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ImPulsTanz 2023: Booking start for 212 workshops and research projects

From 6 July to 6 August 2023, the 40th edition of the ImPulsTanz – Vienna International Dance Festival once again promises an eventful summer and returns to the studios of the workshop centre at Schmelz after 23 years. 212 workshops and research projects by 134 national and international teachers attract dance enthusiasts from all over the world to deepen their skills, discover new styles and try things out in 17 departments. In addition to well-known teachers such as Libby Farr, Kristina & Sadé Alleyne and Jermaine Browne, many new faces will shake up the programme and bring a breath of fresh air to Vienna.

From now on, all workshops and research projects can be booked at <https://www.impulstanz.com/workshops-research/> and at the Workshop Office!

Due to construction work at the Arsenal, this year the area at Schmelz is transformed into the festival hotspot during the day, where dance aficionados from all over flock. There are 11 studios to celebrate dance and movement in – sweating on the dance floors or swaying to the beat. At the **Open Doors events** – such as the opening presentation «impressions'23» on 9 July, the much sought-after Freestyle Dance Contest on 29 July or the closing showing «expressions'23» on 5 August – and the numerous jams and showings, the doors are open to the curious.

What would ImPulsTanz be without its long-time companions, who cannot be missing for the 40th anniversary: **Salim Gauwloos** mixes ballet, modern dance and jazz. **Benoît Lachambre** inspires an energetic glow. **Elsa Wolliaaston** explores the musicality of the body. **Doris Uhlich** brings goo. And yes: of course, the only teacher who has never missed a single edition is also there – **Joe Alegado**.

Even more crowd favourites travel from near and far. With **Sri Louise**, space cowboys dance to country western music. **Christopher Matthews** once again throws his legendary queer sleepover party. **Vera Rosner & Krōöt Juurak** invite to a *Fashion Performance*. And anyone who wants to learn the repertoire of the superstars can do so with **Joy Alpuerto Ritter** in *Akram Khan Repertoire*, with **Laura Aris** or **German Jauregui** at *Ultima Vez Vocabulary* or together with **José Agudo**.

ImPulsTanz is breaking a record in its anniversary year: never before have there been so many new teachers, 29 in number! **Dulce Villano** shows how to explore Eros on the pole. **Valentina Schisa & Elisabetta Violante** celebrate the beauty of Ismael Ivo's movement art. And **Eva-Maria Schaller** prepares the body for joyful dancing in *Countertechnique*.

Moreover, this year will be a bit spooky. While **Jules Beckman** welcomes ghosts to the lab, **Jassem Hindi's** workshop already has them in its name: *Ghost dancer*, a sound design and deep listening class. The idea of ghosts also haunts you with **Ishmael Houston-Jones & Keith Hennessy**. Here one approaches queer and decolonial futures through contact with the unknown. **Simone Aughterlony** evokes the appearance of contemporary chimeric bodies and brings them to life. And **Tamara Alegre feat. Cuba Mami** embodies sensual fantasies as warriors, chimeras and strippers – with twerking.

Holidays at last! Together with **Dschungel Wien**, ImPulsTanz invites children and young people between the ages of 3.5 and 18 to **13 Shake the Break workshops** in 2023. **Daybee Dorzile aka Daybee Dee**, **Markus Eggenesperger**, **Attila Zanin** and **Romy Kolb** show what hip hop and social dance can be. With **Sanja Tropp Frühwald**, the kids conquer the world as courage buddies. And with **Johanna Figl & Martina Rösler** they will save it – dancing as bark beetles, Japanese quails or other cool animals.

The majority of ImPulsTanz workshops are also open to people with disabilities. The **All Abilities department** is specifically dedicated to this topic. With **Perel**, one explores what makes up our bodies. **Urša Urbančič** is part of the programme for the first time – with an open level course for artists with and without disabilities. In addition, the **Golden Age workshops** for people over 60 will be taught again this year: **Sofia Douda** takes you to the Caribbean, **Fabiana Pastorini** dances for better health and **Futurelove Sibanda** is back with *Afrofusion Dance* for Golden Agers who love to move.