**Danish/Swedish project receives large grant**

Sisters Hope is a Danish performance-group that works in the intersection of performance art, educational development and poetic activism.

The Swedish PostkodLotteriets Culture Foundation just granted 4.4 million SEK for the project Sisters Academy, Sweden. Sisters Academy is a Nordic art-based educational development project, which has already obtained reclamation and created dialogue about the educational system in Denmark, when ‘The Sisters’ took over the leadership of the Danish upper secondary school HF & VUC, FLOW in the spring of 2014.

Sisters Hope will realize the project at the international art center Inkonst in Malmö during a three-week production in September 2015. Inkonst will be transformed into a boarding school where even the office staff is included as performers.

One of the main goals is to establish a debate about the Swedish educational system. Participants must be active during the process - with the possibility of accommodation. It is also part of the long-term plans for the project that the Sisters Academy for two weeks in 2016 simply take over the leadership of a Swedish upper secondary school in Malmö!

Artistic director of Sisters Hope, Gry Worre Hallberg explains:

- “For four weeks we will transform everything at Inkonst into a boarding school with 30 beds. The tickets are bought the same way as for other performances or exhibitions, but when you arrive you enlist as a student at the boarding school. The ticket gives access to a bed and the classes that take place at the academy. We want to examine what a school would be like in a society where a sensuous mode of being is at the centre. You might call it a vision and physical test of a potential future model”.

Cooperation between Inkonst and Sisters Hope involves performance artists, teachers “poetic activists” and researchers, and others who are able to see the school from unconventional angles.

-”Since the project is rooted in an interdisciplinary cross field it allows its many different co-creators to benefit from each other’s knowledge. Our role as ”The Sisters” is to be the leaders of this new school, and present the vision of a radically different universe, and hopefully this will inspire new thoughts and testing opportunities”, says Gry Worre Hallberg.

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 **Further information**

Read more about the Danish performance group here: [www.sistershope.dk](http://www.sistershope.dk)

Read more about the project Sisters Academy here: [www.sistersacademy.dk](http://www.sistersacademy.dk)

Read more about the collaboration between Inkonst and Sisters Hope here: [www.inkonst.com/sistersacademy](http://www.inkonst.com/sistersacademy)