

PRESS INFORMATION

## The International Talent Festival TANZOLYMP Appoints Alexandra Georgieva to the Jury

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Since 2004, the international dance festival has presented an annual competition for young dancers from private and state schools. The 2,000 participants from 40 countries are awarded prizes in the following dance categories: classical, modern, folk, jazz, pop and tap.

The dancers are evaluated and judged by an international jury consisting of experts from the culture, dance and media sectors. Appointed to the jury by the festival's organizers for the first time, Alexandra Georgieva is the ballet director at Friedrichstadt-Palast and the choreographer of the current hit show SHOW ME.

Other jury members include Steffi Scherzer from the Dance Academy in Zurich (Tanz Akademie Zürich), Gregor Seyffert from the Berlin State Ballet School (Staatliche Ballettschule Berlin), Beatrice Knop and Vladimir Malakhov from the Berlin State Ballet (Staatsballett Berlin), Simona Noja from the Ballet School of the Vienna State Opera (Ballettschule Wiener Staatsoper) and Ulrich Roehm, chairman of the German Professional Association of Dance Teachers (Deutscher Berufsverband für Tanzpädagogik).

A state-certified stage dancer, Alexandra Georgieva has worked for Europe's biggest and most modern show palace since 1990. She has directed the theatre's ballet ensemble since the summer of 2008. Located at Friedrichstrasse 107, the ballet ensemble is the only one of its kind worldwide. "Dance is a unique form of expression," says Alexandra Georgieva. "That's why I really look forward to discovering young, diverse talents and to doing so in such an enjoyable way."

Internationally, TANZOLYMP is regarded as a "trading floor" for young talents. Scholarships for leading ballet schools are awarded, making it possible for festival winners and exceptional talents to be trained at professional theatre and dance schools.

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