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HAU Hebbel am Ufer to continue its collaboration with Virve Sutinen as the artistic director of the festival Tanz im August

Finnish curator Virve Sutinen will remain artistic director of Tanz im August until 2017. She was first responsible for the festival in 2014. Sutinen has expressed her delight about the extension. "My vision for the coming years is to continue strengthening the position of the festival through new forms of collaboration with artists and audiences. We would like to develop Tanz im August into a durable structure for contemporary dance. The festival is an exciting place for artists to encounter their audiences and a leading site of dance production – we want to solidify this and to expand the position of Tanz im August as one of the most significant dance festivals in the world." In 2015 Tanz im August will concentrate even more heavily on world premieres and international co-productions as well as realising new projects by Berlin artists, explains Sutinen.

Since 2013 HAU Hebbel am Ufer has been the sole host of Tanz im August. Annemie Vanackere, artistic and managing director of HAU Hebbel am Ufer is strongly in favour of continuing the collaboration: "With Virve Sutinen we have an internationally experienced curator on our side, and the long-term involvement with her will certainly give rise to new possibilities for the further development of Tanz im August."

From 2008 to 2014 Sutinen was artistic and managing director of the Dansens Hus Stockholm. From 1997 to 2007 she directed the Kiasma Theatre and was responsible for the performing arts programme of Kiasma, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Helsinki. In addition, she has been the artistic director of the Moving in November Festival and of Rotation – Dance Film Festival Helsinki as well as the artistic co-director and co-founder of the URB Urban Festival and of the theatre.now festival in Helsinki.

Save the Date: Tanz im August 2015

The next Tanz im August will take place from **August 13 to September 4, 2015** at HAU Hebbel am Ufer and other venues in the city. Advance ticket sales for selected events will begin in mid April at www.tanzimaugust.de.

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