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The Secret of Darkness

Theatre festival euro-scene Leipzig brings the "Eclipse of the sun" on Leipzig's stages

The euro-scene Leipzig will take place from **03 to 08 November 2009 for the 19th time**. Under the motto "**Sonnenfinsternis**" ("**Eclipse of the sun**"), the festival of contemporary European theatre will show **13 guest plays from 10 countries in 25 performances and 10 venues**. The "Eclipse of the sun" serves as an allegory for an unusual situation, for danger and fear, the secret of darkness, but likewise for the hope of a new light. The spectrum of productions includes dance and spoken theatre as well as intermediate areas of performance art.

The **Cullberg Ballet** from Stockholm will be opening the festival at the Leipzig Opera House with "Point of eclipse". Other programme highlights will be guest plays by the **Muziektheater Transparant**, Antwerp, with "Ruhe" ("Repose") by Josse De Pauw, "Hamletas" ("Hamlet") by William Shakespeare in a production by **Oskaras Koršunovas**, Vilnius, and the enchanting solo "Imagine-toi" ("Imagine!") by **Julien Cottereau** from Paris. **Eight German premieres** come from Belgrade, Luxemburg and Belarus among others.

This year's **Carte blanche** went to Sigrid Gareis, the long-time artistic director of the Tanzquartier Vienna. She invited the Austrian choreographers **Philipp Gehmacher** and **Milli Bitterli**. The popular competition "**Das beste deutsche Tanzsolo**" ("Best German Dance Solo"), based on a conception by Alain Platel, Ghent, will be held in line with the festival for the 9th time.

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