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GERMAN DANCE AWARD 2027

Advance ticket sales for the German Dance Award 2027 dance gala begin on 28 September

The German Dance Award and the honours will be presented on Saturday, 13 March 2027 at 6.00 pm at the Aalto Theatre in Essen as part of a dance gala.

When Germany's dance scene gathers at the Aalto Theatre in Essen on 13 March 2027, the focus will be on exceptional artistic achievements: The 2027 German Dance Prize will be awarded during a festive dance gala. **Advance ticket sales for the event begin on 28 September 2026.**

The German Dance Prize is awarded annually to individuals who have had a lasting impact on the art of dance in Germany. In 2027, the award will go to the choreographer **Rafaële Giovanola / CocoonDance**. Choreographer **Martin Schläpfer** will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dancer and choreographer **Joy Alpuerto Ritter** will be honoured as Outstanding Performer.

The dance gala will honour the three prize-winners with a varied stage programme and offer the audience special artistic insights into their work.
Tickets will be available from 28 September via the Ticket Centre of the Theater und Philharmonie Essen: www.theater-essen.de
The 10 per cent early-bird discount is valid until 26 October.

The detailed programme for the gala will be announced in autumn 2026. The event will be interpreted into German Sign Language.

Dance Award Kultursalon

At the Dance Award Kultursalon, the winner and the honourees can be experienced first-hand. This year, the Dance Award Kultursalon will take place in the SANAA building at the Zeche Zollverein on Friday 12 March 2027 at 7 pm.
Culture journalist Dr Elisabeth Nehring will host the evening.

Long-standing cultural consultant Dr Gerhard Brunner will deliver the laudatory speech in honour of Martin Schläpfer. And the internationally acclaimed choreographer Akram Khan will speak in honour of Joy Alpuerto Ritter. The evening will be enriched by dance performances from the dancers of the Folkwang Dance Studio at the Folkwang University of the Arts.

In 2027, the Folkwang University of the Arts will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Against this backdrop, the German Dance Association and the Institute for Contemporary Dance at the Folkwang University of the Arts are collaborating to organise the Kultursalon.

The Kultursalon will be provided with interpretation into German Sign Language (DGS).

Tickets for the Kultursalon will be available via Eventbrite from 28 September. Further information can be found on our website: www.deutschertanzpreis.de/programm-tickets/kultursalon

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INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

Detailed information on the prize winner and the honourees – the jury's reasons for the awards and biographies – can be found at: www.deutschertanzpreis.de/presse

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