



Press release

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### 30 Years of the TANEC PRAHA Festival!

In June 2018, the International Festival of Contemporary Dance and Movement Theatre will celebrate its 30 anniversary. The jubilee year will be held in Prague from **1 – 25 June 2018** and will enliven some 20 other cities and municipalities in the Czech Republic from the end of May. It will be in the visual style of this year's motto: **DANCE AGAINST PREJUDICE**. The main events of the festival will be "SUNNY" by renowned Israeli choreographer Emanuel Gat and "Dancing Grandmothers" by Korean choreographer Eun-Me Ahn. Other surprises are being prepared for the festive opening and the program is full of first-rate foreign and Czech performers. More at [www.tanecpraha.cz](http://www.tanecpraha.cz)

"The program for the 30<sup>th</sup> year is full of acclaimed and experienced performers," said **Yvona Kreuzmannová**, the founder of **Tanec Praha**. "We will see **Germaine Acogny** (SN) as the highlight of the **Focus Africa** series, as well as the equally ageless Canadian **Louise Lecavalier** and even **Eun-Me Ahn** (KR), who will get sprightly Korean grandmothers dancing, among others. **Foco alAire** (MX) will invite us into the hidden recesses of mystical Aztec culture as part of the **Focus Mexico** series, while Flemish company **Kabinet K** immerses us in the inspiring world of children's imagination. A lot of space will be given to co-productions between Czech and foreign artists, which reflects a significant shift forward in the Czech dance scene. And then there's also **Dance NEWS**, which opens doors for talented young performers. The festival carries powerful themes which resonate in today's society, both in a spirit of respect for great figures whose influence on the development of contemporary art in the world is fundamental, but also openness to new impulses."

**Emanuel Gat** is in high demand on many European and world stages and his company has a high level of support in France. Czech audiences had the opportunity to get to know his work in the **Timeless** project by the National Theatre Ballet. The production of **SUNNY**, which **Gat** created together with musician and performer **Awir Leon**, is a multi-genre event bringing together live concert and original choreographic exploration.

Korean choreographer **Eun-Me Ahn** together with her ten dancing grandmothers and a troop of professional dancers courageously takes on deep-rooted stereotypes and the rather grey official culture of her country. She embarks on an adventure into a wild world of colours and addresses the elderly while traveling in the countryside, all in a natural intergenerational dialogue that is the main theme of the whole festival. Everyone can dance, and dance frees and unites us at any age.

**Gift vouchers** to the TANEC PRAHA 2018 Festival are now on sale and tickets to the event of the season can be purchased from January. Judging from the preliminary program, there is plenty to look forward to!

Trailers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNLGQz2TJzs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPSWUt4w-q5>



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### **Preliminary program of 30th festival TANEC PRAHA in Prague**

**Pá | 1. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Festival Gala Opening 2018**

**Po | 4. 6. | 20:00 | DOX | The Farm in the Cave / Viliam Dočolomanský (CZ): Refuge | world premiere**

**Út | 5. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Dance NEWs: Timothy and the Things (HU): Waiting for Schrödiger**

**Čt | 7. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Germaine Acogny / Mikaël Serre (SN): Somewhere at the Beginning**

**Po | 11. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Karine Ponties (CZ/BE/FR): SAME SAME | world premiere**

**Út | 12. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Ladjí Koné (BF): Lego de l' ego + Maa Labyrinthe**

**Čt | 14. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Foco alAire (MX): Idea de una pasión**

**Po | 18. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Dance NEWs | Jiří Pokorný, Radim Vizváry (CZ/NL): Sunday Neurosis | Czech premiere**

**St | 20. 6. | 20:00 | PONEC – dance venue | Louise Lecavalier / Fou Glorieux (CA): SO BLUE**

**So | 23. 6. | 17:00 | FORUM KARLÍN | Event of the Season I. | Eun-Me Ahn (KR): Dancing Grandmothers**

**Ne | 24. 6. | 17:00 | PONEC – dance venue | TANEC PRAHA FOR CHILDREN: Kabinet K (BE): HORSES**

**Ne | 24. 6. | 20:00 | FORUM KARLÍN | Událost sezony | Eun-Me Ahn (KR): Dancing Grandmothers**

**Po | 25. 6. | 10:00 | PONEC – dance venue | TANEC PRAHA FOR CHILDREN | Kabinet K (BE): HORSES**



**Po | 25. 6. | 20:00 | FORUM KARLÍN | Event of the Season II: Emanuel Gat / Awir Leon (IL/FR):  
SUNNY**

**VEN.ku TANJI – outside performances**

**Company Furinkaï / Satchie Noro; Silvain Ohl (FR): ORIGAMI**

**Ladji Koné (BF): ®Mark**

**Cie Mossoux – Bonté (BE): Odpočítávání**

**Foco alAire (MX): LOStheULTRAMAR**

**Physical Momentum (MX/ES)**

**TANEC PRAHA FOR STUDENTS | Germaine Acogny (SN)**

**Community projects introduction**

**Accompanying program: Workshops, debates, film screenings, exhibition**

**TANEC PRAHA in regions: Program in 19 Czech cities and villages.**

**All changes (in the programme) reserved.**