



## **Press Information**

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# 15th Impulse Theatre Festival – apply now! Put this into your diary: November 25 to December 6, 2009 www.festivalimpulse.de is online again

The 15<sup>th</sup> NRW KULTURsekretariat Impulse will be taking place in Bochum, Düsseldorf, Cologne and Mülheim an der Ruhr between **November 25 and December 6, 2009**. As of now, outstanding non-municipal productions from Germany, Austria and Switzerland premiering between September 2007 and June 2009 can apply to participate.

Once again, Matthias von Hartz and Tom Stromberg are the Artistic Directors of the most important festival for the non-municipal German-speaking theatre scene. Matthias von Hartz and Tom Stromberg promise: "Following the successful relaunch in 2007, we are really looking forward to seeing the entire spectrum of new approaches and aesthetics in German-speaking off-theatre." Dr. Christian Esch, Director of the NRW KULTURsekretariat, adds: "The positive response to the last festival has spurred us on to continue along this path and to further expand the festival's international standing."

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Once again, the festival's design will be created by the multiple award-winning Berlin-based artist Daniel Josefsohn, who created the Impulse 2007 design. Josefsohn has produced several extraordinary and downloadable image films for the <a href="https://www.festivalimpulse.de">www.festivalimpulse.de</a> Website, which can be accessed as of now.

#### **Selection Jury:**

In addition to the two Artistic Directors, the Impulse 2009 Selection Jury once again includes Carena Schlewitt (Artistic Director of the Kaserne Basel) and Matthias Günther (Dramatic Adviser of the Münchener Kammerspiele). The team to date is supported by freelance journalist and theatre critic Christine Wahl and dancer and choreographer Xavier Le Roy. Furthermore, there are scouts for German, Austrian and Swiss productions.

### **Sponsors and partners:**

The Impulse 2009 Theatre Festival is supported by the North Rhine-Westphalian Minister President, the Federal Cultural Foundation, the NRW Art Foundation and the Goethe Institute.

#### Applications:

Please submit materials on the productions (press critiques, videos or DVDs) as well as biographical information and the planned performance dates. Recommendations and applications for Impulse 2009 should be sent by post or e-mail under the reference "Impulse" to the following address/e-mail address by the end of June 2009 at the very latest:

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