

NOMAD DANCE ADVOCATES

8/9 NOVEMBER 2012 SKOPJE



After years of intensive work in the field of performing arts in the Balkans, NOMAD Dance Academy gathers its old and new friends, partners, supporters, decision-makers, wider artistic community from the Balkans and its neighborhood to advocate for reforms in the cultural policies that will enhance closer cooperation in the Region.

NOMAD believes that "all is education" and that through all projects and processes we have developed, we keep learning and sharing our knowledge. This is why we gather in Skopje, Macedonia, on 8th and 9th November 2012.

The event in Skopje "Nomad dance Advocates" strives to present pathways and understanding of partnership between art makers and policy makers, art making and decision-making, of the genuine collaborative work. In other words, we advocate for arts and culture through direct involvement with the decision-makers in order to cross the dominating gaps and abysses.

We are convinced that the mechanisms and working principles of cooperation determine the success of shifting in trends. The gathering we create intends to convey two important messages to the participants and the wider community in the region:

// Contemporary dance is one of the most vibrant and challenging arts fields in the Balkans and contributes to the recognition of the Balkan contemporary performing arts around the world. Basic conditions and long term support are lacking and we risk losing our most talented artists to countries offering better opportunities.

We need your partnership to maintain this dynamic sector and to make this Region a leader on the European scene.

// We as the Balkan platform call on you to strongly support cultural collaboration and exchange in the Balkans by increasing the support to contemporary dance projects in your local, regional and national project budgets. In this way we will all contribute to strengthening of democratic, participative and open societies in our common region and invest in the long-term development of our social and cultural capital.

Nomad Dance Advocates invites you to:

- ∴ meet us on 8th and 9th November 2012 in Youth Cultural Center in Skopje, Macedonia
- ∴ join discussions on territory-specific cultural policies, by attending the curatorial guided tours around the theme corners
- ∴ engage in a dialogue about our passion – challenges and opportunities in arts and culture in 2012 at the Balkans and Europe
- ∴ trigger your experience about contemporary performing arts with NOMAD and its partners at the Locomotion festival
- ∴ think critically-debate – be innovate and create – produce and disseminate
- ∴ slow down – observe – rethink - introduce – react - act
- ∴ have fun
- ∴ come, be inspired, help us to continue, change future.

8 NOVEMBER :: THURSDAY

YOUTH CULTURAL CENTRE (YCC)



- ∴ Coffee meeting, snacks in the space (lounge room)
- ∴ Welcome speech
 - > Short introduction to Nomad Dance Academy and to the motives and objectives of the event
 - > Mr. Aivo Orav, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in the R. Macedonia
- ∴ Visiting NOMAD "corners":
 - >>> corners are installed in the space and are organized by NOMAD people and artists. They will present different aspects of NOMAD work, ideas and models of work and communication through artistic means
- ∴ Corners:
 - Mapping > Iva Nerina Sibila, Utopia corner >> Gisela Müller, Collected Tales of Miš (Isle) Fortune >> Nina Jan, Translating Movements >> Elma Selman, Coincidental Control >>> Esta Matkovic Video corner >>> by NDA
- ∴ Class together >> class with Dejan Srhoj
- ∴ Lunch together in the festival space: getting to know people, small discussion, informal talks... /lunch prepared by the artist Klemen Kosir/
- ∴ Discussions /around tables/:
 - > Details on who we are and what we did/do
 - > identification of the most relevant topics and fields of possible collaboration
 - > collaboration without one possible leader, on what level can regional collaboration work, are we partners, how we work together, how to create such a space?
 - > do we have common goals?
- ∴ Moderators by Nomad Dance Academy
- ∴ Reports
- ∴ Dinner together in the space /prepared by the artist Klemen Kosir/

9 NOVEMBER :: FRIDAY

YOUTH CULTURAL CENTRE (YCC)



- ∴ Walk through the city
- ∴ Inviting guests to << Ministry for Movement >>
- ∴ Morning meeting and exchange between artists and guests what are the impressions, what to be done, how?
- ∴ Lunch together in the space /prepared by artist Klemen Kosir/
- ∴ Temporaries - discussion: artists and guests: our future
- ∴ End discussion goals and strategies how to achieve goals
- ∴ Dinner together in the space /prepared by artist Klemen Kosir/
- ∴>>> Visiting LocoMotion festival for contemporary dance and performance "Festival for 2600euros"

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