

Concept:**From North to West – The open-air workshop stage**

"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 on the river Ruhr. In 2012 it was expanded to Bremen and Osnabrück, and in 2019 the German cities of Löhne, Kronberg im Taunus and Troisdorf were added. Arnsberg, Wuppertal and Dinslaken followed in 2021.

The North to West Festival 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 arrange an evening program with show excerpts from their current work and try out new ideas in front of an audience. In the first week, the stages are set in Bremen, Osnabrück, Mülheim and Löhne. In the second week, the artists perform in berg, Wuppertal, Dinslaken, Kronberg and Troisdorf.

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 for the participating artists. The tour takes place from Tuesday to Friday in the first week and from Monday to Friday in the second week. 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 from the end of June to the beginning of August, depending on the calendar year. Participating artists must therefore keep their Monday to Friday schedule free for these respective 2 weeks.

Direction, production and organization of the project 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.