

PRESS RELEASE

Biannual festival tanz nrw 11 presents impulses and experimental productions of North Rhine-Westphalia's dance scene in eight cities in NRW from May 5 to 15

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During a press talk at the tanzhaus nrw, representatives of the **Tanzproduzenten-Konferenz NRW** (**Stefan Hilterhaus**/ Artistical and managing director of PACT Zollverein Essen, **Bertram Müller**/ Artistical and managing director of the tanzhaus nrw Düsseldorf, as well as **Jürgen Sauerland-Freer**/ Head of the Office of Cultural Affairs of the City of Krefeld) unveiled the collective programme of the third edition of **tanz nrw 11**. The North Rhine-Westphalian dance festival aims to present the most recent and exciting dance performances, produced in NRW over the course of the last two years, to a dance interested public and a professional audience within a concentrated effort. tanz nrw 11 receives significant support from the Ministry for Families, Children, Youths, Culture and Sports of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, from the Kunststiftung NRW and the participating cities.

From May 5 to 15, the contemporary dance festival is now going to show the different aesthetic positions of North Rhine-Westphalian dance artistry in eight cities throughout NRW (**Bonn, Düsseldorf, Essen, Köln, Krefeld, Münster, Viersen, Wuppertal**). The Theater im Pumpenhaus Münster expands the NRW network of dance presenters as the network's youngest member.

tanz nrw 11 starts off with **11 productions** during the opening weekend at **two venues, PACT Zollverein Essen** and **tanzhaus nrw Düsseldorf, from May 5 to 8, 2011**. Additionally, there will be an avant festival premiere of Alexandra Waierstall's "Mapping the Wind" at the tanzhaus NRW on May 4 as well as the tanz nrw 11 satellite "Irgendwo/ Somewhere" by Renegade at the Schauspielhaus Bochum on May 7. The opening weekend will see performances by Samir Akika, Naoko Tanaka, Silke Z./resistdance., Morgan Nardi, Ben J. Riepe Kompanie, Angie Hiesl, Yoshie Shibahara&POGOensemble, Gudrun Lange, Martin Nachbar & Benjamin Schweitzer, MOUVOIR and CocoonDance Company, among others.

This concentration serves the needs of the national and international professional audience for the first time. To all presenters present, a shuttle service offers the opportunity of witnessing all productions conveniently.

Following this first, intense beginning, the productions of **tanz nrw 11** will disperse to proclaim a 13 venue city festival throughout all of the dance state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Apart from the productions of the opening weekend, several more exceptional artists like Raimund Hoghe, Barbara Fuchs, Mark Sieczkarek, Fabien Prioville, Karel Vanek, Chikako Kaido and Antje Pfundtner will be complementing the programme.

In addition to Alexandra Waierstall's premiere of "Mapping the Wind", this third edition will also be home to two premieres by Mark Sieczkarek in Münster: "In Person" and "Oblivion Sauve".

Moreover, there will be an extensive and varied supporting programme all through the festival showing the facets of North Rhine-Westphalia's dance scene in yet another light by means of different formats like photography exhibitions, installations, dance films, short talks, tryouts or readings.

tanz nrw 11 not only wants to discuss current dance trends with the audience during the festival at the respective venues, but rather wants to establish communication already beforehand via social networks like facebook.

SOME QUOTES FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TANZPRODUZENTEN-KONFERENZ NRW (TPK)

Stefan Hilterhaus/ Artistical and managing director PACT Zollverein:

“tanz nrw serves as an anchoring point for meeting and self-reflection to the dance scene in North Rhine-Westphalia: As a festival, it binds the heterogenously structured scene and opens up the possibility to gain a concentrated overview of current developments for the festival audience as well as for guests from abroad, all of this in a short span of time. It also provides generous hospitality and atmospherical density.“

Jürgen Sauerland-Freer, Head of the Office of Cultural Affairs of the City of Krefeld:

“Contemporary dance is more than just metropolitan art. **tanz nrw 11**, through focus and concentration, inserts the current dance scene of North Rhine-Westphalia into an international discourse while at the same time being an audience festival within NRW. Presentation and exchange create an added value of artistical insight for both dance creators and audience. As is usual in all participating cities, we in Krefeld enable an important and valuable examination of cosmopolitan dance artistry.“

ABOUT THE TANZPRODUZENTEN-KONFERENZ NRW (TPK)

The TpK (dance producers' conference NRW) is an association of North Rhine-Westphalian dance presenters and producers, acting in cultural politics and encompassing multiple cities. The cooperation intends to strengthen the professional dance scene by means of intense networking, to further its image nationally and internationally and enabling international exposure for artists from North Rhine-Westphalia. Founded in 2004, members comprise the tanzhaus nrw Düsseldorf, PACT Zollverein Essen, the Offices and Departments of Cultural Affairs of the Cities of Cologne, Krefeld, Viersen, and Wuppertal, the City of Bonn with the *bühne in der brotfabrik* and the *theaterimballsaal* as well as *tanz performance köln* and the *Theater im Pumpenhaus Münster*.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PRESS AND MEDIA

Further information about the festival as well as the complete programme can be found at www.tanz-nrw-11.de.

Press photos, a press kit and press releases may also be downloaded at the press section of www.tanz-nrw-11.de.

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