

"Longing for tomorrow" – Ruhrtriennale 2024 from August 16 to September 15

Press conference on April 15

Bochum, 25.01.2024 –The time frame of the Ruhrtriennale 2024 has been confirmed: The festival begins on Friday, August 16 and ends on September 15. Over the course of four and a half weeks, the former industrial monuments in the Ruhr metropolis will host interdisciplinary productions of theatre, music theatre, concerts, dance, performance, installation, literature and dialogue.

The new artistic director of the Ruhrtriennale is Ivo Van Hove. The internationally renowned theatre and opera director has mainly staged productions in New York, London and Paris in recent years. Until fall 2023, he was director of the Internationaal Theater Amsterdam (ITA), formerly Toneelgroep Amsterdam. Ivo Van Hove has already been a guest at the Ruhrtriennale several times: with stage adaptations of the novels by Louis Couperus "The Hidden Force", " Old People and the Things that Pass" and "Small Souls" (2015–2017) as well as with "Rocco and His Brothers" by Luchino Visconti (2008) and "Teorema" based on Pier Paolo Pasolini (2009).

Ivo Van Hove's motto for the festival is "Longing for tomorrow" and he says: "You can have a longing not only for the past, but also for the future - for reinventing lost paradises. I want the festival to deal with topics that are important and necessary today. That is also always the challenge for me as a director, I want to create something that is meaningful. Theatre can help to awaken empathy and make people curious about others. And: a festival should always be a celebration; it should surprise and inspire the audience."

Advance ticket sales for the Ruhrtriennale start with the publication of the programme on April 15. Tickets will then be available here: www.ruhrtriennale.de/en

Dear journalists,

Please save the date for the (hybrid) press conference announcing the Ruhrtriennale 2024 programme on April 15. It will start at 1 pm in the Dampfgebläsehaus next to the Jahrhunderthalle Bochum. The press conference will be also streamed online and we will send out an invitation with further details in due time.

A selection of press images of Ivo Van Hove and his team as well as a detailed biography of Ivo Van Hove can be found here: www.ruhrtriennale.de/en/press

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