

Invitation for a Theatre for Living training



hosted by **Transition Theater and Theater Gegenstand e.V.**
in Marburg / Germany 10.-13.09.2015



Transition Theater is inviting David Diamond, the Artistic and Managing Director of Theatre for Living from Vancouver (Canada), for a special Joker training to Marburg (Germany). The training will focus on the techniques „Rainbow of Desire“, „Cops in the Head“ and „Corporations in our Heads“, but really is about ...



Photo: Tim Matheson

Interactive theatre events apply techniques like „Rainbow of Desire“ and „Cops in the Head“ from Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed for public explorations of generic issues. Those events are public spaces for community dialogue – without a play, script or professional actors. Personal experiences are shared by the audience and one is explored in depth as a door into the collective story. David Diamond has used this way of engaging the community on issues like climate change, safer sex, Us and Them and lately with a tour of „Corporations in our Heads“ referring to the internalized voices of corporate advertizing in our individual and collective conciousness.

Transition Theater, initiated and directed by Dominik Werner, has facilitated interactive theatre events throughout Germany since 2013 on several issues around socio-ecological justice and -transformation. Since many more Jokers have also started to work with this theatre format, we want to invite for this intense training to collectively deepen our practice, explore our questions and answers concerning the chosen topics. We wish to be in an authentic dialogue and share our learnings as a community of practitioners of participatory theatre. Sign up if you have experience with „Rainbow of Desire“ and „Cops in the Head“ and if you want to focus on the application for interactive theatre events as public spaces for community dialogue!

Schedule - What will happen?

The schedule of the four day training includes two public interactive theatre events in a local theatre in Marburg, where we will have the chance to connect and share the training-units to community based dialogue with local multipliers and interested public. Those public events are elements of the training and will be reflected together in the training. While the training will be facilitated by David Diamond in english, those two public events will be facilitated in german language with whisper translation for those who need it.

Wednesday 09.09.2015

Arrival and optional community dinner in Marburg. Details will follow.

Thursday 10.09.2015

10am – 03pm Check In, Start of the first training day: Focus on Rainbow of Desire.
With small breaks and some provided snacks.

03pm – 06pm Break: time for late lunch or early dinner.

06pm – 07pm Set up for the interactive event at the Theater am Turm / G-Werk

07pm – 10pm Public interactive theater event joked by Florencia Benitez-Schaefer with Rainbow of Desire:
„Us and Them – What fuels disruption in our community?“

Friday 11.09.2015

10am – 05pm Second training day: Feedback and Reflections on the first interactive theatre event and continuation of training on Rainbow of Desire, with the possibility of moving into Cops in the Head. With a provided lunch.

05pm - ... Free evening: We will provide information about opportunities in Marburg.

Saturday 12.09.2015

10am – 03pm Third training day: Cops in the Head. With small breaks and some provided snacks.

03pm – 06pm Break: time for late lunch / early dinner.

06pm – 07pm Set up for the interactive event at the Theater am Turm / G-Werk

07pm – 10pm Public interactive theater event joked by Dominik Werner with Cops in the Head:
“Climate Change - What stop us from taking action towards climate justice?“

Sunday 13.09.2015

10am – 05pm Fourth training day: Feedback and Reflections on the second interactive theatre event and continuation of training on Cops in the Head and Corporations in our Heads. With a provided lunch.

05pm - ... Celebration and/or departure.

Locations – Where will we gather?

The training sessions will take place in the „Alte Mensa“ - a beautiful room in the old historic part of Marburg. This location has a big room with a small stage, two small side rooms with a view over the valley. www.altemensa.de
To change the location on Thursday and Saturday for the interactive events is a walk of around 20 minutes along the river or through the old historic town. There also are public bus connections and local call-a-bike options.
Both interactive theatre events will happen at the „Theater am Turm“ („Theatre at the tower“) or „G-Werk“ as the venue is also called. www.german-stage-service.de

Accommodation – Where can you rest?

There are several options for accommodation. We will provide information about youth hostels, camping and hotels that you would need to pay by yourself. But we will also be offering a pool of free private accommodations in shared (students) flats. There also is a huge couch surfing community in Marburg. With your registration please share with us what you need and want and we will help you to find a solution that works for you.

Your contributions – What do you need to bring?

We invite you to provide all your experiences, skills, questions and ideas. Your wildest dreams are equally welcome like your worst doubts. We dream of a very unique training with an amazing community of practitioners.
The participation fee is 400€ that include the four days training with two those interactive events, the snacks on four days and provided lunch on two days. Even with this amount we still rely on extra funding because the preparation of those two events needs a lot of resources. If this fee is impossible for you, but you feel pulled to be there, please contact us. Together we might find a solution. It is also welcome if you can afford to give more – so others can give less.

online registration: www.transitiontheater.net/tfl-training



For more infos about Theatre for Living
and David Diamond have a look at
www.theatreforliving.com



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