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Editorial

Dear visitors, Dear readers,

Hardly any other city in the world is as lively and creative as Berlin – not least because of its diverse array of cultural offerings and the countless individual artists and groups working within the independent performing arts community. International festivals and get-togethers as well as over 110 performance venues and numerous rehearsal and production locations shape this reputation as a theater metropolis far beyond the borders of the city as well.

The Performing Arts Guide is intended to give industry professionals and members of the community, especially those who are guests within the city, an overview of this diversity of the independent performing arts community in Berlin. Alongside a comprehensive list of all performance venues, there is also an overview of festivals and get-togethers as well as different platforms, initiatives, organizations and associations that make contributions to supporting the community in a wide variety of ways. In the corresponding online version, there is also a calendar with exciting events.

The independent performing arts community is in a state of constant change – which means that this guide is as well. With this in mind, we are very appreciative of every piece of additional information that you would like to share with us.

We hope that this guide serves as a useful tool and that you enjoy your journey of discovery.

With kind regards

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Festivals are the reflection of the independent performing arts. They present current artistic positions and offer space for relevant discourses. They provide the community with greater visibility and communicate its heterogeneity and diversity to a broad audience.

AUGENBLICK MAL!

The Festival of Theater for Young Audiences



AUGENBLICK MAL! is the most important nationwide festival of theater for young audiences. As a platform for outstanding productions and different artistic positions, it makes contemporary developments in the performing arts visible to young audiences. With its guest performance program, the festival is a place where artists, theater makers and the young audience meet each other. AUGENBLICK MAL! presents selected productions from Germany in partner theaters and at other venues in Berlin. There is also a professional supporting program and festivals. Photo: Renata Chueire

→ Children's & Youth Theater Every two years. Next edition 05/06–05/11/2025. Presented by KJTZ and ASSITEJ e.V. in cooperation with theaters in Berlin.

¬ augenblickmal.de/en

BAM!

Festival of Berlin's Independent Music Theater Scene



BAM! Berlin's Festival for Contemporary Music Theater is the festival of the local independent music theatre scene. It focuses on Berlin's international scene of music theatre practitioners working outside the traditional opera form and on the variety and diversity of expression in dealing with present day issues. The festival is held and organized by its representative body, the ZMB (Zeitgenössisches Musiktheater Berlin e.V.). BAM! 2025 is the fourth edition of the festival and will take place for the first time in Neukölln. Photo: Markus Lieberenz

→ Discourse, Music Theater, Performance Every two years. Next edition 11/20-11/23/25. Presented by ZMB – Zeitgenössisches Musiktheater Berlin.

¬ bam-berlin.org/en

Berlin Circus Festival



The Berlin Circus Festival is Germany's leading festival for contemporary circus, held on the iconic Tempelhofer Feld. Over twleve days, across three tents and an outdoor stage, it showcases a carefully curated selection of the best performances the circus world has to offer. In addition to stage performances, visitors can explore an annually changing art exhibition, live music, audience discussions, a diverse culinary experience, and much more—transforming the festival site into an oasis, a place for discovery, joy, exchange and interaction. Photo: Camilla Berrio

→ Contemporary Circus, Interdisciplinary Annually in August. Next edition 07/30-08/10/25. Presented by Berlin Circus Festival UG. ⊅ berlin-circus-festival.de/home

Berlin Showcase

Performing Arts for the Very Young



Berlin Showcase is a festival featuring current productions for very young audiences in and from Berlin. Theater o.N. is the initiator and presents the format together with other performance venues such as Schaubude Berlin and FELD – Theater für junges Publikum. The focus is on the presentation, networking and artistic research of the Berlin arts community for very young audiences. Encounters with the international community of practitioners are made possible and the work of Berlin-based theater artists is presented to national and international curators and presenters. Photo: Bernhard Musil

→ Young Audience
Every two years in fall.
Next edition 10/09-11/23/25.
Presented by Theater o.N.

> berliner-schaufenster.theater-on.de/en/home-berliner-schaufenster/

Black Berlin Black



"Black Berlin Black" is the largest producing festival of political art from Black perspectives in Berlin: Through theater, literature, performance, fine arts, film, and panels, the social development of the city is reflected from the experiences of Black protagonists, artists, academics, and activists. Every two years, "Black Berlin Black" sets a new focus. It began with "Black Lux – Ein Heimatfest aus Schwarzen Perspektiven" (A Celebration from Black Perspectives) (2013) and "We are tomorrow" (2015). in 2025, the seventh edition will take place: "Festivity!" Photo: Clarita Maria

→ Discourse, Interdisciplinary,
 Performance, Theater
 Every two years. Next edition in 2025.
 Presented by Ballhaus Naunynstraße.
 → ballhausnaunynstrasse.de (only in German)

Folds



Since fall 2022, Tanzfabrik Berlin Bühne's presentation format Folds has stood for a recurring condensation of artistic projects linked by a loose thematic or conceptual framework. The concept of Folds is neither a season nor a festival. It operates in the in-between and takes place at irregular intervals throughout the year. As heterogeneous events, the Folds include talks, screenings, performative exhibitions, first rehearsal impressions and premieres. Photo: Dieter Hartwig

→ Dance, Performance
 Annually September – May.
 Presented by Tanzfabrik Berlin.

 ⁷ tanzfabrik-berlin.de/en/formate

FIGURE IT OUT

Conference and Showcase for Figure Theater



Each year, Figure It Out wanders between Berlin, Leipzig and Stuttgart, presenting the diversity of contemporary figure and object theater. The showcase offers a platform for artistic experiments with puppets, objects, materials, avatars and masks. The schedule of programming is supplemented by showings, try outs and interactive encounters between the audience and the artists.

Photo: Gianmarco Bresadola

→ Contemporary Puppet & Object Theater Annually. Next Berlin edition in 2026. The Berlin edition is presented by Schaubude Berlin.

¬ schaubude.berlin/en/productions/figure-it-out-2/

FRATZ International



FRATZ International, organized by Theater o.N., invites the international children's theatre scene to Berlin every two years and presents extraordinary guest performances. As part of the festival, a symposium is held at which the latest developments in the field are discussed and researched. The festival is aimed at children aged 0-6 and follows a decentralized approach. The guest performances are shown throughout Berlin. At the FRATZ Encounters, a workshop program with daycare centers, the children meet the (international) artists and deepen their theater experiences.

Photo: David Beecroft, "Bounced", Magnet Theatre

→ Children's Theater Every two years. Next edition 10/09–10/15/2026. Presented by Theater o.N.

¬ fratz-festival.de/en/fratz-home/

IKARUS-Spielzeit



The IKARUS-Theater-Prize honors productions that make a visit to the theater a special experience for children and young people. Every autumn all productions nominated for the IKARUS Prize are shown in Berlin theaters. The highlight is the public IKARUS Gala on November 14, 2025. The prize does not stand for pure entertainment and mainstream, but for the courage to take artistic risks and dare to try something extraordinary. With the IKARUS the JugendKulturService wants to draw public interest to these special theater events. Photo: Kay Herschelmann

→ Children's & Youth Theater

Annually September – November.

Presented by JugendKulturService gGmbH Berlin.

7 jugendkulturservice.de/de/theater/ikarus/
(only in German)

Le Lampenfieber



Le Lampenfieber is a young transnational theatre festival in Berlin that brings together emerging artists. With an annual theme, the festival invites people to create new perspectives for a fairer future and celebrate the diversity of queer*feminist voices. It is dedicated to showcasing performances and plays which take a unique look at current social issues. In addition to the shows, Le Lampenfieber features creative workshops, public talks, parties and open stages to dive deeper into the festival's themes. Photo: Jetmir Idrizi

→ Emerging Artists, Performance, Theater Annually in fall. Next edition in 2026. Presented by Theater im Nu e.V.

7 theaterimnu.de/le-lampenfieber-theater (only in German)

Monologfestival



The Monologfestival at TD Berlin has been held every two years since 2007. In each edition, it coproduces up to ten new theater solos with a shared topic. The focus is placed on societal change and the question of the room to maneuver for individuals in relation to other people. Extraordinary world premieres by renowned theater makers and collectives are created through this, as well as by newcomers. Photo: Monologfestival

> → Theater Every two years. Next edition 11/06-11/16/2025. Presented by TD Berlin. ¬ monologfestival.de/en/

Berlin **Performing Arts Festival**



Since 2016, the Berlin Performing Arts Festival has presented the diversity of Berlin's independent performing arts community at numerous theaters and performance venues throughout the entire city. The festival program collects work from all genres and is supported by communication, exchange and network formats. The festival dedicates a special focus to emerging artists with the programming series "Introducing ...". The festival program is thus intended both for Berlin's audience and visitors to the city and interested visiting industry professionals from throughout Germany and abroad.

Photo: Alina Bader

→ Interdisciplinary Next edition exp. 2026. Presented by LAFT Berlin -Landesverband freie darstellende Künste Berlin e.V. ¬ performingarts-festival.de/en

Plataforma Berlin



Since 2011, Plataforma Berlin Festival presents BIPoC/Latinx (Black, Indigenous, People of Color / Of Latin-American origin) artists, cultural workers and activists who deal with intersectionality, climate justice, decoloniality, ancestral knowledge or geopolitics, bridging the gap between continents. International guests and local Berlin artists from the Latin American diaspora present transdisciplinary media such as dance/performance, video installation, ceremonies, VR and performing arts. The protagonist is always the body. Photo: Dieter Hartwig, "HECATOMB III"

→ Dance, Discourse, Interdisciplinary, Performance Annually. Next edition Aug/Sept 2025. Presented by Martha Hincapie Charry in coproduction with DOCK ART & several oranizations.

¬ plataformaberlin.de

Purple



In addition to a professional stage program featuring numerous dance performances, the festival offers an extensive supporting program. In collaboration with artists, there are introductions to the works performed, discussions, and free workshops. The goal of the festival is to make children and young people curious and enthusiastic about dance. To do so, it puts together a joyful and energetic program presenting various aesthetic approaches and types of content from the international contemporary dance scene. Photo: Mehmet Vanlı

→ Dance, Young Audience
Annually at the beginning of the year.
Presented by C. Erek & I. Zysk GbR.

¬ purple-tanzfestival.de/en

SUBMERGE Festival



The annual SUBMERGE Festival celebrates choreography and artistic solidarity. The festival consists of workshops taught as precursors to performances. The workshops function as "re-creative" labs where artists guide participants in the crafting of their work. They share creative processes, movement techniques, choreographic/improvisational methods and conceptual journeys that contributed to the creation of the work. Each workshop includes a formal performance, open to the public, of the piece investigated in the lab. Photo: Maria Kousi

→ Dance, Discourse, Emerging Artists, Performance Annually. Next edition 07/21-08/24/25. Presented by Lake Studios Berlin.

↗ <u>lakestudiosberlin.com</u>

Tanz im August



Tanz im August, presented by HAU Hebbel am Ufer, is a festival for contemporary dance in Berlin. Founded in 1989, it showcases contemporary dance performances, recognized companies, innovative choreographers and new aesthetics and formats from around the world. The events are shown in collaboration with and at various venues in Berlin. Along with international companies, the festival features recent work by Berlin artists. Tanz im August also invites its audience to take an active part in the festival and to meet its participating artists. Photo: Naima Maleika

→ Dance
Annually in August. Next edition 08/03/-08/30/25.
Presented by HAU Hebbel am Ufer.

¬ tanzimaugust.de/en/

Tanznacht Berlin



Tanznacht Berlin presents the diversity of choreographic works by artists living and working in Berlin. Initiated in 2000, the festival has been held at the Uferstudios in Wedding since 2008. The format changes every two years through the involvement of a different curatorial director and aims to do justice to the changes in artistic methods and audience discourses as well as to set cultural-political signals. Since 2012, the festival has alternated annually with the discursive format Tanznacht Forum. Photo: Dieter Hartwig

→ Dance, Discourse, Performance Every two years. Next edition 09/10-09/14/25. Presented by Tanzfabrik Berlin.

→ <u>tanznachtberlin.de/tanznachtberlin/en/</u>

tanzpol Festival



The interdisciplinary tanzpol festival offers dance, performance, story-telling, experimental and interactive formats, panel discussions and workshops. It has previously taken place at Uferstudios Berlin (2022) and Sophiensaele (2024). Tanzpol is about creating spaces for dialog and connection between the 'West' and the 'non-West', to understand their conceptualizations, aesthetics, blind spots and potentials. In addition, tanzpol works on thinking further a curatorial practice, taking into account current political, social and artistic discourses. Foto: Babak Bordbar

→ Dance, Discourse, Emerging Artists, Interdisciplinary, Performance Every two years. Next edition exp. Summer 2026. Presented by tanzpol.

→ tanzpol-berlin.de (only in German)

Tanztage Berlin



Tanztage Berlin has been presenting innovative and cross-genre works by Berlin artists in the fields of contemporary dance, choreography and performance since 1996. Produced in by Sophiensæle since 2001, this platform is a unique opportunity for the city's broadly defined emerging choreographers and performers. With its 34 editions, the festival has already proven many times what it stands for: artistic risk, experimental formats and visions that not only question conventional narratives about dance and choreography, but also the role of the body in the world. Photo: Mayra Wallraff

 \rightarrow Dance, Discourse, Interdisciplinary, Performance Annually in January.

Presented by Sophiensæle.

¬ sophiensaele.com/en

Theater der Dinge



The international festival Theater der Dinge is one of Germany's most important festivals for contemporary figure and object theater. Choosing different themes to focus on, the festival reflects the current trends and currents of the genre, explores peripheries and pushes experimentation at the intersections with affiliated arts. The productions, installations and exhibitions that are invited to participate all possess a unique artistic language, a wholly individual aesthetic quality and a certain urgency with respect to their content. Photo: Taipeh Puppetry Art Center

→ Contemporary Puppet & Object Theater Annually. Next edition 10/31–11/05/2025. Presented by Schaubude Berlin

¬ schaubude.berlin/en

The Expo

A Showcase of Wahlberliner*innen



Since 2013, this festival has presented selected performances from the diverse international independent performing arts community of Berlin with a working language of English. Over multiple evenings, the festival presents a cross section of this community across all performing arts genres and beyond all language barriers. ExpLoRE, the newcomer's platform, is open to smaller formats or work still under development. The schedule of programming is curated by festival founder Daniel Brunet as well as two associate curators, from the applications received based on the criteria of artistic excellence, internationalism and creative diversity. Photo: Sebastian Runge

→ Dance, Interdisciplinary, Performance, Theater Annually. Presented by English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center.

→ etberlin.de

Zeit für Zirkus Berlin



Zeit für Zirkus Berlin transforms the city's districts into a circus landscape full of diverse performances, workshops and events centered around contemporary circus art. The festival is the German counterpart to the French La Nuit du Cirque and aims to help contemporary circus gain more visibility in the cultural scene and beyond. Photo: Andy Phillipson

→ Contemporary Circus

Annually. Next edition 11/14–11/16/2025.

Presented by

Bundesverband Zeitgenössischer Zirkus e.V.

Z zeitfuerzirkus.de/en/



Get Togethers show what moves the community. Setting new impulses, sharing knowledge, and forging collaborations – throughout Get Togethers, new artistic and societal discourses are collectively explored.

Conferences & Symposia Presented by the Berlin Performing Arts Program



Several times per year, the LAFT Berlin Performing Arts Program invites the community to attend topic-specific conferences and symposia. Current (cultural) political and social developments, professional discourses, as well as working and production conditions are addressed, collectively reflected upon, and further explored. Key topics include audience development, (post)digital work practices, community-building, and collaborative, care-friendly work structures. The events are designed to foster accessible knowledge sharing as well as in-depth expert dialogue. Photo: Dorothea Tuch

Several times per year.

Presented by Berlin Performing Arts Program.

Papa-berlin.de/en

Berlin Performing Arts Market



In order to increase the international and nationwide visibility of the independent performing arts in Berlin, the Berlin Performing Arts Program initiated the first Berlin Performing Arts Market in 2024. The format offers curators and producers from across Germany and beyond the opportunity to connect with Berlin-based artists and independent performing arts groups experienced in production and touring. Central to the program are the exchange of knowledge, resources, and ideas, as well as works by selected artists. Photo: Florencia Peralta

Annually. Next edition 05/15/25.

Presented by Berlin Performing Arts Program.

¬ pap-berlin.de/en/what-we-offer/international-nationwide/berlin-performing-arts-market

Spielraum

Freie Szene Tage – The Berlin Days of the Independent Performing Arts Community



The audience is invited to discover the Berlin Independent Performing Arts Community from unusual perspectives – with open formats, such as venue tours, rehearsal visits, workshops, neighborhood projects, and much more. The calendar also highlights accessible offerings for specific performances, including audio descriptions, touch tours, and relaxed performances. Freie Szene Tage is an annual campaign that is created jointly by the community and coordinated by PAP Berlin. It places the focus on the locations of the Independent Performing Arts Community as places of encounter and societal transformation. Photo: Paula Reissig

Annually. Next edition 09/10-09/21/25. Presented by Berlin Performing Arts Program. 7 freie-szene-tage.de/en

Tanznacht Forum



The Tanznacht Forum takes place every two years, alternating with Tanznacht Berlin. Primarily discursive formats are then accompanied by performative works to discuss current issues in contemporary dance. In 2022, the Tanznacht Forum dedicated itself to decidedly intersectional feminist perspectives for the first time in the form of the apap Feminist School Berlin. In 2024, under the title Tanznacht Forum EXPANDED, the format focussed more on performative works than in previous years and sought direct social exchange with the neighbouring urban society in the new Tanzfabrik location Grüntaler 9. Photo: Dieter Hartwig

- → Every two years. Next edition fall 2026. Presented by Tanzfabrik Berlin.
- → tanzfabrik-berlin.de/en

There are more than 110 independent performance venues and locations at which the productions of the independent performing arts community are presented. Some venues also offer residences.

A

AckerStadtPalast

→ Music Theater, Dance, Performance, Music Ackerstr. 169/170, 10115 Berlin ackerstadtpalast.de/en

Acud Macht Neu

→ Performance, Music, Discourse Veteranenstr. 21, 10119 Berlin acudmachtneu.de

Acud Theater

→ Theater, Dance, Performance, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Veteranenstr. 21, 10119 Berlin acud-theater.de

ada Studio

→ Dance, Performance Uferstr. 23a, Uferstudios, Studio 7, 13357 Berlin ada-studio.de

Alte Feuerwache

→ Cabaret, Theater, Dance, Young Audiences Marchlewskistr. 6, 10243 Berlin alte-feuerwache-friedrichshain.de/english-info/

Alte Münze

→ Music, Performance, Theater, Art, interdisc.
Molkenmarkt 2, 10179 Berlin
alte-muenze-berlin.de

Astrid Lindgren Bühne

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Music Theater, Theater Education, Young Audiences Straße zum FEZ 2, 12459 Berlin astrid-lindgren-buehne.de

Atze Musiktheater Berlin

→ Young Audiences, Music Theater Luxemburger Str. 20, 13353 Berlin atzeberlin.de

Ausland

→ Performance, Music, Readings Lychener Str. 60, 10437 Berlin <u>ausland.berlin</u>

B

Ballhaus Naunynstraße

→ Performance, Dance, Theater, Music Naunynstr. 27, 10997 Berlin ballhausnaunynstrasse.de

Ballhaus Ost

→ Theater, Performance, Dance, Music Theater, Music Pappelallee 15, 10437 Berlin ballhausost.de

Ballhaus Prinzenallee

→ Theater, Dance, Performance, Music Prinzenallee 33, 13359 Berlin ballhausprinzenallee.de

Berliner Ringtheater

→ Theater, Emerging Artists, Readings, Discourse Alt-Stralau 88, 10245 Berlin, Gelände Neue Zukunft berlinerringtheater.de

Berliner KinderTheater | Wintertheater

→ Young Audiences im Fontane-Haus im Märkischen Viertel Königshorster Str. 6, 13439 Berlin berliner-kindertheater.de

Berliner KinderTheater | Sommertheater

→ Young Audiences auf der Freilichtbühne an der Zitadelle Spandau Am Juliusturm 62, 13599 Berlin-Spandau berliner-kindertheater.de

BKA Theater

→ Theater, Music Theater, Young Audiences Mehringdamm 34, 10961 Berlin <u>bka-theater.de</u>

Brotfabrik

→ Theater, Performance, Dance, Music Theater Caligariplatz 1, 13086 Berlin brotfabrik-berlin.de

C

CFB Berlin

→ Theater, Performance, Dance, Young Audiences, Music Müllerstr. 74, 13349 Berlin centre-francais.de/en/

Chamäleon Theater

→ Contemporary Circus Hackeschen Höfe, Rosenthaler Str. 40/41, 10178 Berlin chamaeleonberlin.com/en/

Circus Schatzinsel

→ Contemporary Circus May-Ayim-Ufer 4, 10997 Berlin circus-schatzinsel.de

Club der polnischen Versager

→ Performance, Music Ackerstr. 168, 10115 Berlin polnischeversager.de

Cordillera – Raum für Körper und Utopien

→ Dance, transdisciplinary Wilhelminenhofstr. 68a, 12459 Berlin diekg.org/cordilleraberlin

D

Deutsch-Jüdisches Theater im Theater Coupé

→ Theater, Cabaret, Music Theater Hohenzollerndamm 177, 10713 Berlin dithe.de

Deutsches Nationaltheater Fritzenhagen (Peter Waschinsky)

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Cabaret, Music Breestpromenade 4, 12587 Berlin generalanzeiger-waschinsky.de

Dock 11 / DOCK ART

→ Dance, Performance Kastanienallee 79, 10435 Berlin dock11-berlin.de/en

DOCK 11 / EDEN*****

→ Dance, Performance Breite Str. 43, 13187 Berlin dock11-berlin.de/en

F

English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center

→ Performance, Theater, Dance Fidicinstr. 40, 10965 Berlin etberlin.de

Expedition Metropolis (ExMe)

→ Young Audiences, Performance, Improvisation, Theater Education Ohlauer Str. 41, 10999 Berlin expedition-metropolis.de

F

Fabriktheater Moabit

→ Theater, Performance, Slam Poetry Lehrter Str. 35, 10557 Berlin kulturfabrik-moabit.de

FELD Theater für junges Publikum

→ Young Audiences, Performance, Theater Education Gleditschstr. 5, 10781 Berlin iungesfeld.de

Figurentheater Grashüpfer

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences Puschkinallee 16a, 12435 Berlin theater-grashuepfer.de

Fliegendes Theater

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences Urbanstr. 100, 10967 Berlin fliegendes-theater.de

G

Galli Theater Berlin

→ Theater

Oranienburger Str. 32, 10117 Berlin galli-berlin.de

Gemeinschaftshaus Gropiusstadt

→ Theater, Dance, Performance
Bat-Yam-Platz 1, 12353 Berlin
berlin.de/kunst-und-kultur-neukoelln/kulturorte/gemeinschaftshaus/

Globe Berlin

→ Theater Sömmeringstr. 15, 10589 Berlin globe.berlin

GRIPS Hansaplatz

→ Young Audiences Altonaer Str. 22, 10557 Berlin grips-theater.de/en/

GRIPS Podewil

→ Young Audiences Klosterstr. 68, 10179 Berlin grips-theater.de/en/

H

Halle Tanzbühne Berlin

→ Dance

Eberswalder Str. 10–11, 10437 Berlin halle-tanz-berlin.de

HAU Hebbel am Ufer

→ Performance, Dance, Music, Discourse HAU1 Stresemannstr. 29, 10963 Berlin HAU2 Hallesches Ufer 32, 10963 Berlin HAU3 Tempelhofer Ufer 10, 10963 Berlin HAU4 hau4.de (online) hebbel-am-ufer.de/en/

Heimathafen Neukölln

→ Performance, Theater, Music Th., Young Aud. Karl-Marx-Str. 141, 12043 Berlin heimathafen-neukoelln.de

Hochschule für Schauspielkunst Ernst Busch

→ Theater

HfS UNTEN | HfS OBEN | HfS Probebühnen

Zinnowitzer Str. 11. 10115 Berlin

bat Studiotheater

Belforter Str. 15, 10405 Berlin hfs-berlin.de/en/

Hotel Continental – Art Space in Exile

→ Theater, Interdisziplinary, Diskourse, Performance Elsenstr. 87, 12435 Berlin artspaceinexile.org



Jugendtheaterwerkstatt Spandau

→ Young Audiences, Theater Education, Performance, Dance Gelsenkircher Str. 20, 13583 Berlin <u>itw-spandau.de</u>



K77 Studio

→ Dance, Performance Kastanienallee 77, 2. Hinterhof, 3. Etage, 10435 Berlin k77studio.org

Katapult

→ Dance, Performance Wilhelminenhofstr. 91, 12459 Berlin katapult.berlin

Kleines Theater

→ Theater Südwestkorso 64, 12161 Berlin kleines-theater.de

KOBALT Figurentheater Berlin

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Sanderstr. 26, 12047 Berlin kobalt-berlin.de

LAKE Studios Berlin

→ Dance Scharnweberstr. 27, 12587 Berlin lakestudiosberlin.com

Liebig12

→ Performance, Music, Discourse Liebigstr. 12, 10247 Berlin liebig12.net

M

Mehringhof-Theater

→ Cabaret Gneisenaustr. 2a, 10961 Berlin mehringhoftheater.de

Monbijou Theater | Märchenhütte

→ Theater, Young Audiences Monbijoustr. 3b, 10117 Berlin monbijou-theater.com

N

Neue Bühne Friedrichshain

→ Theater, Performance, Dance Boxhagener Str. 18, 10245 Berlin neue-buehne-friedrichshain.de

Neuköllner Oper

→ Music Theater, Music Karl-Marx-Str. 131–133, 12043 Berlin neukoellneroper.de/en/



Ovoun

→ inter- and antidisciplinary Lucy-Lameck-Str. 32, 12049 Berlin oyoun.de/en/

P

Pfefferberg Theater

→ Theater, Cabaret, Young Audiences, Music Schönhauser Allee 176, Haus 15, 10119 Berlin pfefferberg-theater.de

Prime Time Theater

→ Theater, Comedy Müllerstr. 163, 13353 Berlin, Eingang Burgsdorfstraße primetimetheater.de

Puppentheater Felicio

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences Schivelbeiner Str. 45, 10439 Berlin felicio.de

Puppentheater Firlefanz

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences, Music Theater Sophienstr. 10, 10178 Berlin puppentheater-firlefanz.de



Q Space

→ Contemporary Circus, Dance Mühlenstr. 62–64, Haus 11, 13187 Berlin q-space.berlin

R

radialsystem

→ Music Theater, Dance, Performance, Music Holzmarktstr. 33, 10243 Berlin radialsystem.de/en/

RambaZamba Theater

→ Performance, Theater, Dance, Music Schönhauser Allee 36–39, 10435 Berlin rambazamba-theater.de/en

Ratibor Theater

→ Theater, Improvisation Cuvrystr. 20a, 10997 Berlin ratibortheater.de

S

Schaubude Berlin

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences Greifswalderstr. 81–84, 10405 Berlin schaubude.berlin/en

Schlossplatztheater

→ Music Theater, Young Audiences, Music Alt-Köpenick 31, 12555 Berlin schlossplatztheater.de

Shakespeare Company Berlin |

Theater am Insulaner

→ Theater Munsterdamm 80, 12169 Berlin shakespeare-company.de

Sophiensæle

→ Performance, Dance, Music Theater, Discourse Sophienstr. 18, 10178 Berlin sophiensaele.com/en

Spreehalle Berlin

→ Music Theater, Performance Reinbeckstr. 16, 12459 Berlin spreehalle.berlin/en/

Statttheater Lichtenberg

→ Young Audiences, Theater Education Allee der Kosmonauten 67, 12681 Berlin statttheater-lichtenberg.de

Studio2 des Internationalen Theaterinstituts

→ Dance, Music, Performance
Mariannenplatz 2, 10997 Berlin,
im Kunstquartier Bethanien
mimecentrum.iti-germany.de

T

tak Theater Aufbau Kreuzberg

→ Performance, Theater Education, Dance, Discourse Prinzenstr. 85f, 10969 Berlin tak-berlin.de

Tanzfabrik Berlin Bühne

→ Dance, Performance Uferstr. 23b, 13357 Berlin tanzfabrik-berlin.de

TANZKOMPLIZEN im Podewil

→ Dance, Young Audiences Klosterstr. 68, 10179 Berlin tanzkomplizen.de

Tatwerk | Performative Forschung

→ Performance, Theater, Dance Hasenheide 9, Aufgang 1, 3. OG, 10967 Berlin tatwerk-berlin.de/en

TD Berlin

→ Performance, Theater Klosterstr. 44, 10179 Berlin td.berlin

Theater der kleinen Form

→ Young Audiences, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Gubener Str. 45, 10243 Berlin theater-der-kleinen-form.de

Theater im Bergmannkiez

→ Young Audiences, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Fidicinstr. 40, 10965 Berlin theaterimbergmannkiez.de

Theater im Delphi

→ Music Theater, Dance, Performance, Theater, Music Gustav-Adolf-Str. 2, 13086 Berlin theater-im-delphi.de/en/

Theater im Keller Berlin

→ Performance, Cabaret, Music, Dance Weserstr. 211, 12047 Berlin tikberlin.de

Theater im Kino

→ Performance, Theater, Emerging Artists, Improvisation Rigaer Str. 77, 10247 Berlin theater-im-kino.de

Theater im Palais

→ Theater, Musiktheater Am Festungsgraben 1, 10117 Berlin theater-im-palais.de

Theater Jaro

→ Young Audiences,
Puppet/Figure/Object Theater,
Music Theater
Schlangenbader Str. 30, 14197 Berlin
theater-jaro.de/en/

Theater Mirakulum

→ Young Audiences, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Brunnenstr. 35, 10115 Berlin mirakulum.de

Theater Morgenstern

→ Young Audiences Rheinstr. 1, 12159 Berlin, Rathaus Friedenau theater-morgenstern.de

Theater o. N.

→ Young Audiences, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Kollwitzstr. 53, 10405 Berlin theater-on.de/en/news/

Theater Strahl

→ Young Audiences, Performance,
Dance, Theater Education
Theater Strahl, Kulturhaus Schöneberg
Kyffhäuser Str. 23, 10781 Berlin
Theater Strahl, Ostkreuz
Marktstr. 11, 10317 Berlin
theater-strahl.de/en/

Theater Thikwa

→ Performance, Theater, Dance, Music Theater Fidicinstr. 40, 10965 Berlin thikwa.de/en/

Theater unterm Dach

→ Theater, Performance
Danziger Str. 101, Haus 103, 10405 Berlin
theateruntermdach-berlin.de

Theater Verlängertes Wohnzimmer

→ Theater, Improvisation, Slam Poetry, Music Frankfurter Allee 91, 10247 Berlin theater-verlaengertes-wohnzimmer.de

Theater X

→ Performance, Music, Theater Education Wiclefstr. 32, 10551 Berlin theater-x.com

Theater Zitadelle

→ Puppet/Figure/Object Theater, Young Audiences Am Juliusturm 64, 13599 Berlin theater-zitadelle.de

Theaterforum Kreuzberg

→ Theater, Dance Eisenbahnstr. 21, 10997 Berlin tfk-berlin.de

Theaterhaus Berlin

→ Performance, Theater, Dance, Music, Contemporary Circus Theaterhaus Berlin | Mitte Wallstr. 32, Haus C, 10179 Berlin Theaterhaus Berlin | Schöneweide Schnellerstr. 104, 12439 Berlin theaterhaus-berlin.com

Tiyatrom – Türkisches Theater Berlin

→ Theater, Young Audiences Alte Jakobstr. 12, 10969 Berlin tiyatrom.de

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ufaFabrik

→ Theater, Cabaret, Dance, Young Audiences Viktoriastr. 10-18, 12105 Berlin ufafabrik.de/en

Uferstudios für zeitgenössischen Tanz

→ Dance, Performance Badstr. 41a / Uferstr. 23, 13357 Berlin uferstudios.com/en

UNI.T - Theater der UdK Berlin

→ Theater, Performance, Music Theater Fasanenstr. 1b, 10623 Berlin udk-berlin.de/unit



Vaganten Bühne

→ Theater Kantstr. 12a, 10623 Berlin vaganten.de

Vierte Welt

→ Theater, Performance, Discourse Adalbertstr. 4, Neues Zentrum Kreuzberg, Galerie 1. OG, 10999 Berlin viertewelt.de

Villa Elisabeth | St. Elisabeth

→ Music Theater, Performance, Music, Dance Invalidenstr. 4a, 10115 Berlin elisabeth.berlin

Villa Kuriosum

→ Performance, Contemporary Circus Scheffelstr. 21, 10367 Berlin villakuriosum.net



Das Weite Theater

→ Young Audiences, Puppet/Figure/Object Theater Storkower Str., im Cedio 207, 10369 Berlin das-weite-theater.de

Die Wiesenburg

→ Dance, Performance, Music Wiesenstr. 55, 13357 Berlin diewiesenburg, berlin/en



Zebrano Theater

→ Cabaret, Readings, Music, Young Audiences Lenbachstr. 7a, 12045 Berlin zebrano-theater.de

Zirkus Mond

→ Contemporary Circus, Theater, Dance Lilli-Henoch-Str., 10405 Berlin zirkusmond.de

ZK/U Zentrum für Kunst und Urbanistik

→ Performance, interdisciplinary Siemensstr. 27, 10551 Berlin zku-berlin.org

Action, Support & More



There are many ways to discover the diversity of Berlin's art and culture community. Various online platforms provide an initial overview. For deeper insights into the structures shaping the discourses and artistic working conditions in the city, it is recommended to contact the various initiatives, organizations, and professional associations directly.

Knowledge from Experts Directly from the Community

Where do I find suitable networking events for my field, what industry events fit my interests? We, the Berlin Performing Arts Program, regularly organize networking events focused on current discourses, challenges, and goals of Berlin's independent arts scene. Through a diverse range of offerings and individualized consultations, we increase the visibility of artistic works, consolidate knowledge, create synergies, and initiate collaborations – both within the scene and beyond. Our Freie Szene Kompass provides the perfect first introduction to Berlin's independent arts scene – a digital reference guide covering funding programs, consultations, training, and much more.

Current funding opportunities, workshops, networking meetings and much more can be found on Kreativ Kultur Berlin, TanzRaumBerlin Netzwerk and Creative City Berlin. Anyone who is looking to inform themselves about cultural education can turn to Kubinaut. The project Touring Artists provides advisory services specifically for internationally active artists. Kreativ-Transfer supports international networking at trade fairs and festivals.

For those interested in the development of diversity within Berlin's cultural sector, Diversity Arts Culture is the central point of contact. Amongst other work, the team organizes antidiscrimination and empowerment workshops for culture makers.

- ¬ pap-berlin.de/en
- ↗ kreativkultur.berlin/en/
- ¬ tanzraumberlin.de/en/
- ¬ creative-city-berlin.de/en/

- ↗ kubinaut.de
- → touring-artists.info/en
- ¬ kreativ-transfer.de/en
- ¬ diversity-arts-culture.berlin/en

Taking A Look Behind the Scenes

Theaterscoutings Berlin offers guided tours through the venues and locations of Berlin's independent performing arts community. In collaboration with StattReisen Berlin, local experts provide behind-thescenes insights. The monthly program also features audience discussions, workshops, open rehearsals, and much more.

¬ theaterscoutings-berlin.de

Recommendations for the Very Best Events

What is going on in Berlin right now? Where can I find current productions and events in my discipline – no matter whether it is contemporary circus, music theater or dance? And where is it worth paying a visit to?

Recommendations coming from all disciplines can be found on Berlin Bühnen. It provides also a comprehensive overview of current discourse events, concerts and performances. nachtkritik.de features theater reviews and the latest news from Germany's performing arts scene. Anyone who is looking to search in a more precise manner can take a look at the websites of the individual associations—you can find more about them in the section Associations & Initiatives. And if you happen to be asking yourself whether it is worth attending a current dance production than Tanzschreiber is definitely a helpful portal for you.

→ berlin-buehnen.de/en

¬ nachtkritik.de

₹ tanzschreiber.de

Archives & Media Libraries

Everyone who is not able to be in Berlin at the moment but would still like to receive more insight into Berlin's independent performing arts community, can find some inspiration, for example, in the media library for dance and theater of the International Theater Institute. Tanzforum Berlin also offers a selection of performances and productions from the dance community for viewing after the respective performance has passed.

Also of interest for dance enthusiasts is the information that there will soon be the TanzArchiv Berlin, the Berlin Dance Archive, which will an artistically edited platform for making work in dance archivization visible in Berlin.

What's more, the project Performing the Archive is just getting started—a publicly accessible digital platform where documents and materials related to artistic productions and working processes can be recorded in the form of meta data.

¬ archiv.mimecentrum.de

→ theaterarchiv.org

¬tanzforumberlin.de/en/trailer-archive

Associations & Initiatives

Associations and initiatives play a fundamental role in the further development and growth of the independent performing arts community. They function as an advocacy group for the members of the community in politics. Amongst others, associations representing the interests of the respective disciplines include Bundesverband Zeitgenössischer Zirkus (BUZZ, the German Federal Association for Contemporary Circus), Zeitgenössischen Tanz Berlin e.V. (ZTB, the Berlin Contemporary Dance Association), Zeitgenössische Musiktheater Berlin e.V. (ZMB, the Berlin Contemporary Music Theater Association, the Bundesverband Freie Darstellende Künste e.V. (Federal Association for the Independent Performing Arts) as well as LAFT – Landesverband Freie Darstellende Künste Berlin e. V. (the Berlin State Association for the Independent Performing Arts).

The Berliner Kulturkonferenz (Berlin Cultural Conference), the Rat für die Künste (Berlin's Artist Advisory Council) and the Koalition der Freien Szene Berlin (the Berlin Coalition of the Independent Arts) work interdisciplinarily as mediators between politics and cultural practice

- → bundesverband-zeitgenoessischer-zirkus.de/en → kulturkonferenz.berlin
- ¬ ztberlin.de/en
- ¬ musiktheater-berlin.de/en
- ¬ darstellende-kuenste.de/en

- ¬ rat-fuer-die-kuenste.de
- ↗ koalition-der-freien-szene-berlin.de
- ¬ laft-berlin.de

Finding Spaces

The Rehearsal Space Platform offers a comprehensive and central overview of the spaces that are available in Berlin – regardless of whether they will be used for a new production, performance workshops or rehearsals. A list of suitable rehearsal spaces especially for dancers can be found on the website TanzRaum Berlin. The rental conditions and capacities, however, must be discussed directly with the respective providers of the respective spaces.

→ proberaumplattform-berlin.de

¬ tanzraumberlin.de/en/

About Us & Contact

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