

# BEN J. RIEPE\_CV & List of works

Ben J. Riepe was born in 1979 and studied dance and choreography at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen. After graduation, he worked as a stage dancer ao. at the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch as well as at V. A. Wölfl/NEUER TANZ. Riepe, who has already won several awards, has been freelancing since 2006 and has been running his own production facility in Düsseldorf since 2010. He realized commission works for the Goethe-Institute Malaysia in cooperation with DPAC DANCE COMPANY, the Korea National Contemporary Dance Company in cooperation with the Goethe-Institute Korea, the Folkwang Tanzstudio Essen and the theater festival FAVORITEN. His working processes, research topics and understanding of choreography as well as his idea of dealing with space and time are made accessible at several workshops.

Since 2009 he has received the promotion of excellence from the state of North Rhine-Westphalia and since 2015 the promotion of excellence from the state capital Düsseldorf. In October 2016 he was awarded the jury prize of the Theaterfestival FAVORITEN Dortmund for his work "Livebox: Persona". Ben J. Riepe was affiliated artist at PACT Zollverein in Essen from 2013-16 and received a scholarship for the residence program Vila Sul of the Goethe-Institute Salvador de Bahia in Brazil in spring 2017.

## List of Works

### **CARNE VALE!** (2017)

Premiere: 10.11.2017, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf

### **Corpo Carga Calma Alma** (2017)

Premiere: 17.3.2017, Teatro Vila Velha, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

In the course of the residence program Vila Sul of the Goethe-Institute Salvador de Bahia and within the framework of the international festival VIVADANÇA

### **ARENA ARCTICA** (2016)

Three days in an open transformation space

8.12. – 10.12.2016, PACT Zollverein Essen

### **UUUUU(topia)** (2016)

Choreographed Atmospheres

17.10. – 6.11.2016, Art Stations Foundation, Stary Browar, Poznan, Poland

### **Livebox: Persona** (2016)

23.9.2016, Outside tent on the parking lot of the Dortmunder U

In the course of the theater festival FAVORITEN 2016, Dortmund

### **HAHAHA** (2016)

Premiere: 28.7.2016, DPAC Arts Festival Malaysia

Commissioned work for the Goethe-Institute Malaysia & DPAC

Guest performance: 2016 Sibu International Dance Festival, Malaysia

### **UUUUU(topia)** (2016)

Choreographed Atmospheres

2.6. – 21.8.2016, NRW-Forum Düsseldorf

In the course of the exhibition Planet B "100 ideas for a new world"

**Untitled: Persona (2015)**

Premiere: 20.11.2015, PACT Zollverein Essen

Guest performances:

2016 Ballhaus Ost, Berlin

2017 Festhalle, Viersen

**Multiplex Dance Sarajevo – two countries, two artists (2015)**

11. – 18.10.2015 Workshop in cooperation with the Academy of Scenic Arts Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

19.10.2015 Workshop performance, subsequent artist talk

Academy of Scenic Arts Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

**OPENING – Display Of An Attitude (2015)**

Premiere: 19.6.2015, Korean National Contemporary Dance Company, Seoul, Korea

**The dernier cri – 4th Edition (2015)**

Premiere: 23.4.2015, tanz nrw 15, Generatorenhalle Viersen

**Beings. Display of an Attitude (2015)**

19.4. – 26.4.2015, tanz nrw 15, Städtische Galerie im Park, Viersen

**The dernier cri– 3rd Edition (2015)**

Premiere: 18.4.2015, tanz nrw 15, PACT Zollverein Essen

**LIVE BOX (2015)**

Premiere: 13.3.2015, PACT Zollverein Essen, Atelier Spezial

Guest performance: 2016 Goethe-Institute Pop Up Pavillon, Plac Nowy Targ, Wroclaw, Poland

As part of the European capital of Culture Wroclaw 2016

**WHITE VOID #14 (2014)**

25.10 – 1.11.2014, Ehemaliges Museum am Ostwall

In the course of the theater festival FAVORITEN 2014, Dortmund

Guest performance: 2015 tanz nrw 15, Alte Feuerwache Cologne

**The dernier cri – 2nd Edition, Artists are alive (2014)**

Premiere: 28.8.2014, International Dance fair, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf

**The dernier cri – 1st Edition (2014)**

Premiere: 27.6.2014, Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus, Central

**Happy Together (2013)**

Premiere: 19.10.2013, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

Guest performances:

2013 Fabrik Heeder, Krefeld, MOVE! Festival | Moduldance Festivals | Circuit-Est Centre Choreographic, Montreal, Canada

2014 11. Deutsche Woche, Theater Skorohod, St. Petersburg,

**THE WHITE VOID\_SERIES (2013)**

TWV\_S # 1 Premiere: 4.5.2013, PACT Zollverein Essen

TWV\_S # 2 Premiere: 16.5.2013, PACT Zollverein Essen

Guest performance: 2013, Galerie Kunstraum, Düsseldorf

TWV\_S # 3 Premiere: 7.6.2013, Tanzkongress 2013, HPZ Stiftung, Düsseldorf

**schwarz weiss denken (engl. *black white thinking*, 2013)**

schwarz\_weiss\_denken # 1: 25.1.2013, PACT Zollverein Essen, Galerie Kunstraum, Düsseldorf

schwarz\_weiss\_denken # 2+3: 22.3.2013, PACT Zollverein Essen

**Don't Ask Don't Tell (2012)**

Premiere: 2.11.2012, IGNITE! Festival, New Delhi, India

Guest performances:

2012 National Center for Performing Arts, Mumbai, India | Sir Mutha Venkatassubba Rao Concert Hall, Chennai, India

2013 Theaterhaus, Stuttgart | tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf | Halle Kalk, Cologne

2014 MMB Hall, Bangalore, India | FTII, Pune, India | Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Open Studio Series (2012)**

Showing "Opening" | "Better than Disneyland", DADT, Ben J. Riepe Studio, Düsseldorf

**Untitled: Natura (2011)**

Premiere: 9.9.2011, Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt/Main

Guest performance: 2011 tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

**HUNDSTAGE (engl. Dog-Days, 2010)**

Premiere: 24.9.2010, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

Guest performances:

2010 Kino Siska, Ljubljana, Slovenia | Station Zuid, Tilburg, Netherlands | Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt/Main

2011 Stary Browar, Poznan, Poland | Impart Art Centre, Wroclaw, Poland | Alte Feuerwache Cologne, Sommerblut Festival | tanz nrw 11, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

**shy wild (2009)**

Premiere: 17.7.2009, Neue Aula, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen

**LOVE | DEATH | DEVIL – THE PIECE (2009)**

Premiere: 23.10.09, Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt/Main

Guest performances:

2009 Southeast Asia-Tour: Bangalore, New Delhi | Hyderabad, Chennai, Dhaka

2010 Brigittines Festival International, Brussels | Würzburger Hafensommer | Tanzplattform

Deutschland, Nuremberg | tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

2012 Théâtre La Chapelle, Montreal, Canada

**Love, Death and Devil – Action: practice to see the beauty – Image 5: The Labyrinth (2009)**

Premiere: 12.3.09, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

Guest performance: 2009 Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf

**Love, Death and Devil – Action: practice to see the beauty – Image 4: The White Room (2008)**

Premiere: 14.11.08, Schwankhalle Bremen

Guest performance: 2009 tanz nrw 09, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

**Love, Death and Devil – Action: practice to see the beauty – Image 3: Love, Sex and Vanity (2008)**

Premiere: 29.8.08, Dance fair Düsseldorf

Guest performance: 2009 Theater im Ballsaal, Bonn

**Love, Death and Devil – Action: practice to see the beauty – Image 2: The Black Room (2008)**

Premiere: 13.8.08, Theater an de Parade's Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

Guest performances:

2008 Fringe Festival Shanghai | Crossing Festival Beijing within the framework of Chin-A-moves.

2009 tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

**Love, Death and Devil – Action: practice to see the beauty – Image 1: The Chessboard Room (2008)**

Premiere: 17.4.08, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

**amour espace the movie (2007)**

with Tomasz Jarosz, presented by tanzhaus nrw within the framework of TEMPS D'IMAGES Festivals, Düsseldorf and Warsaw

Screenings: Berlin POOL Festival, Bassano del Grappa, Beijing, Essen, Kuala Lumpur etc.

**amour espace (2007)**

Premiere: 6.9.07, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

Guest performances:

2008 Dance fair Düsseldorf | Opera Estate Festival Bassano del Grappa, Italy | Festival del Mayo, Guadalajara, Mexico | Riga, Latvia

2009 Festival International de Danse de Lausanne, Swiss | International Festival of Modern Dance, Vilnius, Lithuania | Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt/Main | Aarhus, Denmark

**Happy End | Dealing Night Again (2006)**

Premiere: 9.10.06, tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf

Guest performance:

2006 Saalbau Witten

2007 Opening 8:tension Series at the ImpulsTanz Festival Vienna | Festival 638 Kilo Tanz, Essen | Plattform "Tanz NRW 07" tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf | Théâtre Sévelin 36, Lausanne, Swiss | Théâtre le Colombier, Bangnolet, Paris within the framework of "jamais vu!" | Saalbau Witten

**weisse ratte (engl. *white rat*, 2005)**

Premiere: 2.12.2005, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen

Guest performance: 2006 Ikonoklaste-Festival Wuppertal

**Flügel Schlag (engl. *Wing Beat*, 2005)**

Premiere: "Dance in May" Festival Burghausen

Commissioned work for youths of the support program Nota Bene

**Anderland (2004)**

Premiere: 1.12.2004, Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen

Guest performances:

2004 University of Witten/Herdecke

2005 "Dance in May" Festival Burghausen, Theater Wasserburg

**Alpha, Beta (2002)**

Premiere: "Junge Choreographen", Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen

**Rede nur (engl. *Talk just*, 2001)**

Premiere: "Junge Choreographen", Folkwang University of the Arts, Essen

**Artist exchange programs/scholarships/EU-projects**

2017 Goethe-Institute, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

2014 IDENTITY.MOVE!, Prague, Czech Republic

2014 bangaloREsidency, Goethe-Institute/Max Müller Bhavan, Bangalore, India

2010 MODUL- DANCE, Barcelona, Spain

2008 Chin-A-Moves, Beijing, China

2006 COLINA – Collaboration in Arts, Aarhus, Denmark

## **Residency**

2016 Art Stations Foundation, Stary Browar, Poznan, Poland  
2015 Theaterhaus, Berlin  
2014 PACT Zollverein, Essen  
2013 Goethe-Institute Montreal in collaboration with Circuit-Est | PACT Zollverein, Essen  
2012 Navtej Johar/Studio Abhyas, New Delhi, India  
2011 Mounsonturn, Frankfurt/Main | O Espaço Do Tempo, Montemor-o-Novo Portugal  
2010 Mounsonturn, Frankfurt/Main | Danshuis Station Zuid Tilburg | tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf  
2009 tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf | Mounsonturn, Frankfurt/Main  
2008 Schwankhalle Bremen, Tanzplan Dresden | Danshuis Station Zuid Tilburg  
2007 ImpulsTanz, Vienna  
2006 PACT Zollverein, Essen  
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## **Commissional works**

2016 HAHAA, Goethe-Institute Malaysia in cooperation with DPAC DANCE COMPANY  
2015 Opening – Display of an Attitude, Korea National Contemporary Dance Company in cooperation with dem Goethe-Institute Korea  
2014 WHITE VOID #14, Theaterfestival FAVORITEN Dortmund | Der letzte Schrei, Kunststiftung NRW  
2009 shy-wild, Folkwang Tanzstudio Essen  
2007 LAH, Goethe-Institute Malaysia in cooperation with Kwan Tung Dance Company

## **Exhibitions**

2017 ENVIRONMENT. An inventory of the work of Ben J. Riepe, Städtische Galerie im Park, Viersen  
2016 UUUUU(topia). Choreographed Atmospheres, within the framework of the exhibition Planet B "100 Ideen für eine neue Welt", NRW-Forum Düsseldorf  
2015 Beings. Display of an Attitude, Städtische Galerie im Park, Viersen  
2014 WHITE VOID # 14, MAO Dortmund  
2013 THE WHITE VOID\_SERIES | SCHWARZ WEISS DENKEN, Galerie Kunstraum, Düsseldorf

## **Art in public space**

2016 LIVE BOX, Goethe-Institute Pop Up Pavillon | Plac Nowy Targ, Wroclaw, Poland  
2008 LOVE, DEATH AND DEVIL – Action: practice to see beauty - Image 3: Love, Sex and Vanity, Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus  
2007 Performance for three dancers and two cars, parking level at tanzhaus nrw, Düsseldorf | CSW Zamek Ujasdowski, Warsaw, Poland

## **Prizes**

2016 Jury prize Theaterfestival FAVORITEN Dortmund  
2011 Advancement award from the state capital Düsseldorf  
2009 Advancement award for young artists from the state of North Rhine-Westphalia