

PRESS RELEASE

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND MEDIA

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 ULTIMAS

This evening the Flemish Minister of Culture, Youth, Media and Brussels Sven Gatz will present the 2016 Ultimas.

The Ultimas, the new name for the Flemish Culture Prizes, will be presented on 13 June at 20.00 during a fantastic cultural celebration at the Vooruit in Ghent.

The celebration during which all the culture prizes will be presented offers a look back at the past year in culture. In each of the twelve cultural categories, the winners will be honoured for their work.

The **winners** are:

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| 1) General Cultural Merit | Raf Simons |
| 2) Music | Muziekpublique |
| 3) Circus | Collectif Malunés |
| 4) Film | Pieter-Jan De Pue |
| 5) Visual Arts | Wiels |
| 6) Performing Arts | ÆBULEUS |
| 7) Architecture | Paola Viganò |
| 8) Cultural Entrepreneurship | Timelab |
| 9) Amateur Arts | Forumtheater Radicalisering |
| 10) Sociocultural Work with Adults | Toestand vzw |
| 11) Literature | Jeroen Olyslaegers |
| 12) Intangible Heritage | Geelse gezinsverpleging |

The prize consists of a sum of prize money, a photo report, a clip and a bronze artwork by Philip Aguirre, La Ultima Isla.

In contrast with previous years, all the culture prizes will once again be awarded together at this event for the entire cultural sector. The cultural celebration will be carefully organised by Kirsten Lemaire and Erhan Demrici.

De Verloren Majorettes and Refugees for Refugees will provide live entertainment. Over 700 guests will attend the Ultimas.

About the Ultimas – the Flemish Culture Prizes

The Ultimas are quality labels with which the Flemish Community acknowledges the cultural importance of the work of the winners. A jury of professionals working in the different disciplines of the cultural sector nominates a winner and informs the Flemish Minister of Culture. The Flemish Culture Prizes have been awarded to leading performers, artists, organisations and companies by the Flemish Minister of Culture since 2003.

The award ceremony will be broadcast live on canvas.be from 20.00.

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Background information:

Photos

YouTube clips

<https://cjsm.be/cultuur/themas/downloads-pers>

<http://ultimas.be/over-ultimas>

<http://www.philipaguirre.be/>

[background documents](#)

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