



DRAMATEN

mitos21

Press Release

Hamburg / Stockholm, January 5th, 2020

Lessingtage 2021 digital: Thalia Theater Hamburg and Dramaten Stockholm present shows from all over Europe of the *mitos21* network

In these times, with international artistic exchange happening merely on digital channels, Thalia Theater Hamburg and the Dramaten - Royal Dramatic Theatre Stockholm will present a two week online selection of European theatre from 20th January 2021: „**Stories from Europe**“.

Thalia Theater Hamburg and Dramaten Stockholm, both members of the European theatre network *mitos21*, an association of some of the best theatres across the continent, invited their partners to present selected shows online, to give international audiences the opportunity to quasi travel abroad in spite of travel restrictions and to experience an eclectic panorama of theatre aesthetics and styles.

“Stories from Europe”, on the one hand, refers to the video project of the same name initiated by Dramaten in the first lockdown in spring, and on the other hand takes place as part of the twelfth “Lessingtage” of Thalia Theater. The festival, named after the great European enlightenment thinker Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, planned to present international guest performances in Hamburg again in 2021. However, since personal encounters are still impossible, the audience is now invited to take a seat on a pan-European couch - at home, but still together, in Paris, Turin, Budapest or Moscow.

The impact of the pandemic on theatres varies in different countries; Lessingtage 2021, therefore, is also a gesture of solidarity among the partners in the network, to showcase each other and draw attention to the different conditions under which all of them are still creating theatre for their audiences.

The participating institutions all chose their contribution to the digital festival. All recordings are in the original language, with English subtitles, and will be online for free, from January 20 to 31, for a few hours each (7pm-12pm CET) on the websites of Thalia Theater and Dramaten. Thalia Theater is contributing a live-stream from their repertory which will be available for purchase.

With productions from:

Dramaten - Royal Dramatic Theatre Stockholm, Sweden
L'Odéon – Théâtre de l'Europe, Paris, France
Toneelhuis, Antwerpen, Belgium
Berliner Ensemble, Berlin, Germany
Teatre Lliure, Barcelona, Spain
Theatre of the Nations, Moscow, Russia
Schauspielhaus Düsseldorf, Germany
Teatro Stabile Torino - National Theatre, Italy
Deutsches Theater, Berlin, Germany
Katona József Theatre, Budapest, Hungary
Thalia Theater Hamburg, Germany

More information: www.mitos21.com , www.dramaten.se/lessingtage, www.thalia-theater.de/en/lessingtage.

Photo-download: <https://thalia-theater.de/presse/sonstiges/lessingtage2021/>

Press Contact:

Thalia Theater
Maren Dey
+4940 32814-720, maren.dey@thalia-theater.de

Dramaten
Lena Törner
+46703-726147, lena.torner@dramaten.de