



Virve Sutinen, Artistic Director

Biography

Since 2014, Virve Sutinen has been the artistic and festival director of Tanz Im August Festival in Berlin. Before that she was as the artistic director and general manager of Dansens Hus Stockholm and the head of Kiasma Theatre, and in charge of the Performing Arts Programme at Kiasma, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Helsinki for the first ten years after its foundation. During that time she was artistic co-director of the festival *Moving in November* and *Rotation Dance Film Festival* in Helsinki, as well as artistic co-director of the festivals *theatre.now* and *URB Urban Festival* in Helsinki, both of which she founded.

Sutinen has held several positions of trust in European and Nordic cultural networks and funding bodies. Most notably, she has served as the president of IETM, chaired for the Nordic Culture Point's Mobility and Network Programme, and is a founding member of EDN, European Dancehouse Network, and ICE HOT Nordic Dance Platform. Her most recent activities include the initiation of Big Pulse Dance Alliance, multi-annual Culture Europe project of 12 European dance festivals, and membership in the jury of EFA for Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe (EFFE) label.

Sutinen is a graduate of New York University, and holds an MA in Performance Studies and BA in Theatre Studies Helsinki University.