

Dancing Online – a Virtual Dance Festival Begins

The SideBySide-net Internet dance competition gets underway in Düsseldorf.



Seven dance artistes face a virtual audience: this Saturday (19 September 2009), the SideBySide-net Internet dance festival begins in the City Museum in Düsseldorf. Seven nominated choreographers will be presenting their performances and dance videos and then

showing short clips on the Internet to a worldwide audience. The dance-mad spectators then have two months to choose their favourites, who will win prizes worth a total of 3,000 euros. 156 artists from more than 120 countries had applied to enter the dance competition. According to the event's organizers, the Internet provides a cross-cultural platform for dance in all its diversity. They claim that more than 40,000 people from all over the world followed the virtual dance spectacle last year.



The seven sets in the final, each no longer than four minutes long, are the work of German choreographer Birgitt Bodingbauer, Spyros

Kouvaras from Greece, the American Michele Hanlon and the Swiss dancer Marcel Leemann. The Austrian-Columbian choreographer Adriana Cubides, Carlos Garcia from Spain and the French dancer Veronica Vellecillo also made it into the final round.

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