## Festival of Wonder awarded Silkeborg Municipality's Prize for Best Culture Event 2017

(Culture director John Frederiksen in his speach at the award of Silkeborg Municipality's Cultural Prize)









"The Committee for, for Leisure and Sports in Silkeborg has decided to award the 2017 culture prize to a cultural event that has been driven for many years with amazing energy, great professionalism and an extraordinary passion." ... ..

Year after year, the festival has just evolved.

The festival has gained great recognition both nationally and not least internationally.

It has, to a certain extent, been a boost for Silkeborg's citizens, who side by side with guests from all over the world must fight for tickets for the many performances that the festival delivers over 4 days. "....

"On my personal level, I was totally excited about the extremely high quality that the festival holds. That's why it did not come to me as a surprise when the 2017 festival was nominated and was given the right to carry the label: Remarkable Festival by Europe for Festivals - an initiative under the EU.

And during the festival in 2017 another prize was added. That was when Ulla Dengsøe, the artistic director of the festival received Merete Hegner Prisen for her exceptional and unique work to create this festival - Festival of Wonder - Silkeborg International Puppetfestival.

## After the award of the 2017 Cultural Prize to Ulla Dengsøe from the Festival of Wonder, she thanked for the award:

"Many thanks to Silkeborg Municipality for this award, which I am very pleased to receive on behalf of Festival of Wonder. At the same time, I would like to thank all our sponsors, collaborators, and our many talented and responsible volunteer helpers who have contributed. Without your participation we could not finish as big a festival.

Also a big thank you to the many exciting theaters that have contributed over the years. Welcome to the next festival, which takes place 7-10. November 2019."