

SAVE THE DATE: SPRING Academy 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

From 18 – 27 May 2017 a new edition of SPRING Performing Arts Festival will take place in Utrecht. SPRING presents innovative work by international artists in the field of dance, theatre and performance. In 2017 SPRING presents work by a.o. Marlene Monteiro Freitas, Julian Hetzel, Marcelo Evelin, Erna Ómarsdóttir/Matthew Barney/Ragnar Kjartansson and Katja Heitmann. Next to the performance program we present SPRING Academy: a contextual program designed for students and (young) artists. We'd like to invite you and your students to visit SPRING and SPRING Academy.

SPRING asks artists that present their work in the festival to share more than 'just' a performance. We invite them to share their knowledge and experience with students and young artists in our contextual program SPRING Academy. SPRING Academy includes workshops, lectures and talks by and about the artists and their work. Extending the conversation between artist, work and spectators that starts with the presentation of an art work, SPRING Academy strives to create a space for exchange of knowledge and skills. A space for conversation about the arts and the world at large and for generating new ideas through testing and sharpening the old ones.

For teachers that would like to visit the festival with a group of students we offer the possibility of a customized SPRING Academy program that fits the curriculum of your education, ranging from a performance visit to intensive workshop programs of several days.

We'd be happy to tell you more about the festival program and possible SPRING Academy activities. Please contact Aukje Verhoog, coordinator of the SPRING Academy program, for further information: [Aukje.verhoog@springutrecht.nl](mailto:Aukje.verhoog@springutrecht.nl) or +31 (0)30 2332032.

Also individual students can participate in SPRING Academy by applying for the *SPRING Masterclass* or *SPRING Intensive* programs. Previous editions of these programs were led by Romeo Castellucci, Tim Etchells, Lara Staal and Anne Breure. For more information about SPRING Academy and a video impression of SPRING Academy, please check [www.springutrecht.nl/academy](http://www.springutrecht.nl/academy).

We look forward to welcome you at SPRING 2017!

With kind regards,

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