



GLORIA CAELI - SUMMER CAMP

Butoh Dance Workshop and Performance

2nd to 9th September 2019

Open Space - Czech Republic

INTRO

"Gloria Caeli – Summer Camp" is an intensive Butoh dance workshop with training in nature and indoor, also a final performance event at the end of the week. The proposal will take place at "Open Space" near Prague. The house is a former gymnasium built in 1920's by Sokol inspired by the old-Greek ideal of a bodily, moral and spiritual whole. In 2016 it was completely renovated and it hosts various artistic, cultural and nature connection workshops among others. "Gloria Caeli – Summer Camp" is part of a larger project entitled "Apocalisse Nova" which comes to life by the idea of Alessandro Pintus and the collaboration between NON Company (Italy) and asperformance (Germany). This is the final research workshop before to move to the creative and productive phases of the project. Our goal is to create a choreography for a selected group and having a first debut in Spring 2020. Dancers and performers, this is your last chance to join Apocalisse Nova project, are you ready?



PROJECT & THEME

Apocalisse Nova is an artistic project inspired by the masterpiece of the renaissance painter **Luca Signorelli**, placed in the Nova Chapel at the Orvieto Cathedral in Italy. In 2018 we started a series of workshops named **Finis Mundi**, focusing our research on some paintings concerning the "Apocalypse" and the "Resurrection". This year, with the series **Gloria Caeli**, we moved our attention on paintings related to the "Last Judgment" which are highly inspired by **Dante's Divine Comedy**. Signorelli's frescoes offer a transcendental vision to the dilemma of the existence and the expectations upon the ultimate destiny of mankind. It is a human need to discover the mystery of the life, to know what lies beyond death, to witness the vision of the celestial beauty of creation. According to Dante's journey, we must first visit our own darkness and then accept the effort of the rising, before deserving the experience of the supreme wonder of the "Gloria Caeli". Likewise, Hijikata with his philosophy of the "Dead Body", brings the attention on this point through his research on the shadow side of our body and mind (Ankoku Butoh) in order to let our soul to be danced by a higher power.

WORKSHOP

The students, properly guided by the teacher **Alessandro Pintus** and helped by the assistant **Alexander Wenzlik**, will be encouraged to complete their research and to consolidate their contribution to the project. The teaching is based on the principles and methods of **Butoh Dance** and on related techniques developed by the founder **Tatsumi Hijikata**. The workshop aim is to present and clarify the meaning of the theme's topics with an overview of all the elements and tools we investigated in the previous two years of research. The workshop sessions include physical training, preparatory exercises, mental images work, dance improvisations in nature and in studio all resonating with Signorelli's paintings meanings.



"A new Apocalypse of the body is needed to transform the end of the world in a dancing surrender to the Gloria Caeli"

PERFORMANCE

We will also offer a choreographic composition work to set up and to stage the dance materials developed during the workshop time. Dancers will have the opportunity to participate in a performance event at the end of the week, open to the local audience. This is the last occasion to evaluate their dance expertise, in order to orientate and motivate the dancers who will be part of the preparation and rehearsal of the final show. The work is open to every performer with previous experience and high motivation in following the ultimate production phases.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the **Application Form** (download it from www.asperformance.de) and send it by email (at: info@asperformance.de) before 15th July, with the following subject: "*Gloria Caeli Application Form*". We recommend a "Pdf Document" with electronic or handwriting signature. Also include a portrait photo of yours as a separate "Jpg file". Incomplete applications cannot be considered. All kind of dancers and performers of all ages are welcome to apply. We will accept maximum **15 dancers**. Wait for our answer before to send the Registration Fee.

GENERAL INFO

- **Location:** Open Space - Trpoměchy 29, Slaný 274 01, Czech Republic. 30' drive from Prague city center and 15' from Vaclav Havel Airport. <https://otevrenyprostor.cz/en/>
- **Workshop timetable:** From the 2nd to the 9th September. Every day from 8am to 19pm including break and lunch. 56 hours work in total. Arrival Monday 2nd in the morning. Departure Monday 9th in the afternoon.
- **Language:** English with German translation if needed
- **Performance:** Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September (free entrance)
- **Registration Fee:** 450 €, including accommodation and workshop fee. A common fund will be established for the cost of food.
- **Payment Method:** Participation is guaranteed only via bank transfer of 250 € (First Rate), not later than 15th of July and the remaining amount of 200 € (Second Rate) before 15th August 2019.

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