

# Tanztheater Wuppertal

## Pina Bausch

### Pressemitteilung

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

To conclude the 2020/21 season, the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch presents an online film version of the piece *Schlafende Frau* (Sleeping Woman) by the choreographer and member of the ensemble Rainer Behr.

Deeply influenced by decades of collaboration with Pina Bausch, Rainer Behr never dances, thinks or researches alone, but experiences the slow emergence of the piece together with the dancers as they dance. It is an intuitive summoning of the origins of the Tanztheater Wuppertal and a revelation of the abundance of answers that can arise from a single question.

Working closely with Susanne Stehle (costumes), Michael Simon (stage and lighting) and Andreas Eisenschneider (music), the Wuppertal ensemble explores the theme of dissolution in this new production by Rainer Behr. Taking the incremental changes in the signs of our times as their choreographic starting point, they set out on an adventurous expedition where they encounter an endangered world. The shocking realisation that things are irreversible is palpable in the sensuous and high-octane dances.

Cast: Emma Barrowman, Andrey Berezin, Jonathan Fredrickson, Blanca Nogueroles Ramírez, Milan Nowoitnick Kampfer, Nazareth Panadero, Julie Shanahan, Ekaterina Shushakova, Julie Anne Stanzak, Julian Stierle, Christopher Tandy, Stephanie Troyak, Tsai-Chin Yu

The film version was developed in close collaboration with creative producer Horst Wegener (Wupperwerft) and his team.

Tickets for the film version *Schlafende Frau* (Sleeping Woman) can be booked from 2 July, 8 p.m., until 9 July, 8 p.m., on [pina-bausch.de](http://pina-bausch.de).

Each ticket is 5 euro and is valid for 24 hours.

Journalists can request a private link from 2 July. Please do not pass this on to third parties.

Rainer Behr's creation will celebrate its live premiere at the Wuppertal Opera House on 20 January 2022, completing the cycle of new works for the Tanztheater Wuppertal 2021/22. Additional performances will take place on 21, 22 and 23 January 2022. Booking opens at 10 a.m. on 25 November 2021 on [www.pina-bausch.de](http://www.pina-bausch.de) and the ticket hotline 0202 563 7666.

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*Schlafende Frau* (Sleeping Woman)

Choreography Rainer Behr

15 Tsai-Chin Yu and Ensemble

Kind regards

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