

**„Contemporary Circus in Art and Society“**

A conference on Tuesday January 31, 2017  
CHAMÄLEON Theater, Rosenthaler Str. 40/ 41 | 10178 Berlin

Moderator: **Steen Lorenzen**

Please note: There will be a short Q&A session led by Steen Lorenzen after each speech.

**12:30**            **Doors open**

**13:00**            Welcoming at the CHAMÄLEON and introduction to the conference by **Anke Politz**,  
**Managing Director Chamäleon Productions**

**13:00-14:30**

**Talk 1 – Cirkus Cirkör and the Swedish New Circus Reality**

About Cirkus Cirkör and the development of contemporary circus in Sweden. Cirkus Cirkör's mission and work in performances, education and social development in Sweden and abroad.

The Swedish Arts Council has a new government mission concerning the Swedish circus field.

**Speaker: Tilde Björfors**, founder and Artistic Director of Cirkus Cirkör, with CEO **Anders Frennberg**.

Special guest: **Margareta Brilioth**, Swedish Arts Council.

**14:30-14:45**    Short break

**14:45-15:15**

**Talk 2: Circus as a successful medium to break down boundaries and its easy access for all parts of society. The power of circus in social commitment, education and inclusion with concrete examples of real change in people's lives.**

**Speaker: Anna Nerman**, Cirkus Cirkör; **Anna-Katharina Andrees**, Director & Founder of ZBK Berlin/Circus Sonnenstich and **Michael Pigl-Andrees**, Managing Director and Founder of ZBK Berlin/Circus Sonnenstich.

**15:15-15:40**

**Talk 3: New Circus as a contemporary art form**

**Speaker: Dr. Thomas Oberender**, Artistic and Managing Director of Berliner Festspiele.

**15:40-15:55**    Short break

**15:55-16:15**

**Talk 4: The show must go on - or can the show go on? The current situation of Contemporary Circus in Germany based on the example CHAMÄLEON and the need for funding, networks and professional exchange. Presentation of the "Manifest des zeitgenössischen Circus in Deutschland".**

**Speaker: Anke Politz**, Artistic Director of the Chamäleon Theatre and Managing Director of Chamäleon Productions.

**16:15-16:50**

**Questions and open discussion. Conclusions and good-bye.**

**17:00**            **Official end**

**Optional and at one's own expense:**

**17:00-19:00**    Continued discussions over dinner at Oxymoron, Hackesche Höfe.

**20:00-22:00**    Show „UNDERART“ by Cirkus Cirkör

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