

Open Call

SHOW UP! as part of the Tanzplattform Deutschland 2026

The Tanzplattform Deutschland (TPD) – the most important biennial forum for contemporary dance – is coming to Dresden in 2026. Together with the festival, the Societaetstheater, TanzNetzDresden and villa\wigman are inviting artists from Dresden and all over Saxony to showcase their artistic practice: in pitches and artistic interventions that inspire, encourage networking and bring new impetus to the scene.

THE FORMAT

For a late-night special at the Societaetstheater, we are looking for seven artists – individuals or duos – to present artistic interventions from the Dresden dance and performance scene on this evening.

The evening will take place on Friday, 13 March 2026, after the main programme at 10 p.m. and will provide a setting for drinks, conversations and performative encounters. The contributions can take the form of site-specific performances, flash mobs or excerpts from plays, for example. They can take place among the guests, be shown durationally or happen at a specific time in a specific place. The theatre's stage can be incorporated in a site-specific manner, but will not be used in the traditional sense.

A team from TanzNetzDresden will provide dramaturgical and organisational support for the evening and assist with the implementation of ideas as needed. Openness to participation in contributions from colleagues is welcome, but not a must. The interventions should be feasible without major technical effort; props are welcome. Short rehearsal times at the Societaetstheater are possible by arrangement.

Date: 13 March 2026, from 10 p.m.

Location: Societaetstheater, An der Dreikönigskirche, 01097 Dresden

Fee: 350 Euro per person (lump sum)

SUBMISSION

Individual artists or duos are eligible to apply. A comprehensive application should be submitted in the form of a PDF file (max. two A4 pages) or alternatively as an audio or video recording (max. four minutes).

The application should include:

- A short biography with a link to a meaningful video (no downloads), as well as a link to your own website or similar.
- A short letter of motivation explaining your interest in participating artistically in this evening's event.
- A description of 1–3 performance ideas (interventions, site-specific performances, excerpts from plays up to a maximum of 10 minutes or durational formats) to be presented during the evening. Please also indicate whether you plan to involve other colleagues.

Applications must be sent to projektkoordination@freie-theater-sachsen.de by 20 November 2025, stating your full contact details (name, address, telephone number, email address). Please state 'Application SHOW UP! – TPD 2026' in the subject line.

SELECTION

The selection will be made by a three-member jury consisting of representatives of the Landesverband der Freien Theater in Sachsen (LFTS), HELLERAU - European Centre for the Arts, and an external expert.

The selection will be announced by 15 December 2025 at the latest.

