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***DAS*theater, *Limelight* and
*BUDA***

At the end of 2004, Kristof Jonckheere moved from the company DAStheater (Gent) to the small arts centre Limelight (Kortrijk) to co-write the artistic and strategic plan for arts centre BUDA, which started in 2006. As artistic coordinator, he helped BUDA develop into one of the largest performing arts workspaces in Flanders (hosting 70 residencies per year), a festival organiser who is internationally acclaimed for very diverse but outspoken festivals (such as Kortrijk Congé, NEXT festival, Almost Summer) and an art house cinema that puts a lot of effort into audience development.

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Jonckheere has led BUDA since mid-2017 and made a strong commitment to social sustainability. BUDA recently received the Europa Cinemas Innovation Prize 2019 for this at the Cannes Film Festival. This prize, in turn, leads to BUDA's Film Fund, which finances actions for people in poverty.

