

PRESS RELEASE

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND MEDIA

SVEN GATZ PRESENTS ULTIMAS 2017

This evening Sven Gatz, the Minister for Culture, Youth, Media and Brussels, will present the Ultimas 2017, the Flemish Culture Awards.

The Ultimas will be presented on 27 February at 8.00 pm during a scintillating cultural celebration at the Antwerp Arenbergschouwburg.

This festive gathering is a retrospective on the numerous efforts and achievements of the cultural sector in 2017. With the presentation of the Culture Awards, Minister Gatz will be honouring the twelve laureates from various disciplines with a remarkable token of recognition.

The winners are:

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| 1) General Cultural Achievement | Viviane De Muynck |
| 2) Music | Coely |
| 3) Local Cultural Policy | Opgewekt Tienen |
| 4) Film | Johan Grimonpez |
| 5) Visual Arts | Philippe van Snick |
| 6) Performing Arts | Mousseem Nomadisch |
| Kunstencentrum | |
| 7) Amateur Arts | Gent Bougement |
| 8) Design | Gijs Van Vaerenbergh |
| 9) Cultural Entrepreneurship | Paul Schyvens |
| 10) Social-Cultural Work with Adults | Femma |
| 11) Literature | Miriam Van Hee |
| 12) Movable Cultural Heritage | Museum Plantin-Moretus |

The laureates each receive a sum in cash, a photo and video report on their work, and La Ultima Isla, a bronze sculpture made by Philip Aguirre.

New this year is the **BILL Award** for young, creative and enterprising talent. In addition to the award, the laureates each receive 1,000 euros to invest in an upcoming project, professional coaching and support to further develop his or her career.

The evening will be compered by Kirsten Lemaire and Erhan Demrici. Coely will provide the musical highlight.

ABOUT THE ULTIMAS – THE FLEMISH CULTURE AWARDS

The ULTIMAS are the prizes with which the Flemish Community recognises the cultural merit of the laureates' work. A jury made up of experts from the various disciplines in the cultural sector submits its nominations for laureates (in each of the categories) to the Flemish Minister for Culture. The Flemish Culture Awards have been awarded to leading artists, organisations or associations/troupes since 2003. Since last year, the prizes are presented on a single celebratory evening for the cultural sector as a whole.

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

<https://www.ultimas.be/over-ultimas>

Background information & contact details for each laureate

Individual reports stating the reasons for the jury's decision to nominate each laureate

Photos & video clip

Social media: [facebook](#), [instagram](#) and [twitter](#). Hashtag: #ultimas

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