

THE 2015 EXPAT EXPO

A Showcase of Wahlberliner

With this year's Expat Expo festival, English Theatre Berlin | International Performing Arts Center **celebrates Berlin's international *Freie Szene*** (independent performing arts community) as well as **its 25th birthday** as one of the oldest independent stages in the city.

Monday, June 1 - Sunday, June 7, 2015

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This **annual festival** has presented new work from Berlin's international *Freie Szene* with a working language of English since 2013 and is a flagship event for the theater which presented its first performance on June 17, 1990.

20 performances spread across six evenings and **loosely arranged** by theme ranging from traditional spoken-word theater to music theater, puppet theater and dance theater all the way to the post-dramatic provide an overview of this community.

The performances were selected from numerous applications made by *Wahlberliner* (Berliners by choice).

These applications featured a number of **thematic concentrations**, many of which can be found in the festival programming: love and passion, gender, immigration, rituals as well as the political view of one's homeland from abroad.

This is the topic of the performances on Thursday, June 4 with the atomic disaster at **Fukushima** or the "**torture report**" that the US Senate released in 2014 about the interrogation methods of the CIA. On Friday, June 5, the myth of the young independent woman will be scrutinized and a "**meninist**" will use the Mars One project as a means to flee **female world domination**. On Saturday night, a combination of *Brief Encounter* meets *Saving Private Ryan* celebrates **150 years of LGBTQ activism** Monty Python style. All this and much, much more.

On Sunday, June 7, the festival closes with the **Expat Markt**, beginning at 12pm. Art and artisanal crafts, live music, clowns, jugglers, performers and intimate one-on-one performances transform the entire building and historic courtyard into a circus-like market and performance installation.

The complete schedule of events can be found at <http://www.etberlin.de/2015-expat-expo/>

Tickets:

Per performance: 7€ (5€ reduced)

Per evening: 15€ (9€ reduced)

Expat Markt: Free admission

The 2015 Expat Expo Team:

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