

Von Nord nach West – From North To West

CONCEPT:

The open-air workshop stage "Von Nord nach West / From North to West" is aimed at street theater professionals who want to try out new productions in front of an audience. It offers artists the possibility to test in their ongoing rehearsal and development process before the programs go live on the "regular" festival market. An ideal place for experiments and new ideas or for making first contacts in Germany.

The successful concept of the open-air workshop stage for street theater creatives from Germany and other European countries first began in Mülheim an der Ruhr. In 2012 it was connected to Bremen and Osnabrück, and in 2019 other cities like Löhne. Kronberg im Taunus and Troisdorf were added, followed by Arnsberg, Wuppertal and Dinslaken in 2021. Thus, today, a tour Von Nord nach West combines 9 performances within a period of 2 weeks.

The North to West organization covers all travel costs, provides good accommodation and catering in all cities, as well as optimal support and technical equipment. The concept is simple: 2 to 4 artists or 2 groups of max 3 artists arrange an evening program with show excerpts from their current work and try out new ideas in front of different audiences. But: The artists do not receive a fixed payment. At the end of each evening, a hat is passed among the spectators and the money is divided by the number of players. The result is a 9-day tour through 9 cities: Week 1 from Tuesday to Friday, week 2 from Monday to Friday. The weekend remains free to play at festivals. Artists coming from far away will be accommodated at a hotel with a food allowance for the off-days, if necessary. The festival period is mainly in July.

Participating artists must therefore keep their Monday to Friday schedule free for these respective 2 weeks. Direction, production and organization of the tour lie in the hands of Gert Rudolph and Markus Siebert. They will put together the teams for each tour and are your contact persons for all questions.

Gert and Markus are experienced organizers and artists themselves. Therefore they know, that in an early phase of a creation you will not have done all your promo materials. You can apply anyway! Von Nord nach West is not a commercial touring concept, it is an offer to risk, experiments and new ideas!

APPLICATION PROCESS

Before applying: Have you understood the concept? It is not a commercial touring concept but rather an opportunity to try out and risk new ideas, to get connected, to feel the reactions of audience, to have a direct feed back. Therefore: "From North to West" is a street theater series for try-outs, new productions or for shows that are not older than 1 or 2 years and have not been performed frequently yet.

Application deadline: January 31, 2027

Duration: 25 - 40 minutes

Stages / venues: adaptable to different venues and stages

Here you can find the LOCATIONS. www.nordnachwest.de/die-staedte.html

The number of artists per company should not exceed 3 persons.

In 2027 Von Nord nach West organizes 4 tours between June 30 to July 27.

Tour 1: Jun 30 to July 7, 2027

Tour 2: July 6 to July 14, 2027

Tour 3: July 13 to July 21, 2027

Tour 4: July 20 to July 28, 2027

The respective tour periods are two weeks at a time, always in the first week from Tuesdays to Fridays. In the second week from Mondays to Fridays. If you are not available during the whole period, please let us know with your application which tours are your favorite ones.

We love to receive the following information with your application:

- Artist / ensemble name
- Title of the production
- Names of the players involved
- Name and contact details of the applicant or the person heading the ensemble
- Contact address: Phone and email
- Brief description of the production or idea
- Expected duration of the performance
- Short description of the artist or ensemble
- If possible, visual material of previous productions (website, Youtube, etc.)
- If available: Visual material of the new production, including first rehearsal videos.
- Information about your availability and bookings you may have during the festival period

As already said: Don't hesitate to apply even though your materials are not 100% ready!

Please send applications by email to

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Markus "Knäcke" Siebert kontakt@knaecke.com

A selection will be made by the end of February. All artists will be informed immediately. If accepted, we will ask you to update your texts and images.