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THE HUNGER SYMPOSIUM
ON ART AND DIGITALITIES

Digital content creators are actively changing the way we perceive ourselves, how we listen to stories, comment on life, enjoy a meal or learn how to dance. **THE HUNGER SYMPOSIUM** builds up an exchange between these new virtual practices and more traditional art forms, focusing on economies, audience reach, means and procedures of creation. It is a space for critical thought, playful experimentation and knowledge sharing. Addressing some of the problems raised by content production in social media platforms, it also brings to the forefront pertinent critical work emerging within them, that uses existing strategies and extends them outside hegemonic regimes of creativity, image production, humor and storytelling.

Showcasing content creators and artists from around the world, the symposium will take over different spaces of the Volksbühne during three days of workshops, shows, panel talks, conferences, concerts and a fashion show. It is also an ongoing virtual space for experimentation bridging digital content creation and IRL theater.

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DECEMBER 6	
15:00 Roter Salon	• The Viral Dance Machine • Workshop with Constanza Macras/Dorky Park From TikTok trends to iconic movie moments, viral dances are shaping culture and nightlife. Workshops are open to all ages and backgrounds, whether you are an experienced dancer or just looking to have some fun. Join us for an unforgettable three-day experience! <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
18:00 Roter Salon	• Brat Summer or Demure Autumn? • Lecture with Frank R. Schröder Author, digital expert and creator of the cult blog iHeartBerlin Frank R. Schröder, will take us on a journey through the biggest viral phenomenons and chronically online moments of 2024. The playful study of those specific cases becomes an occasion to dive deep into the complex intrinsic mechanisms of online trends, their economic and political implications and how they shape our everyday life even if only for some fleeting moments. <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
19:30 Roter Salon	• Love & Hate in Online Discourse • Panel Talk with Matilda Jelitto, Ole Liebl, Mateja Meded Content creators know both sides to having a big audience: the love from their community and the hate in their comment section. There seems to be no discourse online without intense feelings. Especially creators who dedicate themselves to important topics such as feminism, queerness, and inclusion are often the target not only of great enthusiasm but also of excessive vitriol. How do they find a balance between this love and hate? <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
21:00 Roter Salon	• Notes of Berlin • Performance with Joab Nist Joab Nist collected notes left by the people of Berlin to one another and founded what is one of the most widely read blogs in the country. He will take us on a hilarious and moving journey through the neighborhoods of the city and share some snippets of the most beautiful, bizarre, and funniest notes from Berlin. • Three Glamorous Nightmare Songs • Concert with Carmen Burguess Musician and visual artist, Carmen Burguess will present a delightful amuse-bouche of her new album to the visuals from her #SmartSeries digital collages. Enjoy the songs of Post-punk-new-wave-nightmare-pop-industrial rock-Spanish speaking-hammering-glamor with us. <i>Please book your tickets.</i>

DECEMBER 7	
14:00 Roter Salon	• The Viral Dance Machine • Workshop with Constanza Macras/Dorky Park From TikTok trends to iconic movie moments, viral dances are shaping culture and nightlife. Workshops are open to all ages and backgrounds, whether you are an experienced dancer or just looking to have some fun. Join us for an unforgettable three-day experience! <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
16:00 Roter Salon	• The Viral Dance Machine • Workshop with M.I.K Family Come join us and learn moves with this crew that's shaking up Germany's dance scene! The M.I.Ks are unique in blending dance styles such as Afro, Krump, Hip-Hop, and Litefeet, drawing from a broad range of creative influences. The workshops are open for everyone, no previous dance knowledge is required! <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
17:00 Parkettcafe	• The Immersive Content Studio • Interactive Exhibition The Immersive Content Studio creates a world with exciting digital content and turns it into a haptic experience. Play street games from Latin America, feel the tingle with ASMR experiments, enter a stream of never-ending viral moments, listen to poetry from across the world. As a special highlight, the chairperson of the World Register a.k.a. Brand Cupid from Tiktok will open their temporary office of the World Register for members' meetings and open registration. <i>Free admission.</i>
18:00 Roter Salon	• On Political Activisms and Digital Education • Panel Talk with Joris Lechêne, Malcolm Ohanwe, Sinthujan Varatharajah Talking about and processing hegemonic POVs around the world, inequalities and democracy with activists and educators from Social Media. <i>Free admission. Please register to reserve your spot.</i>
19:30 Main stage	• The Hunger by Constanza Macras / Dorky Park Constanza Macras/Dorky Park presents their thought-provoking production. "The Hunger is immoderate, excessive, lavish in its means - and extremely amusing. The dancers throw themselves into excesses and eccentricities with great vigour. Macras has outdone herself this time. This dance theatre has what it takes to become a hit." — Sandra Luzina, Tagesspiegel <i>Free admission.</i>

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18:00 Main stage	• The Hunger Symposium • Showtime • The World Register with Brand Cupid South African content creator Brand Cupid is an expert in voicing an opinion without and displacing POVs. She will be turning her iconic video stitches into a live interactive experience with the Berlin Audience. • Claiming the Runway with Murat Mutlu Karaduman AKA Görünmezkaza The main stage of Volksbühne is transformed into a fashion runway by content creators who know how to put on a show. Fashion designer and digital artist Murat Mutlu Karaduman AKA Görünmezkaza reformulates with humor the visual universe of high fashion in his little town in Turkey. Combining highly refined designs with the local stories encrypted in the textiles used, he creates playful narratives where local traditions, community life and global fashion trends intersect. For this event, he created original designs in collabo- ration with different generations of neighbours from Berlin. • Concert – Show with La Tigresa del Oriente A Show by the Latin Queen of YouTube in Collaboration with the Dancers of Dorky Park "From the Peruvian Amazonas to the global stage" of the online world, she became a cult figure with her 2009 viral music video "Un Nuevo Amanecer". La Tigresa is a Meme powerhouse and pioneer digital trendsetter, who keeps reinventing herself as her work evolves through different social media formats.

18:00
Main stage

• **Disasters of Scale • Lecture by Kevin Slavin**

Kevin Slavin takes us on a journey towards the future, where AI represents a moment in which all human knowledge, conversation, and cultural production is being absorbed into a unified front-end interface. Like all mining processes, however, decisions are made in advance about where to dig, and what to extract. Are all of these good decisions?

Founder of Area/Code, former faculty at MIT Media Lab and teacher at NYU, Slavin works at the intersection of science, technology and culture, focusing on embracing complexity in systems and working to make them delight, not disappear.

• **The Theatricality of Content Creation with Martin Rechimuzzi**

Content Creators have been developing new theatrical languages.

Argentinian actor, political scientist and content creator **Martin Rechimuzzi** will present a lecture-performance in collaboration with the dancers of Dorky Park. "Landscapes and aesthetics of madness in the digital realm" follows a research in psychiatric hospitals, while addressing digitality as a new territory where we increasingly settle crucial aspects of our lives. It will explore new notions of time (no-time) and the algorithm as a leviathan constructing tailor-made realities (beings that are always right).

• **Panel Talk with Brand Cupid, M.I.K Family, Murat Mutlu Karaduman, Martin Rechimuzzi, Kevin Slavin and Constanza Macras**

Join us for an engaging discussion as content creators and art makers spill the tea on their work, sharing the challenges they face and the hot stories that have shaped their journeys. We will explore the parallels between different creative practices and what practitioners can learn from one another. Topics will include audience engagement, the influence of algorithms, attention spans, collaborative writing, improvisation, and techniques such as collage and referencing.

• **Everybody on Stage!**

The Viral Dance Machine with Constanza Macras/Dorky Park and M.I.K Family

Join us for a vibrant celebration of the latest dance trends inspired by both small and big screens! After two days of engaging workshops, participants will have the opportunity to showcase what they have learned on the grand stage. Don't miss this chance to see fresh talent and exciting choreography come to life!

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