Contributor

Inspirational - Talk

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Host: Carina Enggård

This will be a personal tale of the journey into the fascinating universe of larp; about being new in the community as a grown woman with a minimum of knowledge of this new world. About trying to learn what is to be learned, and not knowing much about larping, but trying to change that. I am also curious as to what we can do to make it easier for newcomers like me in the future. The talk will be followed by a Co-Creation workshop, where I hope you'll share and develop ideas.

Zombie Makeup

Inspirational - Workshop

Friday 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Stine Duch, Jesper Lillie

Jesper and Stine will show you how to do a zombie make up with simple use of latex. The point is to show how easy it is for everyone to work with latex and give ideas for different uses. Jesper is one of the people who usually do the zombie makeup for for the ethical survival larp "Odense Zombie Live" and also for the Danish "Odense Zombie Festival" in May. The Festival is a new urban project mainly set up by roleplayers and is now running for the second year.

Miss Dahl - Winner Scenario of Dutch Larpwriter Challenge

Social - Game

Friday 16:00 - 19:00 in OZ

Host: Jip Philips

In 'Miss Dahl' players are children who have to determine what happened to their teacher. For children the world is still a place of mystery, wonder and possibility but... is it really? A game about experiencing childhood and what happens to you when you grow up. The game emphasizes the social critics of killing the imagination in school systems in order to make children more competitive. For players 6-15 players.

Friday 17:00

Co-creative Sessions

Co-creative - Session

Friday 17:00 - 19:00 in The Aula, Gymnasiet

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

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Friday 19:00**Disco Pool Party**

Social - Social event - Pool

Friday 19:00 - 21:00 in The Pool

Host: Natascha Lerche-Jensen, Dan Kierkegaard

We offer you a once in a lifetime opportunity to get your groove on in your most fashionable bathing outfit - it is time for a Disco Pool Party! The pool will turn into an extravagant dance club with funky music and an out of this world lightshow! This party is only for 120 minutes, so make sure you reserve a spot in your busy schedule now and we'll see you on the flipside!

Friday 19:30**Nail Polish Extravaganza**

Social - Get to know people

Friday 19:30 - 20:30 in Narnia

Host: Lizzie Stark, Dominika Kovacova, Sarah Lynne Bowman, Elin Nilsen, Vilhelmine Ozolina

Come to meet new people, and leave with an awesome manicure! At this party, we'll paint each others' nails, make urbane small talk, and of course, answer any questions you've got about the convention or life in general, including whether 'gritty grey cyborg' or 'gender-bending pink' is more "you." Join us if you want to paint, be painted, or just look on with curiosity. We'll have some nail supplies on hand, but encourage you to bring a favorite shade or two.

Friday 20:00**PlexiGlass**

Game - Best of Denmark - Fastaval

Friday 20:00 - 00:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Author: Morten Jaeger

Five actors and a visionary director are working on a new play. They rehearse it during the scenario and in the end only one of the actors will get the main part. An immersive scenario with a merciless intrigues and competition between the characters.

Play it if: You want an intense experience with more than one layer of fiction.

Tour de Denmark

Social - Social event

Friday 20:00 - 22:00 in The Bar

Hosts: Karoline Cleo Lærke Hatting, Emma Greve

We've made a special movie just for you! Let the bar take you on a guided tour through Denmark. There'll be games, music and special offers for every city we visit. So if you missed A Week or simply can not get enough of Denmark - don't worry! We've got your back. Tour De Danmark is best served with a big amount of sarcasm and love.

White Death

Game - Best of Denmark - Blackbox Cph

Friday 20:00 - 00:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Authors: Nina Runa Essendrop, Simon Steen Hansen

A group of pioneers once set out with the aim of creating a new society. Life in the mountains turned out to be too hard and one by one, the snow embraced them, giving them silence, peace and warmth. A non-verbal larp that emphasizes physical expression. Music by Tom Waits, Nick Cave and Johnny Cash sets the tone.

Play it if: You want a beautiful and poetic experience that guides you through feelings like anger, sorrow, fear, unity and closeness.

Friday 21:00

Butoh Dance Class

Social - Social event

Friday 21:00 - 22:00 in Narnia

Host: Melina Cunelius

Come and try Butoh, a Japanese dance theater focusing more on the movement itself rather than choreography. The music may sway, shake or push you around. We start with light image work and controlled movement. Then the class goes progressively to darker images and wild movement. You will practice letting go of controlling your body and just letting it move to the music.

SK2016: We're on a Boat!?

Social - Room party

Friday 21:00 - 22:00 in Mordor

Hosts: SK2016 organizer team

(*Note: Read this aloud with a heavy FINNish accent:*)

Are you ready for another legendary Finnish room-party? The Solmukohta 2016 team will take you on a tour to the heart of Finnish maritime experience, marinated with tax free vodka and music from the Finnish tundra to bring out the most Finnish of feelings - deep sad melancholy. There is vodka. Invitation is open!

Friday 22:00

Open Mic Night

Social - Social event

Friday 22:00 - 00:00 in The Bazar Stage

Hosts: Juliane Mikkelsen, Claus Raasted.

Thinking about singing a song, doing a few jokes or making a rabbleroising speech? The Open Mic is a for everyone at Knudepunkt.

Humor is a must, experience isn't. Hosted by your all time favorite rockstar duo.

The Meowtain

Social - Room party

Friday 22:00 - 23:00 in Oz

Hosts: Agata Lubanska

Feel tired after all this larp talking? Come to this little cuddle party, The Meowtain. There will be people lying in piles, hugging each other and in many ways sharing intimacy (in non-sexual way, though!). We want to create a space in which you can chill for a moment and at the same time relax, break the ice with other people, build up your self-confidence. Sounds interesting? You are welcome to bring a blanket or a pillow and join us in your comfy clothes.

Friday 00:00

How to Get "Lagom" Drunk at Larps

Social - Social event

Friday 00:00 - 01:00 in Narnia

Host: Karolina Staël

Cost: 50 DKK

The Gothenburg Crew teaches you how to build up your larp drunkenness before, during and after a larp. Do you want to be able to drink modern alcohol even though you're at a fantasy larp? We can teach you how to hide it.

This workshop is not mainly about getting drunk. It's about handling alcohol at larps. You will test different practical ways to carry alcohol and how to not let it overshadow your larping. You will also learn how to be creative about your drinking. The workshop will cost 50 DKK.

Just a Little Lovin' One Hour Room Party!

Social - Room party

Friday 00:00 - 01:00 in Room Oz

Hosts: Flemming Jacobsen featuring DJ Tor Kjetil Edland

Party like it's the 80s all over again!

Join us and experience a bit of the magic from the larp "Just a Little Lovin'". You don't need to have played the game to be there. We love 80's costumes, but you don't have to bring one.

Saturday 08:00

Morning Workout

Social - Social event

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 in Narnia

Host: Carolina Dahlberg

Start your day with a workout inspired by yoga and pilates. Beginners will find the workout somewhat challenging and fit people will just get a nice warmup. The purpose is not to make you tired, but to give energy and focus.

Saturday 10:00

You Cannot Into Me

Keynote - Roles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

How can anyone convincingly pretend to be someone else? Could your neighbor be you? And if we can't be our neighbors, then what - exactly - are the "roles" we are playing? How can that thought experiment make us better role-players and better character designers?

Eirik Fatland, who will answer these questions and more, has been attending Knutepunkts since 1997, co-designed numerous experimental

larps (e.g. Europa, PanoptiCorp, Koikoi), and travelled the world writing and lecturing on larp design.

The Relationship Between Blayer Identity and Character Traits

Keynote - Roles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

How can we build reflection around this relationship into the process of creating characters for our games? And how solid are our alibis when we play characters which identities exist in the real world?

Tor Kjetil Edland is an experienced Norwegian larp designer. He has been one of the organizers of the last three Norwegian Knutepunkts. New Voices in Art, Mad about the Boy, Just a Little Lovin' and Koikoi are some of the larps he has been one of the creators of.

The Player's Side of Life

Keynote - Roles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

There might be many great ways of designing and creating characters, but when push come to shove, it is the players that makes them come alive. In a conversation, Josefin Westborg and Oliver Nøglebæk will touch upon the finer details of reading, finding, creating and playing believable characters, and talk about what works and what do not, when getting material from the designers.

Oliver Nøglebæk is a larper, larpwright and architect. In that order. He has been part of the Blackbox trend from the start and an expert at the Larpwriters Summer School every summer and loves larps that hurt in the feels.

Josefin Westborg have larped most genres for 14 years. Today she works full time with larp at LajvVerkstaden. She likes to play characters that pushes her slightly out of her comfort zone.

Saturday 11:00

A Lion's Game

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Host: Marije Baalman

A game of personal horror. Purpose of the game is the experience and immersion into the character, aiming for bleed. Co-creation at the basis of the game and character design. Only that which is played out live is of importance. The inner conflicts of the characters are the cause for interpersonal conflicts and resulting politics. Personal stories of tragedy are lived through, both the highs and the lows: Vampire: Akheron. The methods proposed can also be used for other settings.

College of Wizardry - 45 minutes of magic

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: The CoW Team

The main organizers of College of Wizardry would like to present thoughts on different parts of the project - from gender roles to soup being soup

Dance, Movement, Composition

Inspirational - Workshop

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Host: Gabriel Widing

Come play with body, touch and movement. We try out exercises and games from contact improvisation, choreography and dance context

How to Build a Team I. Team Theory For Organizers

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Host: Hanne Grasmø

Team theory and coaching have seldom been discussed within the larp community. In this talk, you will learn how to understand and build a team of organizers (or eventually a player group) and some tips for best practices. Too often, a brilliant larp idea is ruined due to interpersonal trouble among the organizers. Better team understanding can be a way to avoid this

If I Can't Play, I Don't Want to Be Part of Your Revolution

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Host: Esben Wilstrup

To play is to imagine, to co-create, and to go beyond who you are and what the world is. It is, in short, a revolutionary activity. In this talk, psychologist-activist Esben Wilstrup will show you how play is revolutionary, and how performance activists in Japan, Uganda, Denmark and across the globe are changing the world through play - and why you should join the fun! Following the talk, he'll lead a co-creative session where we'll work to make our LARPing more revolutionary and developmental.

Larp Database Similar to IMDB

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Jakub Balhar, Michal Havelka

We want to talk about www.larpdatabase.com. It is web application which allows users to add existing larps, comment on them and rate them. We would like to present impacts of this project on the development of larps in the Czech Republic and present new international version. Everyone can join now at least in english, german and czech with more languages coming soon.

Larp in East Africa

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Host: Stefan Deutsch

How does roleplaying as a training method work in a country of the global south? Is this actually larp? Are there any roleplayers in Tanzania? After I moved to Tanzania three years ago I wanted to continue doing larp. I didn't find any existing larp projects, so we started our own. Another opportunity came up when the East African Community wanted to use roleplaying in one of their workshops. I ended up using larp as a training method for tax auditors in East Africa.

Playing the Future

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Stuart Candy

I've been a professional futurist for over a decade and was introduced to larp only recently. But as a designer, consultant, and educator I have been doing what turn out to be quite larp-like things for many years. So this session considers the intersection of futures and larp from two angles: How the futures field (and especially 'experiential futures') might inform larp design, and how larp might help people to engage possible futures more effectively.

Prepshop

Co-creative - Workshop

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The All-round Fastaval Experience

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Host: Ann Kristine Eriksen, Ole Peder Græver, Anna Emilie Groth

Best known for its distinguished written scenario tradition, for the elusive Otto-awards and for having an ingame cleaningcrew. Fastaval has been a flagship in Danish roleplaying since the 80's. But Fastaval is so much more than just a convention. It is Larp, boardgaming, traditional dungeon crawl, warhammer, magic, a five day party and many other things. Come and hear the organizer, the writer and the international first-time participant give different accounts about Fastaval.

The Parlor Sandbox: Counter-Players and Ephemera in American Freeform

Inspirational - Workshop

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Evan Torner, Katherine Castiello Jones

This workshop showcases the Parlor Sandbox system, a type of American freeform larp. The system focuses on running genre-fiction games that embrace player agency and emergent properties of storytelling. Participants will get a quick rules briefing, play a 20-minute scenario set in a "True Blood"-esque supernatural setting, and then follow with a short discussion of the techniques used and how they fit with the player experience.

Working With Spatial Design

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 11:00 - 12:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Host: Signe Hertel

In spatial design lie many opportunities to influence the direction or atmosphere of a larp. In this talk I will introduce you to some of the concepts and tools I as an architect work with when designing spaces,

and through examples discuss how spatial design can make a difference in larps.

Saturday 12:00

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Co-creative - Session

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Saturday 13:00

The Strangers

Game - Best of Denmark - Fastaval

Saturday 13:00 - 18:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Authors: Simon Steen Hansen, Anders Frost Bertelsen

Three women have been abducted by Strangers and five men sets out to rescue them. The search continues for years and each man must question his resolve and how much he will sacrifice. A gritty western-inspired game, that questions the narrative of the male hero.

Play it if: You want a combination of classic fantasy roleplaying and more modern focus on meta techniques and the shared narrative.

Waiting for Flight G0901

Game - Best of Denmark - Blackbox Cph

Saturday 13:00-18:00 in Blackbox, Gymnasiet

Author: Simon James Pettitt

People are waiting for their friends and loved ones who are on a flight home to Copenhagen Airport. We follow the characters and their reactions from when the flight is merely delayed until the unthinkable happens.

Play it if: You want to experience the silent tragic immersion into the fear for the loss of your loved ones.

Saturday 14:00

The 1:1 Model and Quick Writing

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Louise Amalie Juul Sønderskov, Claus Raasted, Lasse Küchenthal

What happens when you pair up a rookie organizer and an old veteran, and let them do a larp together? Lasse, Louise Amalie and Claus share experiences from two larps based on 1:1 mentoring.

Baltic Warriors

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Mike Pohjola, Juhana Pettersson

What do viking zombies have to do with pollution in the sea? Can you change the world by larping? Come and find out. Baltic Warriors is a larp tour in seven cities around the Baltic Sea. A political conference where lobbyists, activists, journalists, citizen and politicians discuss environmental law is attacked by viking zombies. Nature strikes back! See footage from the pilot episode in Helsinki, and hear our crazy plans for this summer!

Best Practice of Larp Project Management

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Host: Kåre Murmann Kjær

Organizing a larp can seem like a huge task and it can be difficult to know how to approach it. This talk will give you a rundown of a best-practice approach to project management of a larp. Attend this if you are an experienced organizer wanting to reexamine your approach or a new organizer who wants a good foundation for organizing your first larp.

College of Wizardry – The Duelling Workshop I

Inspirational - Workshop

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Hosts: Rhiannon Ursell-Smith, Anders Würtz

Are you a witch or wizard, and do you want to create magic? Then join The Duelling Workshop where you will learn the basic spells for magical combat and compete in The Duelling Tournament. You will get your own wand and handbook of spells to explore the spellcasting system used in the larp College of Wizardry. The workshop will be in two parts of 45 minutes each, where you in the first part will be practicing spells for the tournament in the second part. Will you be Knudepunkt's Duelling Champion?

Dyslexia - When Preparing is More Challenging Than Playing

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Juliane Mikkelsen, Anne Grove

You know the drill: You are told about an awesome larp and you are off to get to read about world, visions and background and you write questions to the organizers. We communicate roleplay almost entirely in writing. But what if you are dyslexic? In this talk we will shed light on what challenges a dyslexic roleplayer faces and what challenges writers, organizers and

gamemasters might face in return. With a practical approach we will look into different ways of dealing with communicating through other means.

Immersion as Possession

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Host: Elge Larsson

The larpers' tools for immersion are very much like the tools of mystics and shamans for possession. What can we learn from them? Is immersion a kind of possession? – YESS. If so, is that a good thing? – YESS. If so, what can we learn from those who walked this way before? – DISCUSS. Trigger warning: this lecture will contain long chains of thought, polysyllabic words and intellectual abstractions.

Interpreting Recent History - Case study of Legion: Siberian Story

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Host: David František Wagner

Have you ever thought about doing a larp about relatively recent history? We have and we've put over a year's work into creating a larp about one of the founding myths of our national history. The talk will mainly deal with how we went about designing the game, which parts had to be toned down, which parts had to be empowered and about the kind of research we have done. It will try to argue some points that may be more universal for translating history into larps.

Non-brief Debrief

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Kevin Burns, Peter Munthe-Kaas

Larp debrief has become a hot topic in recent years, primarily because of concern for player psychological safety. We will introduce different

perspectives on larp debrief and argue for the importance of the debrief, which can not only make larp safer, but more powerful and effective in what it achieves. We will provide points of comparison to larp-like activities such as group therapy, psychodrama, shamanism and ritual work. There will be a discussion after the talk.

Privacy and Larp: Who Do We Play for?

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Host: Jaakko Stenros

Are the things we do in larp public, private, or something in between? Is larp production of culture, and if so, for whom? What is a good analogy for larp: A private party you throw for your friends, a public service to a relatively stable community, or public art? With the rise of documentation these questions need to be seriously addressed. They tie into responsibility and trust, documentation and criticism, cultural appropriation and accountability, elitism and community, art and partying.

War is Awesome

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday 14:00 - 15:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Josef Kunderát, Jakub Dolecek

Scenic larp battle MethanCity: Fronta is famous in Czech Republic and Slovakia for its epicness. Fronta simulates neverending trench war in dystopian post apocalyptic future between two superpowers. Fronta uses airsoft and pyrotechnics as well as sound systems and 360° environment for creating immersive experience of total warfare. It is focused on epic scenes and excessive expression of human brutality. We are going to talk about predecessor of Fronta which was displaying Orwell's 1984 totalitarian state.

Saturday 15:00

Immersion Is the Excrement of Action

Keynote - Bodies

Saturday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

The body is a complicated, mortal and dirty lump, stuffed with organs, senses and desires – we should think a bit more about it. What happens if we forget about the mind for a while and try to understand live roleplaying from the bodies' perspective? Can we replace a psychological understanding with a somatic one? Why have we thought of larp as improvised / interactive theatre, but not as interactive dance? How would improvisation work if it started from the body rather than the mind?

Gabriel Widing is an artist based in Stockholm working with performance art and participatory culture.

Experiencing the Body Through Larp

Keynote - Bodies

Saturday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

Larp is an amazing tool to explore different aspects of the human condition. Nina will talk about how to design larps, that offers the players the possibility to explore movement and sensory experiences and why this is important to all of us.

Nina Runa Essendrop is finishing her masters degree in Theatrical Science and has a strong focus on movement, sensory experiences and the meaning of physical action. Nina has designed and produced blackbox larps such as White Death and Beginning and is an active player in the Nordic Larp community.

Sharing Your Body With Your Character

Keynote - Bodies

Saturday 15:00 - 16:00 in The Gym, Gymnasiet

Our bodies have complex mechanisms in place to ensure that we react according to our experiences when confronted with physical and psychological stimuli. This talk will showcase some of these mechanisms, and look at how they affect us when we larp. Given our body's experiences being us, can we ever truly play anything but ourselves?

Ane Marie Anderson is a Norwegian larper and co-founder of the larp company Alibier AS. She has worked on a series of international collaborations in Palestine, Belarus, and Lebanon, and has been a driving force in the development of her local organization Fantasiforbundet. When not larping, Ane is currently a fifth year medical student at the University of Oslo.

Saturday 16:00

College of Wizardry – The Duelling Workshop II

Inspirational - Workshop

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in The Octagon, Efterskolen

Hosts: Rhiannon Ursell-Smith, Anders Würtz

See Saturday 14:00 -15:00.

Conflicts - A tool Not a Hindrance

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 5, Gymnasiet

Host: Troels Palm

An introduction to the advantages and possible pitfalls inherent in conflict based game mechanics. With perspectives for both player driven and organizer created content. Based on several years of experience

as both player and organizer Troels will try to describe a mindset where you, instead of dictating stories, set the scene and create the game mechanics. Thereby letting the story unfold by itself.

Designing Hamlet

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in The Lecture Hall, Efterskolen

Hosts: Bjarke Pedersen, Martin Ericsson

Martin Ericsson and Bjarke Pedersen spills the beans on how Inside Hamlet is designed. From how to adapt a legendary Shakespearean play to larp over to the structure of the 100 pre-written characters. All elements of the design will be revealed to hopefully inspire designers in their own work.

Immersion: Means of Repair

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 2, Gymnasiet

Host: Olga Vorobyeva

Achieving the state of immersion during a larp is wonderful, but switches between in-character and out-of-character are inevitable. You will learn how Russian larpers deal with breaking the game frame and how they make the game go on after such breaks. The report can be interesting for understanding larp process.

Larping With Disabilities

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 4, Gymnasiet

Host: Shoshana Kessock

Larp is a physical game medium that can sometimes offer difficulty to those who are differently-abled. We'll take a look at the ways that larps can address disability and examine one of the most controversial questions of all: Does every game really need to be accessible to

everyone?

Music at Larps

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 3, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Mark Shovman, Olga Shovman, Jeppe Bergmann Hamming, Maria Bergmann Hamming

How do we create alternate realities with music? Olga/Mark will look inside players' minds, dissecting recent Russian larps: House Where, with each player living and dying by their soundtrack; and Saint Summer, a rock-opera larp, where music was sex, drugs, war and rock'n'roll.

Maria/Jeppe will look at music transforming and creating non-linear spaces and times, supplanting language, removing cultural differences - with examples from their scenarios Sarabande and upcoming Forrykt (Deranged).

Playing Gender - Performing Drag

Inspirational - Workshop

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 1, Gymnasiet

Host: E. Wieslander

We'll be working on a physical and visual level to see how gender is enacted in movements, gestures and positioning. Forming a thin character. Is it someone who wants to pass as 'the other'? Is it a drag king or queen ready to take the stage? Terms like gender and drag will be explained practically. We'll work with makeup and what clothes we have available. Open for people of all genders who feel curious to try or eager to come back. Please bring what you have of spare clothing or makeup, but it's not a necessary to participate.

Prepshop

Co-creative - Workshop

Saturday 16:00 - 17:00 in The Aula, Gymnasiet

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

The Prepshop is a collaborative space for planning co-creative sessions. Come to The Prepshop if you want to participate - you don't need to have a specific idea. Read more about The Prepshop at page 20.

Solmukohta 2016 - the Vision

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 6, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Massi Hannula, Mikko Pervilä

In 2016 it is Finland's turn to host Knudepunkt, or like we say, Solmukohta. The SK2016 team will present their vision for the upcoming 20th annual Nordic Larp conference, books, practicals and all that jazz. We gladly receive your input, concerns and proposals - and will, as well, happily take your program ideas up already now for the next year, and remind you about them, when the time comes (this can also be done at the KP2015 info-desk during its opening hours).

Volunteers - How and Why

Inspirational - Three Round Burst

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 7, Gymnasiet

Hosts: Charles Bo Nielsen, Stine Duch, Jonas Kragegaard

Three danish organizers talk about why people volunteer and how to work with volunteers in practice. We will discuss how to get volunteers excited about a project and argue for why it is important to have a large network and to stay in touch. We will talk about how we as organizers are surrounded by possible volunteers just waiting to be put to good use rather than stand in our way. Lastly we will talk about experiences from volunteers with motivation and ownership.

We Are Giving You Violence

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in Dimension 8, Gymnasiet

Host: Kamil Bartozak

Short report from two year long Fight Club project. Main idea was to replace rules related with violence in larps with mutual trust. Instead of trying to create a set of rules which would give players feeling of safety we directly communicated that safety depends entirely on them. And then, we encouraged them to fight. After nine sessions, more than 40 duels, there were no serious injuries and players' feedback was enthusiastic

Your Larp Sucked - Or How to Get Useful Feedback From Players

Inspirational - Talk

Saturday at 16:00 - 17:00 in The Auditorium, Gymnasiet

Host: Annika Waern

Thoughts, tips and tricks on how to gather feedback, and how to make best use of it in redesign. We'll talk about different reasons to do it and how they influence your methods, the difference between what people do and what they experience, some possibilities and risks associated to quantitative and qualitative methods, and the 'post-game lie'. We'll discuss how the fact that larps to some extent always are co-creative impact the process, and how you can use feedback in the early phases of design.

Saturday 17:00

Co-creative Sessions

Co-creative - Session

Saturday 17:00 - 19:00 in The Aula, Gymnasiet

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

The full program for each block of co-creative sessions will be presented in The Aula 15 minutes before they begin. Come by, take your pick and join the co-creative madness. Read more about the Co-creative sessions at page 19 or go to www.program.knudepunkt.org to see the newest

additions.

Saturday 21:00

The 7 Deadly Sins VS The 4 Heavenly Virtues

Social - Party!

Saturday 21:00 - 05:00 in Fritidscenteret

Host: Knudepunkt 2015

For one night, the seven deadly sins will meet the four heavenly virtues in an mix-up of colors, music and interaction. You get to be: Greed, envy, wrath, sloth, gluttony, pride, lust, temperance, justice, courage or prudence. Let your outfit be inspired by the sins and the virtues. A sinner and a saint can be anything and anyone. Or you can simply just polish your dancing shoes.

Sunday 11:00

Warlarp!

Game - Best of Denmark - Warlarp

Sunday 11:00 - 12:00 in Fritidscenteret

Authors: A whole bunch of people

The hungover hordes of Knudepunkt are about to clean their rooms and go home, but before that, there is one final thing which must be done. One battle to be fought. To the death(s). This is Warlarp!

Play it if: You want to fight your friends in an epic battle, while being dog-tired and maybe very hung over.

Please bring weapons if you have any. Also, you get extra hit points for wearing a costume. Make one, even if it's out of tin foil and super glue!