

Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch

Press release

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Cancellation of performances by the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch: Preventative measures to counteract the global spread of COVID-19

The German Federal Government, state of North Rhine-Westphalia and cities in that state – including the city of Wuppertal – have decided to suspend until further notice all live events at theatres, public venues and sports clubs in order to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Similar measures are being implemented in other countries.

Artistic director Bettina Wagner-Bergelt: “None of us were prepared for such a serious situation and we are grateful for the support of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the city of Wuppertal and our long-standing partner organisations and tour venues all over the world. Naturally, we are all extremely disappointed and regret having to cancel performances, particularly those at our partners’ venues in Paris and the USA. Every production and every tour require so much work and energy, and the involvement of so many people. Cancelling a performance is a disaster for any theatre and any artist – not to mention having to cancel a whole series of performances at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, programmed by the Théâtre de la Ville, or even an entire 3-week tour through the USA (visiting The Music Center in Los Angeles, Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley and the Harris Center in Chicago).

In the face of the growing threat of COVID-19 spreading globally, travelling is out of the question right now, but we do hope to return to Paris soon and that our USA tour will be postponed, not cancelled. Every crisis also provides an opportunity. We may have time to do things here in Wuppertal that we never usually find the time for in our busy everyday lives.”

All partners will take the necessary precautions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Roger Christmann, the Tanztheater Wuppertal’s managing director, says: “The cancellation of performances and tours will have serious financial consequences for all cultural providers, including the Tanztheater Wuppertal. We hope to work with the public authorities and other cultural institutions to find solutions for absorbing these significant losses. We also look forward to future opportunities for sharing our work both at home and abroad.”

For information about ticket for performances in:

Wuppertal, visit www.pina-bausch.de

Paris, Théâtre de la Ville, contact
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the USA:

The Music Center (Los Angeles)

Tour dates April 17-20, 2020

Email Tickets@MusicCenter.org or call (213)972-0711

Berkeley Zellerbach Hall

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Chicago, Harris Theatre

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