

# Berlin Performing Arts Festival



**May 25 - 30, 2021 - SAVE THE DATE**

December 10, 2020

**From May 25 to 30, 2021, the Berlin Performing Arts Festival is pleased to invite audiences to its sixth editions, offering once more an opportunity to explore the independent performing arts community in the German capital. Following a turbulent and eventful 2020, it's time to rediscover the independent performing arts community and its numerous independent performance venues or get to know them for the first time - save the date! Save the Performing Arts!**

We have experienced extraordinary times this past year - and more are still to come. For what is now the second time, theaters and performance venues have been forced to close - and no one knows when they will be able to reopen. The newly planned and deeply desired live moments of art and engagement are back on hold. The fragility of independent structures and independent working models, especially within Berlin's artistic and cultural landscape, is now more visible than ever before. Productions and festivals within the performing arts sector have developed and realized digital or hybrid formats in an impressively short time. A large number of new forms of interaction and accessibility have been created. Public space has been rediscovered by a large number of artists and culture makers as a space of action. A new feeling of solidarity and a new awareness for fellow members of the community as well as for societal debate are characterizing the discourses within the independent arts community.

The Berlin Performing Arts Festival, which has taken place each year since 2016 at some 60 venues throughout the city, thus placing the diversity and creativity of the independent performing arts community on stage, has also reacted to the current developments. In 2020, with PAF@home, the festival put on its first digital edition, one in which the effects of the crisis on artistic creation was made the central topic of the discussion.

But what contents and artistic concepts will be affecting the community in May of 2021? Will digital formats have become completely normal, already dated and boring or part of multimodal concepts? What will we be able to present? What will we want to present? In light of these questions, and, in fact, especially because of them, the team of the Berlin Performing Arts Festival is looking at the year 2021 optimistically as well as resolutely and are pleased to invite you to save the date for the new edition from May 25 to 30, 2021.

From December 18, 2020, artists, groups, theaters and performance venues are invited to submit their analog, digital or hybrid works from the fields of theater, dance, performance, music theater, puppet theater as well as children's and youth theater and be a part of embodying the diversity of Berlin's independent performing arts community.

As always, a major part of the schedule of programming will be dedicated to the platform Introducing..., where new artists in and for Berlin are presented at Ballhaus Ost, HAU Hebbel am Ufer, Sophiensæle and Theaterdiscounter.

We're looking forward to a surprising, safe and healthy festival in 2021!

You can find more information about the Berlin Performing Arts Festival at:  
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