

Swiss Dance Days 6-9.2.2019 Lausanne

Press Release

For dance professionals all roads lead to Lausanne

Lausanne, 28.11.2018 – The 10th edition of Swiss Dance Days will take place from 6 to 9 February 2019 in Lausanne. It is an occasion dedicated to exchange and encounter between artists, programmers and the public.

«La Suisse n'existe pas!» Artist Ben Vautier's slogan for the Swiss Pavilion at the 1992 Universal Expo in Seville echoes the final selection of this year's 10th edition of Swiss Dance Days: it is this reflection of Switzerland with its multitude of artistic approaches that this year's dance event will celebrate the 6, 7, 8 and 9 February 2019 in Lausanne. Brought together through an initiative of **Reso – Dance Network Switzerland**, the biennale platform is intended to promote the Swiss choreographic arts. After watching and evaluating over 150 performances, a prestigious jury of six individuals, highly esteemed within the dance sector, have selected 15 works created over the last two years to present to the public.

International dance hotspot

Over four days Lausanne will move to the dance's beat, in the many prominent venues that contribute to the diffusion of the city's cultural excellence well beyond the borders of Switzerland. The three associated partners, **Théâtre Vidy-Lausanne**, the **Arsenic - Centre d'art scénique contemporain** and **Théâtre Sévelin 36**, have been joined by **L'Octogone - Théâtre de Pully**, **La Manufacture - haute école des arts de la scène in Lausanne-Malley** and **AVDC - Association vaudoise de danse contemporaine** – to promote the best of recent contemporary choreographic creation. Around a dozen different venues of varying sizes will welcome the event.

A full agenda, rich in emotions

Whether immobile or in motion, dense or ethereal, dance has imposed itself as a profession capable of conveying strong emotions, as much for artists as for the audience. During Swiss Dance Days audience members will be able to discuss the works that move them with the choreographers, dancers and international and national programmers in attendance. Also on the agenda this year besides the opening ceremony and other festivities, members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in a program of cultural mediation.

A meeting place for professionals

Swiss Dance Days is also a unique occasion to bring different dance professionals together in one city. During this 2019 edition representatives from around 300 venues from nearly forty countries are expected in Lausanne. After the success of the «Salons d'artistes» – organized for the first time during Swiss Dance Days 2017 in Geneva – eight Salons d'artistes sessions will be hosted in the studios of the Manufacture. Additionally on the agenda, an excursion around the Lake Geneva region, intended to encourage moments of encounter between professionals.

Explore the programme of the Swiss Dance Days → [here](#)

The ticket sale has now started: the audience can book their tickets at the box offices of the partner theatres.

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