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Like Goofy's foldable caravan...

It takes about an hour for the tent to erect the tent from a package in a semitrailer into a 14-meter tall scene. The idea comes from Disney's Goofy foldable caravan, says tent creator Krister Lindgren. The first tenant is the People's Theatre.

The trailer is custom built in Kilafors, Sweden. When erecting the tent, the roof of the semi-trailer opens, and the tent is raised up using telescopic arms powered by hydraulics and controlled with a remote control, says Krister Lindgren, who is also an actor on Varieteatern. After that, it just requires some minor tinkering. Disney's Goofy foldable caravan, shown on Christmas Eve every year in Sweden, is mentioned more than once during the opening presentation of the project.

- This is the inspiration, says Krister Lindgren.

He's worked for five years to realize his vision of an easily erected tent. The shortage of good facilities for a traveling company, powered the idea in combination with the labor intense erection of a conventional circus tent.

- I thought I then had to build one myself.

Along with an engineering student who did his thesis, he designed the tent, and has since toiled to find sponsoring money and suitable manufacturers.

The People's Theater has followed the process and is the first tenant. Premiere of the theater tent will be in Bergsjö, Sweden in September with Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle, which will then be touring the county.

Yesterday the actors tested the acoustics, but the tent rehearsals begin until after the holidays.

- It's an awesome acoustics, says actor Aja Rodas and compare it to a church. She is looking forward to playing in the tent.

The tent visible from afar, with its height of 14 meters. Krister Lindgren hopes that it creates curiosity, attracts people to see what happens there, and thus attracts more to the theater. Theatre has a misleading stamp as being hard, he thinks.

- If people come here instead of watching Strictly Come Dancing, then it's a victory, he says, and adds that he does not have anything against the entertainment show as such.

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Krister Lindgren explains to a local radio reporter, and others how the tent is folded down in the trailer through the retractable roof. Photographer: Lars Wigert