



Artists from France, Georgia and Turkey are in Hopa for “Dancing Across Borders” Project

Artists, art operators and academics from France, Georgia and Turkey gathered together for “Dancing Across Borders” in Hopa district of Artvin... Workshops, performances, presentations and networking meetings will take place during the project that will enliven the Black Sea Region from June 12 to 19, 2013. The Project is expecting the participation of Hopa and Batumi citizens, cultural initiatives operating in different disciplines from Hopa and -Batumi region, local artists, Turkish, Georgian and European artists, art initiatives in Turkey, Georgia and France, international contemporary art groups and everyone interested in culture and art.

The Black Sea is a region with rich dance culture. The dance types in the region have apparent similarities. Dance is merely a part of daily life in the region. Despite this, the public is not so familiar with new dance types such as contemporary and modern dance. Hopa district of Artvin is certainly a cosmopolite city and a central passage point with her proximity to Batumi city of Georgia. Thus, it is not surprising that several artists from Europe and Turkey turned their interest to Hopa for all these reasons. “Dancing Across Borders” Project has launched with the cooperation of art institutions from Turkey, France and Georgia. The primary purpose of the Project is to create **body awareness with “dance and action” themed events**. Throughout the Project, artists coming from different cities of France, Georgia and Turkey will include the local community to the dance performances, workshops, presentations and events. After presenting pieces from modern dance to the local spectators, the content of the performances will be discussed. During the project, artists and researchers will have the opportunity to share their experiences, practices and visions by meeting with local artists from different disciplines and local community interested in the topic. The workshops will be open not only for the local artists, but also for everyone who do not have any relationship with dance. Thus, the local community will question the relation between art, ecology and life and the body and space awareness will also be increased. A drama workshop for the youth will also be organized within the scope of project events.

The project aims contributing to the artistic development by supporting the local artists and will also lead the young dancers in the region in establishing sustainable relationships with the institutions at abroad or in other cities. Communication channels will be opened between the local artists and Europe.



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Aiming a broad participation, the project particularly considers importance for the participation of local community (all people who have interest in dance regardless of professionalism).

The website of the Project: www.dancingacrossborders-project.com

The Project is supported by the European Cultural Foundation and Institut Français. SOM Araştırma from Istanbul coordinates the Project. The local coordinator of the Project is Biryaşam from Hopa. Contemporary Dance Artists Association of Istanbul and Anadolu University Faculty of Communication Sciences from Turkey, A.I.M.E. Association from France and Alethea from Georgia are the Project partners. Taldans and Batumi South Caucasus Contemporary Dance & Experimental Art Festival are also the participants of the Project. The detailed schedule of the Project for Hopa is as follows:

June 14 - “Dolap” Dance Performance - Filiz Sızanlı & Mustafa Kaplan
Venue: Park, Hopa, Time: 17:00

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June 14 - “Central Park” Dance Performance - Julie Nioche & Alexandre Meyer
Venue: Park, Hopa, Time: 18:00

June 15- “Hikayelerimizi Keşfedelim” (Let’s Discover our Stories) Drama Workshop for Youth - Hasret Esra Çizmeci
Venue: Hopa Teacher’s Lodge, Time: 10:00

June 15- “Acilen Hareket Etmem Gerek” (I Need to Act Urgently) Action Workshop - Filiz Sızanlı & Mustafa Kaplan
Venue: Artvin- Hopa Vocational and Technical Training Center, Time: 10:00

June 15- “Central Park Üzerine” (About Central Park) Improvisation Workshop - Julie Nioche & Alexandre Meyer
Venue: Artvin- Hopa Vocational and Technical Training Center, Time: 14:00

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