# Activities German Centre of ITI (Europe)



Play "Tararabumbia" by Dmitry Krymov

### Activities of the German Centre of ITI

#### **Activities 2011**

- Mime Centre Berlin, a training and documentation centre for dance&theatre becomes a permanent project of ITI Germany. 15<sup>th</sup> Translator's Workshop at "Stuecke" Festival Muelheim for German plays: participants from 15 countries. Japan project: supporting theatre initiative at Fukushima area.
- Uchimura Prize: 2010 winner's ceremony for Tom Grigull, artistic director of the Festival Ohayô, Japan!
- ITI Germany was the main organizer of the German exhibition at the Prague Quadriennale, presenting the Festival Ruhr Triennale and the Bauhaus theatre.
- Starting 4-years research project with Fondazione Internazionale Premio Balzan "The Role of Independent Theatre in Contemporary European Theatre: Structural and Aesthetic Changes". Participating at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ITI World Congress in Xiamen, China.

## Activities 2012

- Music Theatre NOW contest with more than 500 applications and meetings (2013 in cooperation with ITI Sweden).
- Starting Change Of Scene, supporting program with Robert Bosch Foundation for cooperation with Eastern Europe and Northern Africa. Supporting 10 projects per year with up to 15.000 €.
- Supporting the new ITI structures in North Iraq-Kurdistan: Participation in Seminar "Why theatre?" with international lecturers and in jury of the International Theatre Festival Erbil.

- Supporting the book publication "Theatre of the Arab World", edited by Rolf Hemke. Translators Workshop and public reading at New Plays From Europe Festival Wiesbaden.
- Starting Urban Nomads cooperation project Mongolia-Germany.

#### Activities 2013

- 6<sup>th</sup> Translator's Workshop for German plays at Festivals "Theatertreffen", Berlin and "Stuecke", Muelheim.
- Starting Touring Artists, information portal with legal facts and practical hints for international collaboration for both performing arts and fine arts: www.touring-artists.info. International Symposium with 160 participants.
- Urban Nomads education platform #1 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.
- Translators Workshop and public reading at New Plays From Europe Festival Wiesbaden.

#### Activities 2014

- Theater der Welt festival of the ITI, Mannheim. 18 days, performances from about 30 countries.
- Africa Archive Africa Future ITI project on documentation and archive work in the framework of Theater der Welt to support the accessibility and protection of the intangible cultural heritage on the African continent.
- Urban Nomads: Festival "Crossing Identities Beginners Experts, Hybrids", Berlin, Germany.
- Transforming Acts Artistic research project in the framework of Tanzfonds Erbe programme

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Top left: annual assembly of the German Centre of ITI 2014, Mannheim Top right: Joachim Lux and Manfred Beilharz Bottom left: Sustainable Development workshop Bottom right: Theater der Welt 2010 ceremony





of the German Culture Fund about the influence of contemporary dance to other theatre forms. Worldwide interviews with representatives of the dance and theatre avant-garde and public video installation by stage designer Penelope Wehrli.

## **Annual Events and Activities**

- Annual Assembly of the German Centre: 2011, March /Berlin, 2012, June /Wiesbaden, 2013, June / Hannover, 2014, May /Mannheim. Board elections: 2012, 2014.
- Theatre Internship Program in cooperation with the Goethe Institute (4-6 interns from abroad per year).
- Play Service: annual survey of first performed new German plays and translated plays from abroad.
- Tanzplattform Program book for Germany's largest dance showcase, survey on the selected dance companies. Biennial, English/German.
- Celebrating the World Theatre Day with the World Theatre Day Prize of the German Centre ITI. Honored 2011: Dea Loher, playwright, 2012: Juergen Schitthelm, theatre manager and founder of the Schaubuehne Berlin, 2013: Henning Rischbieter, theatre critic and co-founder of the theatre journal "theater heute", 2014: Johan Simons, theatre director.
- Video with the German translation of Brett Bailey's message 2014, red by Thomas Oberender, playwright and managing director of Berliner Festspiele. Impuls / Impulse magazine of the German centre was replaced in 2013 by a yearbook.





Titles: 2013 What Remains?, 2014 Festivals.

• ITI Germany is publishing every 6-8 weeks an electronic newsletter (600 subscribers, German) and maintains 12 web pages.

## Board

Presidents: Manfred Beilharz (until May 2014), Joachim Lux.

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