

## Thomas Mook Shows & Workshops

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*Note: with the exception of 2017, shows are divided in yearly quarters and courses taught are divided in trimesters.*

### Workshops & Courses

#### **December 2017 - March 2018: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy. They are shown how to create a full scene from just a single suggestion, how to find humour with their improvisation, and how to put up a full improv comedy show. Every course consists of ten classes for about 28 participants and is taught at Cultural Centre Usva.

#### **December 2017 - March 2018: Advanced Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene. Every course consists of ten classes for about 28 participants and is taught at Cultural Centre Usva.

#### **September 2017 - December 2017: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

#### **September 2017 - December 2017: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course focuses on performing an actual improv show: hosting, programming, game order, categories of games, and thinking on a show level rather than a scene level. It also focuses on performing in an improv jam: for example, what happens when you encounter "volunteers" that go against your training. It explores many different warm-up techniques and what they're for (energy, focus, group coordination, etc) so that when the time comes to work independently students have a broad selection to choose from. The course also focuses on how to play together as a group and fine-tune group dynamics, which involves how to trust each other, how to listen carefully and play together to form a cohesive whole.

September 2017

Workshop for the University of Groningen and ESN Groningen.

August 2017

Workshop for participants of Groningen Together and KEIWeek.

July 2017

Workshop for participants of the Screw Up event in Groningen.

May 2017

Workshop for Improv Neuf in Oslo, Norway.

April 2017

Workshop for Syrian refugees through the Grotius Minor for Hanze University.

**March 2017 - June 2017: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

**March 2017 - June 2017: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

The Long Form course focuses on long-form structures that can often last up until twenty minutes and contain short scenes that might be interrelated by story, characters, or themes - ultimately resulting in completely improvised mini-plays, including forms such as La Ronde, Mono-scenes, Quartets and Anecdotes. Every course consists of ten classes for about 28 participants and is taught at Cultural Centre Usva.

February 2017

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**December 2016 - March 2017: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

**December 2016 - March 2017: Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene.

September 2016

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students and two workshops for the International College of the University of Groningen.

**September 2016 - December 2016: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course explores many different warm-up techniques and what they're for (energy, focus, group coordination, etc) so that when the time comes to work independently students have a broad selection to choose from. The course also focuses on how to play together as a group and fine-tune group dynamics, which involves how to trust each other, how to listen carefully and play together to form a cohesive whole.

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August 2016

A workshop for More to Explore, Groningen.

**June 2016: Specialised Long Form Course**

A four week long form course on specialised forms such as the mono scene and focused on advanced and expert improvisers at Cultural Centre Usva.

**February 2016 - May 2016: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

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**February 2016 - May 2016: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

January 2016

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**December 2015 - February 2016: Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene.

**December 2015 - February 2016: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

December 2015

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**September 2015 - December 2015: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course focuses on performing an actual improv show: hosting, programming, game order, categories of games, and thinking on a show level rather than a scene level.

**September 2015 - December 2015: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

September 2015

Six workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

August 2015

Three workshops for University College Groningen.

June 2015

A specialised workshop on mono scenes for advanced students.

**February 2015 - May 2015: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

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**February 2015 - May 2015: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

February 2015

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**December 2014 - February 2015: Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene.

**December 2014 - February 2015: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

September 2014

Three workshops for Hanze University.

**September 2014 - December 2014: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course focuses on performing an actual improv show: hosting, programming, game order, categories of games, and thinking on a show level rather than a scene level.

**September 2014 - December 2014: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

August 2014

Workshop for University College.

June 2014

Several days of workshops for the Maartens College International School (high school students).

June 2014

Two specialised workshops for advanced students on group work and scene editing.

**February 2014 - May 2014: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

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**February 2014 - May 2014: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

February 2014

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students (60 students).

**December 2013 - February 2014: Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene. y.

**December 2013 - February 2014: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

November 2013

Clio Lustrum workshop.

October 2013

Jeugd zorg Veendam Workshop (workshop with teenagers with issues).

**September 2013 - December 2013: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course focuses on performing an actual improv show: hosting, programming, game order, categories of games, and thinking on a show level rather than a scene level.

**September 2013 - December 2013: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

September 2013

Six workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students (60 students).

July 2013

Workshop for the department of Microbiology.

**February 2013 - May 2013: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

The Long Form course focuses on long-form structures that can often last up until twenty minutes and contain short scenes that might be interrelated by story, characters, or themes - ultimately resulting in completely improvised mini-plays.

**February 2013 - May 2013: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

February 2013

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**December 2012 - February 2013: Improv Course: Short Form Advanced**

The improv course Short Form Advanced focuses on more complex short form scenes and emphasises a more thorough understanding of scene structures, characters and the underlying game of a scene.

**December 2012 - February 2013: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

September 2012

Six workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**September 2012 - December 2012: Advanced Improv Course: Performance**

The Performance course focuses on performing an actual improv show: hosting, programming, game order, categories of games, and thinking on a show level rather than a scene level.

**September 2012 - December 2012: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

July 2012

Two workshops for the Stadsschouwburg Groningen.

**February 2012 - May 2012: Advanced Improv Course: Long Form**

The Long Form course focuses on long-form structures that can often last up until twenty minutes and contain short scenes that might be interrelated by story, characters, or themes - ultimately resulting in completely improvised mini-plays.

**February 2012 - May 2012: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

February 2012

Three workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

**December 2011- February 2012: Improv Comedy Course for Beginners**

The basic course in improv comedy teaches students the essential skills required to perform improvised theatre, with a special focus on comedy.

September 2011

Six workshops for ESN Groningen for new international students.

August 2011  
Workshops for KEI Groningen.

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## Improv Shows

### **Weekly Improv Comedy Jams: 2009 - Current**

Several hundred weekly open improv jam sessions. Individual shows not listed to keep the overview simple. The 2009-2016 period took place in O'Ceallaighs, Groningen, and the 2016-2017 period at The Spieghelel.

### **Monthly Improv Shows : 2009 - Current**

In a similar fashion, the self-organised improv shows with Stranger Things Have Happened were performed every month except for July and August of each year, and respectively took place in Huis de Beurs (2009-2010), USVA (2010-2012), Simpron (2013-2015) and the Silo (2015-current). Again, these shows are not listed for an easier overview.

December 2017  
A show for Amnesty International.

October 2017  
A show for MFRAW at the Machinefabriek and a Grown Men performance for Usva along with a show for Week of the Student.

September 2017  
A show at Martiniplaza for ESN Groningen and an introductory show for the University of Groningen as long a special show for Usva. A special musical improv show in Uelzen, Germany.

August 2017  
Over a dozen performances for Noorderzon Festival and a special show for Arno's Aperitief, as well as a show for INKOM Maastricht.

June 2017  
Special Stranger Things show at the Machinefabriek.

May 2017  
*"Grown Men: Death by Murder"* - 2x45 special long form show with Chandler Bullock and Jelle Bonnema. Special improv comedy jam with German group *Wat Ihr Wollt*. *A Curious Improv Festival in the Night Time*: two shows with *Improv Neuf* and a special long form show with Aree Witoelar in Oslo, Norway.

April 2017  
*"Paul and Jelle 2"*: musical improvisation for a special long form show with Paul Hessels and Jelle Bonnema in Groningen, International Comedy Cafe afternoon in Tokyo.

March 2017

A special improv show for the Energy Delta Institute and a musical improv performance in Oldenburg, Germany.

February 2017

“*Grown Men: The Flight*” special long form show with Chandler Bullock and Jelle Bonnema. *Stukafest* festival shows in The Hague.

Q4 2016

Special show for Amnesty International, US Election Night comedy show for the Groningen Forum, long form *Sitcom* special for Usva, “*Grown Men*” special long form show with Chandler Bullock and Jelle Bonnema.

Q3 2016

Media CT show at Eiland van Maurik. Multiple shows at *Night of the Student*. Full show at Martiniplaza, Groningen for ESN, show for the University of Groningen. Three shows for INKOM Maastricht at Theater aan't Vrijthof.

Q2 2016

Special improv show at De Bovenkamer with guest group Friends of Mine. KIC Lustrum Comedy Night, show for the Northern Freedom festival, improv comedy show for Donitas.

Q1 2016

Improv show for Experience Groningen, shows of Hanze University Groningen, special musical show with SpontanOL in Oldenburg, show for ESN Groningen at Martiniplaza, Faculty of Arts show for the University of Groningen.

Q4 2015

Serious Request show at Usva, University of Groningen Congress Comedy Show, a second edition of the “Two Guys” long form show at Usva.

Q3 2015

Improv show at PhD Day, Usva Night of the Student, ESN Comedy Show at Martiniplaza, three shows for INKOM in Maastricht, show for new International Arts programme.

Q2 2015

UMCG improv show, Northern Freedom Festival show, Would I Lie To You panel show for NUTS, “Two Guys” long form show with Chandler Bullock.

Q1 2015

Improv Festival show with Wat Ihr Wollt in Oldenburg, comedy show for ESN, Faculty of Arts introduction show.

Q3 2014



Show for the introduction week at the University of Leiden, Faculty of Arts introduction show, Faculty of Arts show, show for INKOM Maastricht.

Q2 2014

Fifth Anniversary Show, Studio Plakband show at Grote Markt Groningen, Would I Lie To You panel show for NUTS.

Q1 2014

Show with EasyLaughs in Amsterdam, Club Guy & Roni improv comedy show at the Grand Theater, ESN Groningen show, Faculty of Arts introduction show.

Q4 2013

Show for Art Battle Groningen, Club Guy & Roni improv comedy show at the Grand Theater, ESN Groningen show, Faculty of Arts introduction show.

Q3 2013

Show for MFV Panacea, four shows for INKOM in Maastricht, KEI Introduction Show in Huis de Beurs.

Q2 2013

Improv Comedy show with Wat Ihr Wollt for Project Groningen, Sticking for Megs at the Puddingfabriek, Special Edition show at the Spieghele, Amnesty International show, Northern Freedom show.

Q1 2013

ESN Introduction Show, Longform show "Female Edition" at Groningen Museum, show for Hanze University Groningen.

Q4 2012

Show for M.F.V. Panacea, Show for ForumImages/EPU Election Night.

Q3 2012

EBF Lustrum Show, VIP Comedy Show, ESN Introduction Show, International Office Show, ESN Amsterdam Show, INKOM show in Maastricht at Theater can't Vrijthof, Introduction Week Utrecht in Griffpark Show, Dizkartes Comedy Show, KEI Groningen Show.

Q2 2012

Junior Honours College for the University of Groningen, Healthy Aging long form show for the University of Groningen, Dizkartes comedy show, Amnesty International comedy show.

Q1 2012

English Language and Culture Alumni Day, Biology Gala Day at Big Jansen, Theatertapas Groningen, Faculty of Arts introduction, Stukafest Maastricht, ESN Introduction.

Q4 2011

Show for UMCG Groningen, ESN Utrecht in Club Poema, long form for University Museum Utrecht.

Q3 2011

Show for ICU Foundation at the Puddingfabriek, ESN Groningen in Oosterpoort, Introduction for the Faculty of Arts, Studium Generale in Maastricht, KEI show in Oosterpoort.

Q2 2011

University of Groningen Student Academy show, HanzeCAST show, Panacea Comedy Show, Quiz Show for NUTS at Huis de Beurs, Improv Comedy Show for ESN in Oslo, Norway.

Q1 2011

Instalment of the new rector ceremony at the University of Groningen, Stukafest Enschede, Introduction Week International Office for the University of Groningen, ESN Improv Comedy show at Huize Maas.

Q4 2010

HanzeCAST show for Hanze University, "De Vloer Op" Dutch long form at Prinsentheater, Exchange Festival, INCAS3 Show.