

The TANEC PRAHA Festival 2023 brought over 70 performances by artists from around the world to 24 Czech cities and towns

The jubilee 35th annual TANEC PRAHA International Festival of Contemporary Dance and Movement Theatre presented an extremely busy program from 3 to 28 June. This year there were 16 foreign shows, including four Ukrainian works as part of Focus Ukraine. Czech and international artists performed in 24 cities and towns throughout the Czech Republic, and three workshops were held with foreign choreographers. A total of 17 events were organized as part of the accompanying program, both in Prague and in the regions.

"This was an exceptional year," said Yvona Kreuzmannová, founder and director of the TANEC PRAHA Festival. "The festival's role as an important co-producer comes with risks, but our bet on both creators of the world premieres paid off. A number of young artists have been given the opportunity in Prague and in the regions, and the audience response is still resonating."

TANEC PRAHA 2023 presented remarkable productions from the current domestic and international dance scenes performed by world-class stars of today and tomorrow. Among the brightest are Jan Martens, the Belgian group Peeping Tom and Yasmeen Godder. Silvia Gribaudi presented the world premiere of *GRAND JETÉ* in the PONEC Theatre in Prague. Another world premiere was the work of Brazilian choreographer Flávia Tápias, who invited Brazilian dancers to collaborate with artists from the Czech Republic and Ukraine. Their site-specific project *Rotas Afora* was seen not only in Prague, but also in Broumov, Brno, České Budějovice and Liberec. It will tour Brazil in August.

Praise for TANEC PRAHA 2023:

Klára Flekalová, head of production at DIOD in Jihlava: "Thank you very much for doing TANEC PRAHA and for allowing it to be exported to the regions."

Jindřiška Černá, Municipal Museum in Volyně: "The show was great. There were plenty of spectators and everyone's attention was kept throughout, which is quite an accomplishment these days!"

Gabriella Enghdal, Visiting Artists program: "Visiting Prague gave me a creative kick and meant more to me as a choreographer than I expected. The meetings with artists, choreographers, the festival's organizational team, workshops and shows were fascinating. It was great to exchange thoughts and ideas with others and learn more about our industry in another country. The work you do for the dance scene in the Czech Republic is very impressive."

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The festival was held under the auspices of Minister of Culture Mgr. Martin Baxa and the mayor of the City of Prague Doc. MUDr. Bohuslava Svoboda, CSc.

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