

Press Release

Shelter (Jaszak)

Simone de Jong Company



**Someone
In a suit
He is cold
He folds up
He wants to be something...
He is a mountain
And now a snail.
No, a crab
He is everything
In his bag**

About the performance

Shelter (Jaszak) is a funny, heartwarming and imaginative physical performance about a person without a roof in a changing world, or perhaps he is the one changing. Inspired by the humanitarian organisation *Sheltersuit*, which creates protective suits for people experiencing homelessness, Simone de Jong Company brings a physical and musical, dream-like journey for young audiences. The performer shifts between shapes and creatures — a mountain, a snail, a crab, a man using the Sheltersuit as a versatile, imaginative object.

Shelter is designed for children aged 3–6, blending mime, physical theatre, live music, and visual storytelling into a gentle, poetic experience. With no spoken language, the performance invites children to interpret, imagine and connect through movement, sound and transformation.

Presented at FRATZ International 2026 (Berlin)

Shelter has been selected by the FRATZ International Jury as one of the five outstanding productions for very young audiences in 2026. According to the jury, *Shelter* stands out for its subtle physical language, its gentle interplay of protection and openness, and its ability to make

complex themes accessible to children aged 2–6. It will be performed at Theater Strahl, Prodebühne, with multiple showings during the festival (11–13 October 2026).

Credits

Director & Concept Simone de Jong

Performer Toon Kuijpers

Live music Niels Vermeulen

Costume Sheltersuit Foundation

Set design Elian Smits & Erik Begemann

Light design James Murray

Photography Kamerich & Budwilowitz

Co-production festival 2turvenhoog

About Simone de Jong Company

Simone de Jong Company creates original, funny and sensitive work rooted in movement, music and imagination. Their performances are mostly non-verbal, inspired by the idea that spoken language is only one of the many languages young children use to understand the world.

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For more information, technical details or booking inquiries, please contact Simone de Jong Company or the agent [Vanaf2.com](https://vanaf2.com).

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