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Seven choreographers from seven countries are nominated to compete online

5th Internet-Dancefestival SideBySide-net starts on September 19th

The fifth international internet-dance festival SideBySide-net, in the scene awaited with eager anticipation, will start with a live-show in Düsseldorf on September 19th. From then on, the festival's high-class dance video-clips will be shown online under www.side-by-side.org. Viewers can watch and vote for their favourite artists, who will be rewarded with prizes of 3000 euros in sum.

156 choreographers from all over the world had applied to take part in the festival. An international expert panel of the organizer SideBySide art center nominated seven, including artists from Colombia, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Switzerland and the USA. The concept of SideBySide-net has already stood its test in the past to provide a cross-cultural platform to dance in its variety and to promote dance as arts style in people's minds: The videos of the past internet-dancefestivals have in sum been watched by about 100.000 people from around the globe. Hence many artists who took part benefited and managed to further establish themselves in the international dance scene.

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And the nominees to watch and vote are...

- ... Spyros Kouvaras (Greece): „L'isolation dans un espace infini“
- ... Birgitt Bodingbauer (Germany) „A shot in the dark“
- ... Michele Hanlon (USA) „The guitarist/Outside-in“
- ... Marcel Leemann (Switzerland): „100m²“
- ... Adriana Cubides (Colombia/Austria): „ONE some body thing“
- ... Juan Carlos Garcia (Spain): “En cadena”
- ... Veronica Vallecillo (France): “Alb'atroz II – le temps de la chute”

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