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**EVENT NOTICE** 

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From May 19 to 28, 2017 the cities of Erlangen, Nuremberg, Fürth and Schwabach will host the 20<sup>st</sup> International Festival of Puppetry, Object and Visual Theatre. Over the course of ten days, the festival will feature more than 50 companies from around the world, presenting over 100 contemporary productions in numerous venues spread across the metropolitan region. Founded in 1979, the biennial – one of the most important festivals of its kind in Europe – welcomes approximately 20.000 spectators every two years.

"Figurentheater" – in German a collective term for puppetry, object and visual theatre – ranks amongst the oldest and most fascinating forms of performing arts. Over the last decades, it has continuously transgressed genre boundaries and developed an innovative artistic vocabulary by generating creative synergies and absorbing influences from other art forms. Elements of contemporary dance and performance, as well as interdisciplinary approaches towards fine arts and new media have become as much an integral part of the genre as puppetry, object and visual theatre itself. For its 20<sup>st</sup> edition, the festival will host, amongst others, the following companies and performers: Akhe, Compagnie 111, Berlin, Ariel Doron, Nikolaus Habjan, half past selber schuld, Kulunka Teatro, Liquid Loft, Needcompany, Antje Pfundtner, Puppentheater Magdeburg, Philippe Quesne, Rimini Protokoll, Sandglass Theater, Neville Tranter's Stuffed Puppet, Gisèle Vienne in collaboration with Puppentheater Halle, Theater Waidspeicher, Miet Warlop and Yeung Faï.

The supporting programme of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Puppetry, Object and Visual Theatre offers street performances, installations in public spaces, films as well as workshops, lectures, artist talks, panel discussions and special projects for children and young adults. The "Young Forum", organised in close cooperation with the Department of Theatre and Media Studies of the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen, provides an array of opportunities for students and young artists to present their current work and to enter into dialogue with colleagues and experts, discussing topics and questions evolving around the genre.

More information about the upcoming festival can be found online by the end of March 2017.

A folder providing information on the festival programme will also be available by the end of March. The programme booklet with detailed information on all the performances and the supporting programme is set to be published in mid-April 2017.

## Tickets

To buy tickets in advance, please consult www.figurentheaterfestival.de or visit one of the box offices in Erlangen, Nuremberg, Fürth or Bamberg. Advance ticket sales will start as of April 22. During the festival, between May 19 and 28, tickets may also be purchased at the door one hour prior to the performance at the respective venue.

## Venues

Markgrafentheater, Theaterplatz 2, 91054 Erlangen Redoutensaal, Theaterplatz 1, 91054 Erlangen Experimentiertheater, Bismarckstr. 1, 91054 Erlangen Glocken-Lichtspiele, Hauptstr. 46, 91054 Erlangen Theater in der Garage, Theaterstr. 5, 91054 Erlangen Kulturzentrum E-Werk, Fuchsenwiese 1, 91054 Erlangen Thalermühle, Thalermühle 1, 91054 Erlangen

Tafelhalle, Äußere Sulzbacher Str. 62, 90491 Nürnberg Künstlerhaus im KunstKulturQuartier, Königstr. 93, 90402 Nürnberg Theater Salz+Pfeffer, Frauentorgraben 73, 90443 Nürnberg

Kulturforum, Würzburger Str. 2, 90762 Fürth Stadttheater Fürth, Königstr. 116, 90762 Fürth

Bürgerhaus Schwabach, Königsplatz 33a, 91126 Schwabach Stadtmuseum Schwabach, Museumsstr. 1, 91126 Schwabach

and others

Effective: March 10 2017 Subject to changes!

## Organisers

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