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New Digital Livestream from Ontroerend Goed now on sale at Theatre Royal Plymouth

TM, a new international collaboration from acclaimed Belgian company Ontroerend Goed is now on sale on the Theatre Royal Plymouth website!

One actor, one spectator. A series of questions and tasks. An opportunity to find out whether you have the potential to join *TM*.

Today, a secret cell of our movement has executed a successful worldwide operation. We hold the victory in our hands and our overwhelming march is on the rise. We will triumph and fight the infidels. Our brothers and sisters are among you. Inconspicuous. Invisible.

We are many.

We are global.

We are *TM*^{TM*}.

Ontroerend Goed Director, Alexander Devriendt said: *“With TM, Ontroerend Goed created its fourth one-on-one show, and a sequel in a long series of much talked about interactive performances. The live contact and the indispensable presence of the audience are a main thread in the work of the theatre-performance group. What’s special this time, is that the performance takes place online through webcam: a practical way to reach the audience in spite of the closed theatres, but just as well a considerate artistic choice.”*

Tickets for this Digital Livestream from Wednesday 21 – Sunday 25 April are available to book now on the [Theatre Royal Plymouth website](https://www.theatreroyal.com).

About the Show



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These are confusing times. We hear it everywhere. We ourselves can sense it. In times of confusion, the need for something to hold onto is at an all-time high. We'd love to hear a simple explanation, or an unambiguous answer which silences the feelings of fear and powerlessness brought about by our contemporary society. This uncertainty is the ideal breeding ground for media manipulation, populist ideas and conspiracy theories.

Many of us realize that these clear answers are not available. Yet, on a daily base, we're confronted with people who don't think the way we think, from corona-sceptics on social media to climate change deniers. The rise of Trump, the 70 million votes for him in the latest elections, the choice for Brexit, the revival of the extreme right-wing party Vlaams Belang... time and again, these phenomena confirm that the 'other' is diametrically opposed to us. That 'they' are the voice of an overwhelming majority and we only find connections in our small bubble. However, to what extent do we really differ from this 'other', to what extent is our bubble really that small?

Writers like Rutger Bregman, Yuval Noah Harari and Steven Pinker are increasingly questioning the so-called malicious nature of human-kind. Recent insights in the domain of psychology, economy and biology are pointing in a different direction. Statements like 'most people are good-natured' or 'the better angels of our nature' still clash with set ideas that determine our world view.

With TM, Ontroerend Goed creates a performance that mostly wants to connect with 'the other'. Not to focus on the differences in world view, but on what unites us. Besides a comforting thought, T.M. is mostly a call to contemplate what really matters. To allow our fear where it's justified, and to push us into action.

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Theatre Royal Plymouth (TRP) is a registered charity providing art, education and community engagement in Plymouth and across the region. It engages and inspires with the aim of touching lives as the South West's principal centre for performing arts. Theatre Royal Plymouth presents a year-round programme of world class productions



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on all scales.

Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

Theatre Royal Plymouth is the UK's largest regional producing theatre. With a focus on embracing the vitality of new talent and supporting emerging and established artists. It collaborates with a range of partners to provide dynamic cultural leadership for the city of Plymouth.



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