

Press Release/Announcement

“INVITATION“ at *In Girum... #5*

An interactive dance installation at Dock 11, Berlin

contemporary dance/
interactive installation/ video

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Invitation is an interactive dance installation that breaks the boundaries between performer and audience. Dancers invite audience members to touch them anywhere on exposed skin. Audience members are free to touch or not to touch, to enter and leave the space, and to move through the installation at will.

Ines Birkhan and Bertram Dhellemmes, curators of the *In Girum...* instant composition performance series hosted by Dock 11, have invited choreographer Rachel Brooker to present *Invitation* at Dock 11 in May.

Information

When: 08.05.08-11.05.08, Entrance anytime 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Where: Dock 11
Kastanienallee 79
10435 Berlin
www.dock11-berlin.de

Cost: 10 Euros, 8 Euros for students

Who: Rachel Brooker (Choreography), Laura Mello (Music), Kosei Takasaki (Video) and Dancers

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Background

Invitation was selected by Bertram Dhellemmes and Ines Birkhan for *In Girum... #5*, the fifth in a series of evenings of instant composition evenings they have curated for Dock 11, Berlin. They responded to the unusual structure of the piece, its casual and intimate feel and its carefully crafted aesthetic.

Invitation opens with the words: “This is an invitation to touch anywhere on exposed skin. You are free to touch, or not to touch. Please enter the space...” posted on the wall. Dancers arrange and rearrange themselves, offering and withdrawing parts of the body as they compose their invitations to the audience. In the words of reviewer Adam Bliss, “As I moved about the installation, I was struck by the tenderness and intense concentration shared by dancers and touchers alike”.

Idea and Conception

Rachel Brooker is a dancer and choreographer. She founded and directs Anima Dance, a contemporary dance company based in Berlin. In addition to her international work as a choreographer and teacher, she has danced with Marc Bogaerts, Sabine Dahrendorf, Jenny Haack, Dai Jian and Felix Ruckert, among others. Brooker has lived and worked in Berlin since 2006.

www.animadance.org

Performers

Dancers: Rachel Brooker, Christine Mauch, Claudia Ginsberg, Nahid Matin Pour, Maria Pyatkova, James Neirinck and Laura Weiss.

Music: Laura Mello

Video: Kosei Takasaki

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