

Berlin Performing Arts Festival

June 5 – 10, 2018



From June 5 – 10, 2018 LAFT – Landesverband freie darstellende Künste Berlin will hold the Berlin Performing Arts Festival in cooperation with Ballhaus Ost, HAU Hebbel am Ufer, Sophiensæle and Theaterdiscounter. Artists, groups and performance venues from Berlin's independent performing arts community create the festival's schedule of programming at nearly 60 venues and locations throughout the entire city and invite the audience to explore one of the world's most vibrant art locations.

Berlin has more theaters and performance venues than almost any other city in the world. This especially applies to performance locations and artists within the independent performing arts community. Since 2016, the Berlin Performing Arts Festival has bundled the work of the independent performing arts community in a concentrated schedule of programming and invited audiences to explore it. Nearly 12,000 tickets sold last year attest to the public interest in this still-young festival format. The open call for the third edition has been met with an enormous response: more than 140 artistic works from the fields of theater, dance, performance, music theater, puppet theater and children's and youth theater have been submitted as contributions to the festival's schedule of programming. New productions of classic material, theme-based devised material and innovative theater formats, established dance groups and young, emerging performance talents that will be presented on stages large and small as well as at unusual locations all throughout Berlin make up the schedule of programming this year.

With the *Introducing* program, the Berlin Performing Arts Festival dedicates special attention to artistic newcomers. A jury composed of representatives from the cooperating performance venues selected the newcomers this year from 99 applications who will present their artistic impulses at these theaters.

Industry professionals visiting from all over the world ranging from Australia to Scandinavia were able to benefit from the festival last year to achieve insights into the creative offers of Berlin's independent performing arts community and make new contacts. This year as well, the Berlin Performing Arts Festival will provide wide-ranging offerings for visiting industry professionals and allow international guests insight into the current work of artists and groups based in the German capital with the Berlin Diagonale Show Camp format, amongst others.

The complete schedule of programming will be published at www.performingarts-festival.de in May 2018 and tickets will be available for purchase via the online shop. Early bookers and frequent visitors will benefit from "early bird" discounts and other reductions.

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