

The Initiative Neuer Zirkus (INZ) is a network and information centre with the goal to give contemporary circus in Germany a face. It was founded in 2011 by a group of circus practitioners in Cologne. At the moment it works on private funding and voluntary commitments by its members.

This INZ gathers artists, companies, producers, festivals and institutions wishing to represent contemporary circus in Germany. The objective is to work towards the recognition of this genre as an art form in Germany. *Initiative Neuer Zirkus* creates a network for artists in and outside Germany, stimulates exchange between members, encourages artistic training, research and creation.

Objectives in practice:

- The recognition of contemporary circus as an art form on a cultural politics level
- Giving the genre a voice, being a contact institution for German artists, researchers, the media, foreign artists and institutions
- Informing about the German circus scene via a regular newsletter
- Being a network for contemporary circus professionals, artists and companies
- Support the creation of festivals, research and residencies for contemporary circus in Germany
- Create round-table discussions
- Develop a strategy for the creation of circus structures in the German artistic scenery, living up to recent circus developments and which will lead to the foundation of a higher education circus course

For more information : www.initiative-neuerzirkus.de

Some facts about circus in Germany

(Estimated numbers by the network INZ)

Number of institutions, networks: 4
Number of contemporary circus companies: 19
Professional Circus education programmes: 2
Number of youth circuses: 80
Venues with regular contemporary circus programming: 2
Venues with single contemporary circus programming: 5
Number of Varietés/Cabarets: 28
Festivals programming contemporary circus companies: 10
Street theater festivals: 13
Traditional circuses (Eu Survey in 2003): 450

Institutions, Networks

Initiative Neuer Zirkus (INZ), Köln
www.initiative-neuerzirkus.de

Netzwerk Zirkus, Berlin
<http://netzwerk-zirkus.de>

**Bundesverband Theater im öffentlichen Raum
(Streettheater)**
<http://www.theater-im-oeffentlichen-raum.de>

Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Zirkuspädagogik
<http://www.bag-zirkus.de>

Companies with indoor evening-filling productions

Atemzug e.V. (Köln) | Feedback Schleifen
Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/50246223>
www.atemzug-ev.de

CHIMERA & Roxana Küwen & Melanie Hagedorn (Köln, Berlin, Tilburg) | Kunst_Stücke
Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/105663425>
www.3kunststuecke.de

Cie 4 (Berlin) | Unruhe bewahren
Trailer: <http://www.cie4.net/#!video/c22wh>
www.cie4.net

Cirque Bouffon (Köln)
www.cirque-bouffon.com

Circus unARTiq (Köln) | ohnMacht
Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wsAW4U64gw>
www.circus-unartiq.de

DOSSIER 3-D-Poetry/ Marion Dieterle (Köln) | Fleisch und Puppen
Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/39726174>
www.dossier3-d-poetry.de

Felix Bürkle / starting point (Düsseldorf) | beckett, beer and cigarettes
Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/felixbuerkle/beckettbeerandcigarettestrailer>
www.felixbuerkle.net

HeadFeedHands (Freiburg) | L'altra Strada
Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/user18075085>
www.headfeedhands.de

Korb + Stiefel / Jana Korb Aerial Artist (Berlin) | Paper Dolls
Trailer: <http://youtu.be/yHTyU93oPmE>
www.janakorb.de

Julia Christ (Berlin) | Soulcorner
www.julia-christ.com, www.associationw.com

matte&carmen (Berlin) | LichtesDunkel
www.youtube.com/watch?v=20P8wwwW9pg
www.matteundcarmen.de

www.initiative-neuerzirkus.de

Matthias Romir (Berlin) | Das Leben ist Kurzgeschichten

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/87880493>
www.matthiasromir.de

MOUVOIR/Stephanie Thiersch (Köln) | Corps Étrangers

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/84752770>
www.mouvoir.de

Natalie Reckert (Berlin/Kassel) | image

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/100647068>
www.nataliereckert.com

Overhead Project (Köln) | Carnival of the body

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/122159475>
www.overhead-project.de

Sarah Pfeiffer (Berlin) | Katastrophen in 8 Strophen

Trailer: www.vimeo.com/pfeiffersarah
www.pfeiffersarah.com

Sebastiano Toma (Hamburg) | Little Big World

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp0jEjn40PQ>
www.sebastiano.de

stefan sing & cristiana casadio (Berlin) | tangram

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEQOo9mHKs4>
www.stefansing.com

vor dem theater (Ansbach) | Leonce sucht das Glück

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWD7rNSEzqs#t=38>
www.vordemtheater.de

Festivals with contemporary circus in germany

Berlin Circus Festival

<http://www.berlin-circus-festival.de/>

Atoll Festival for Contemporary Circus Karlsruhe

<http://www.tollhaus.de/de/51/atoll.html>

Aerial Arts Festival Berlin

<http://www.aerialartsfestival.de>

ZirkArt Festival Forchheim

Streettheater Festival with Contemporary Circus productions
<http://www.zirkart.de/>

Circusbiennale Berlin

<http://circusbiennale.org/>

Potsdamer Tanztage

with Contemporary Circus productions
http://fabrikpotsdam.de/index.php?p=tanztage&lang=DE - programm_0

Tollwood München

with Contemporary Circus productions
www.tollwood.de

Festival Perspectives Saarbrücken

with Contemporary Circus productions
<http://www.festival-perspectives.de/>

Düsseldorf Festival

with Contemporary Circus productions

<http://www.duesseldorf-festival.de/>

Tete à Tete Rastatt

Streettheater Festival with Contemporary Circus productions

<http://www.tete-a-tete.de/de/programm/>

Theatres with regular programming of contemporary circus

Monsun Theater Hamburg

<http://www.monsuntheater.de>

Chamäleon Theater Berlin

www.chamaeleonberlin.com/en

Professional Circus Education programmes

Staatliche Schule für Ballet und Artistik, Berlin

<http://www.artistenschule-berlin.de/artistik/index.html>

Die Etage, Schule für die Darstellenden und bildenden Künste, Berlin,

<http://www.dieetage.de>

Street Theater Festivals

Gassensensationen, Heppenheim

<http://www.gassensensationen.de/willkommen.html>

Int. Straßenkulturfest, Nordhorn

<http://www.strassenkulturfest.de>

Europäisches Straßentheaterfestival, Detmold

<http://www.strassentheater-detmold.de>

Int. Straßentheaterfestival, Holzminden

<http://www.holzminden.de/1439.html>

Int. Straßentheaterfestival, Ludwigshafen

<http://www.ludwigshafen.de/presse/detail/news/2016/07/01/die-strassentheater-welt-zu-gast-in-ludwigshafen/>

Just for Fun, Darmstadt

<http://justforfun.rainerbauer.info>

LA STRADA, Bremen

<http://www.strassenzirkus.de>

Naumburger Straßentheatertage

<http://www.naumburger-strassentheatertage.de>

Sommerwerft, Frankfurt

<http://www.sommerwerft.de>

tete à tete, Rastatt

<http://www.tete-a-tete.de/de/programm/>

Via thea, Görlitz

<https://www.viathea.de>

www.initiative-neuerzirkus.de

Welttheater der Straße, Schwerte
<http://www.welttheater-der-strasse.de>

ZirkArt Festival, Forchheim
<http://zirkart.de>

Varietés / Cabarets in Germany

A list of german cabarets:
<http://netzwerk-zirkus.de/zirkuslandschaft/variete-heute/>

Agencies

Ute Classen Kulturmanagement
www.ute-classen.de

Aurora Nova, Berlin
www.auroranova.org