

# A.PART - Festival for Contemporary Dance Students and Alumni / ada Studio Berlin, March to May 2021



## OPEN CALL (English)

Dear dance students and alumni,

What a crazy year lies behind us! What turbulence, upheaval, and revolution the past months have brought! And actually, we are still in the middle of it all.

In impatient anticipation and with a mindset of 'now more than ever', the brand new and emerging 2021 edition of the A.PART festival is revamping into an exchange platform. As many aspects of our work have become sheer impossibilities — closeness, sweat, breath, physicality, touch, intimacy, contact — we are setting on the conviction that 'together is always better than alone', on solidarity, team spirit, and curiosity. In times of increased uncertainty, we want to celebrate the diversity of Berlin's contemporary dance training programs, bring alumni and students together and engage them in a consistent and exciting dialogue.

We offer a format that focuses on process-oriented work, exchange, and communication about your artistic work.

The motto of this year's festival is "PATCH//WORK" - bringing together what (at first glance) does not fit together. In the context of pandemic-related physical distancing and growing political polarisation around the globe, we are interested in the following questions: How can we meet each other and enter into dialogue? How do we inspire and move each other? How can we think and test a community that allows differences and makes them productive? How can we (re)think proximity and distance? Concerning different approaches in dance education, this can mean: How do we use our specific body knowledge and experience to learn from each other, to give support, and challenge one another?

Coupled in teams of two, you will enter into an artistic, performative, and personal dialogue over a process of two months. We structure this time together through regular exchange within the entire team, practical tasks, food for thought, and dramaturgical support. We understand the process and the exchange itself as an artistic product. A.PART-2021 would like to offer you the freedom to reflect on your work — beyond the expectation of performing a "finished" piece.

We are looking for individual artists who would like to enter into an artistic dialogue with their interest, their material, a choreographic idea, or a concrete question.

**Please send us your application by February 1st, 2021** to [apart.festival.berlin@gmail.com](mailto:apart.festival.berlin@gmail.com) including:

- a short **vita**
- a **motivation letter**, approx. 1 page (Who are you? What's on your mind or what keeps you busy at the moment? Why are you interested to participate in this exchange?)
- alternatively: a video statement in which you answer the above questions (please send us a Youtube or Vimeo link, with a password if necessary)
- in addition, you can send us a video link to one of your works (or to a work in which you can be seen), or an improvisation sequence from the studio, a link to your website — everything counts that shows us your work as dancer, choreographer, artist!

**An overview of important information:**

- Any Berlin-based artist who is currently enrolled in one of Berlin's dance schools, or who has completed a dance education in Berlin in 2018 or later, can apply.
- There is a **1000€ fee** for your participation: (For billing, you need a German tax number and registration address. If this is problematic for you, please contact us).
- You should be willing to actively **participate in a two-month process** in Berlin (mid-March to mid-May). This means a regular exchange with your tandem partner, regular meetings with the whole team.
- the ada studio is reserved from **1 to 16 May** for possible **live presentations or events**.
- We offer Press and PR work, dramaturgical accompaniment, and support, publicity of your participation/your work.

We will inform you about the results of the selection process by the end of February 2020 at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact [apart.festival.berlin@gmail.com](mailto:apart.festival.berlin@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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