

Initiative against violence and racism.

Young theaterpeople from seven nations on tour: Nakskov is the first stop for 29 young actors, that is going to visit 4 european countries the following 6 weeks.

The energy from the 29 young people flows towards us. White, brown, golden and black faces, colored scarfs, flying hair, laughter, capers, joy.

We are at the lawn in front of Nakskov Vandrehjem, where members of the theatergroup, Instant Axis, plays against each other. Instructor and leader of the group, Til Deller, raises his arms, and says – We can do anything, while he uses all of his slender body to convince his actors about the message. The young people laughs and continues their game.

The theatergroup is newly made. It has home in Berlin, where it is established with support from EU's Interart-programme, Kalajdoskop.

– Our purpose is to play theater against violence. Said in a more positive way, to advance international understanding and co-existence. We want to show, that we all are people with the same dreams, no matter where we come from, Til Deller explains.

Nakskov has been given the honor of being premiere-city. The group arrived Wednesday and is going to stay here for a week. During the stay the group is going to train, how to play together. They are from seven different countries and uses English as a united language. It is also the plan to act in front of as many danes as possible. The visit, by the way, came as a surprise.

The panic almost took over when, the leader of Nakskov Ungdomshus (Youth-facility), Ole Dam answered the phone two days ago.

– We arrive in two hours. Where shall we go, the man in the phone said – in english. The question came from Til Deller, a name that didn't ring a bell in Ole's ears. After a deep breath, Ole pulled himself enough together, to ask what this was all about. He found out that it was the group that originally should have

visited Nakskov during Kulturnat 1998. The visit was postponed, and meanwhile there was a lot of illness in the department that was supposed to have contact with the theater-group. Fast as lightning Ole Dam talked the manager from Nakskov Vandrehjem, Karin Rasmussen, and Conny Poulsen, from the social services, in to forming a workgroup. They will help the group making a program, forward to next Wednesday, that is the last day of their visit. – This has succeeded pretty well, Ole Dam tells us. The theatergroup is going to visit the mayor, Flemming Bonne. They have residence at Nakskov Vandrehjem, can use the auditorium as they like, and they perform at Nakskov Gymnasium and Nakskov Byskole.

Instant Acts also gives a free show, that will be open for all interested. It will take place at 15.00, Wednesday the 16. September 1998, in the auditorium. Here they want to show their quite special theater.

- It doesnt have much to do with traditional theater, Til Deller tells. The spectators can expect anything, except something boring. They can also count on being a part of the show themselves.

After the visit in Nakskov, the group proceeds to a number of cities in Germany, Poland and Italy. The tour ends the 24 of October.