Open Call 19. SoloDuo Festival nrw + friends

Cologne International Dance Festival on June, 4th to 6th, 2027

For the 19th time, Barnes Crossing – Freiraum für Tanz | Performance | Kunst in Cologne is organising the annual SoloDuo Festival nrw + friends. This year, as a one-off, the festival will take place at two venues: the performances will be held at Depot 2 in the former Carlswerk on the right bank of the Rhine in Cologne-Mühlheim, whilst the supporting programme and the awards ceremony will take place in the Festival Center Barnes Crossing studios at the Kunstzentrum Wachsfabrik on the left bank of the Rhine in Cologne-Rodenkirchen. The festival supports internationally networked collaboration whilst also fostering professional exchange amongst the participating dance artists.

Once again in 2027, the Kunstsalon Foundation / Cologne is kindly providing the prize money. This means that an independent international jury will once again be able to award five prizes this year in the categories: awarded Solo, awarded Duo, awarded Solo Newcomer, awarded Duo Newcomer and awarded Performer. In colaboration with the Tanzresidenz im Quartier am Hafen, the winners will receive a three-week residency with accommodation for up to two people. The KunstSalon Foundation awards the prize money to the winners to cover the costs of the residency, in particular travel expenses.

Who can apply

- We are seeking solo choreographies with a maximum duration of 6 minutes and duo choreographies with a maximum duration of 9 minutes.
- There is no minimum duration for the pieces
- There is no age limit
- Both established choreographers and emerging talent from the independent dance scene are invited to take part in this international competition
- Mixed-ability productions are particularly welcome
- productions that integrate an accessible format into their artistic staging are particularly welcome too
- A jury comprising festival director Ilona Pászthy and dancer Diana Treder will invite between 18 and 22 productions to take part in the festival programme

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Sunday, 31 January 2027

Conditions

- The festival will cover accommodation in single or twin rooms plus breakfast (in a hotel or, alternatively, a daily allowance in accordance with the North Rhine-Westphalia Travel Expenses Act), one hot meal per festival day, and travel expenses (see application form for details)
- The festival offers each performance a 30-minute lighting run-through, including a dress rehearsal on the day of the performance, supervised by our festival technician (basic lighting atmospheres + 1 special effect per production).
- The festival provides all participants with free professional photographic and video documentation of the full-length performances for non-commercial use
- The festival invites participants to attend all workshops in the supporting programme free of charge
- The festival particularly invites participants to a round-table discussion with the members of the international jury to discuss the works they have seen. (See the application form for the timetable)

Application

- Applications must be submitted exclusively by email to soloduo@barnescrossing.de
- The following documents are required:
- Completed and signed application form (in English)
- Video documentation in full length of what you show on stage of the solo or duo piece being submitted (link to be provided in the form and in the email)
- Alternatively, a studio recording of a work in progress is also acceptable.
- 1 expressive press photo (with photo credits) of at least 300 dpi

Link to download the form and further information about the SoloDuo Festival here:
https://barnescrossing.de/soloduo-festival/