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## THE OHNO COOPERATION CONVERSATION ON THE O.H.N.O.P.O.P.I.C.O.N.O. ONTOLOGY

In 2007, the choice Maarten Seghers and Jan Lauwers made, of sharing the role of fool in the shape of the OHNO COOPERATION, inspired them to make an intense video portrait lasting 17 min. 46 sec., called THE OHNO COOPERATION CONVERSATION ON THE O.H.N.O.P.O.P.I.C.O.N.O. ONTOLOGY. Their aim in this video portrait was to emphasise the role of the artist and the artwork in society. In the video Maarten Seghers and Jan Lauwers hold a conversation about art and theatre. They live in an army tent and manifest themselves wherever necessary to ask questions through theatre, music and art. Their motif is 'nothing is certain and everything is different'. A conversation between two generations, about whether to explain an artwork or not, which seeks tenderness through incomprehension.

With: Maarten Seghers and Jan Lauwers | Camera Bart Baele  
Production: Needcompany | Commissioned by SPIELART (München) | 2007



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## THE OHNO COOPERATION CONVERSATION ON THE O.H.N.O.P.O.P.I.C.O.N.O. TAUTOLOGY

Seven years after THE OHNO COOPERATION CONVERSATION ON THE O.H.N.O.P.O.P.I.C.O.N.O. ONTOLOGY, Maarten Seghers and Jan Lauwers are meeting up again to hold a second conversation: THE OHNO COOPERATION CONVERSATION ON THE O.H.N.O.P.O.P.I.C.O.N.O. TAUTOLOGY. This new meeting has been composed so that the words and sounds occupy the silences in the previous conversation, whereby the two conversations together make a piece of music and the content is given new meaning. For FIDENA, the two video installations are being projected life-size. The two performers, like black shadows, dance a new interpretation of their artistic dialogue and thus for 17 min. 46 sec. reinterpret their conversations.

With: Maarten Seghers and Jan Lauwers | Camera: Gert Verboven | Sound: Marc Combas  
Crew: Marjolein Demey, Elke Janssens, Chris Vanneste | Thanks to Christel Simons  
Production: Needcompany | Commissioned by FIDENA (Bochum) | 2014

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In 2006 Maarten Seghers set up OHNO COOPERATION together with Jan Lauwers and Elke Janssens. Performances, exhibitions and concerts by OHNO COOPERATION have been seen and heard at BOZAR (Brussels), Festival Temps d'Images (La Ferme du Buisson, Marne-la-Vallée), La Condition Publique (Roubaix), CC Strombeek, Gr!M (Marseille), SPIELART (Munich), AIR ANTWERPEN (Antwerp), Campo (Ghent), Künstlerhaus Mousonturm (Frankfurt) et al.

Confrontations with other artists and musicians including Jean-Marc Montera, Eric Sleichim, Nicolas Field, Rombout Willems, Egill Sæbjörnsson, Michael Fliri, Nico Leunen, Fritz Welch, Peeesseye, Pontogor, Idan Hayosh, Rachel Lowther, Jaime Fennelly, Roberta Gigante are crucial to the work of OHNO.

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