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TANZ IM AUGUST – 35. Internationales Festival Berlin presented by HAU Hebbel am Ufer 9th – 26th of August 2023

Balance 2023

The 35th edition of the International Festival Tanz im August, presented by HAU Hebbel am Ufer, ended on Saturday, 26th of August. The focus of the festival was the artistic visualisation of the mutual relationships between human beings, nature, and culture(s) – and thus also between different dance languages.

This year's festival under the new artistic direction of Ricardo Carmona can look back on successful three weeks in which 19 productions were presented at 11 venues - including 5 premieres, 6 German premieres, 8 Berlin and international co-productions and a commissioned project with 22 Berlin artists within a total of 47 performances.

With an occupancy rate of 99.2 percent, 17.300 visitors and around 16.100 tickets sold, the festival was able to continue the success of previous festival years – with many 'standing ovations' and cheers from the very heterogeneous audience.

The festival was attended by 480 professionals from the national and international dance scene, who came especially for the premieres.

After a celebrated festival opening with a German premiere by Marco da Silva Ferreira, Dorothée Munyaneza, Nadia Beugré, Trajal Harrell (in collaboration with the Berliner Festspiele), Ginevra Panzetti and Enrico Ticconi also impressed with their new works in the first festival week.

In the second week of the festival, the current works by Radouan Mriziga, Kat Válastur, Serge Aimé Coulibaly, Rosas and Chiara Bersani convinced the audience. A special highlight of this year's festival was also the collaboration with the battle project Outbox Movement, which was a guest at a dance festival for the first time, bringing together movement artists and thus styles of all kinds.

The latest works by Taoufiq Izeddiou, the Ballet National de Marseille / (LA)HORDE, Agata Siniarska, Yasmeen Godder, Cherish Menzo and Marlene Monteiro Freitas also ensured sold-out venues in the third week of the festival





The question of how artists are responding to the urgency of the climate crisis were taken into Berlin's parks by the project "Interconnecting Dance & Ecology". 22 short choreographies by Berlin artists were selected from 222 project proposals on the overall theme of dance and ecology and could be experienced on the three festival Saturdays with free admission in Park am Gleisdreick, Stadtpark Lichtenberg (in cooperation with the Kultursommerfestival Berlin) and Volkspark Rehberge. The events were visited in large numbers with approximately 1200 guests.

Venues 2023

HAU Hebbel am Ufer (HAU1 / HAU2 / HAU3), Haus der Berliner Festspiele, Radialsystem, SOPHIENSÆLE, Villa Elisabeth, Volksbühne am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, Park am Gleisdreieck, Stadtpark Lichtenberg, Volkspark Rehberge

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