



## **GERMAN DANCE AWARD 2023**

**Malou Airaudo, Josephine Ann Endicott, Lutz Förster und Dominique Mercy**

### **Jury statement**

The German Dance Award 2023 will be presented to four outstanding dancers and protagonists of German Tanztheater: Malou Airaudo, Josephine Ann Endicott, Lutz Förster and Dominique Mercy.

From the very beginning, they shaped the work of Pina Bausch and the Tanztheater Wuppertal with their strong personalities and unwavering commitment to a dance aesthetic that broke with existing conventions and inspired a new way of imagining dance. Despite all the initial resistance to this new, theatrical dance language, the impact and truthfulness of these physical narratives contributed significantly to Tanztheater Wuppertal's worldwide success, as well as its influence on the entire international art world.

They have taken on leadership roles in the ensemble, passing on their invaluable knowledge to the next generation of dancers and continue to do so today. The "intangible cultural heritage" of modern dance and dance theater, which they have acquired in the last 50 years, is inscribed in their physical memories.

To this day, they are active as dancers, teachers, choreographers, répétiteurs, lecturers and performers and are in demand internationally. Each of them has a unique personality and a high level of professionalism. Starting in Wuppertal, all four have unfurled their radiance into the world and continue to be sought-after dance personalities.

The German Dance Award 2023 honors their life's work and their relentless, individual commitment to dance to this day.

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