



13th "Cracovia Danza" Court Dance Festival

Krakow, 29.07. - 05.08.2012

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

***We are very pleased to invite you to the 13th "Cracovia Danza" Court Dance Festival.
The events of this year's edition will unfold in Krakow between July 29th and August 5th.***

Held annually, the Festival was first launched in 2000 to mark the granting of the title of "The European Capital of Culture" to Krakow. It was initiated in the era of rekindled interest in the history of dance, the need to return to the sources of the common European heritage and the willingness to come together and exchange experiences among a wide group of historical dance ensembles active in Poland and abroad.

With already twelve editions behind us, we would like to extend to you our warmest invitation to participate in the forthcoming festival edition.

The leitmotif of the 2012 "Cracovia Danza" Court Dance Festival will be "Court Dance in the 18th Century".

During the final performance and other Festival events we will be presenting different styles of dance performed in the 18th century. The French Baroque dance, so-called "Belle danse" and its varieties from the Austrian, German, English and Italian courts, will be seen in our performances and presentations.

Apart from the European dances of the 18th century the audience will be able to admire the classical kathak dance compositions created in the Moghul dynasty's court in the 18th century.

One of the highlights of this year's Festival will be a lecture delivered by a special guest of the Festival, dance historian professor Claudia Jeschke from Salzburg accompanied with a presentation of "Chaconne" from W.A. Mozart's "Idomeneo" performed by Rainer Krenstetter, soloist of the Berlin Opera.

We hope that like in the previous years, the 2012 Festival will afford both the participants of the workshops and the final presentations, as well as the organizers, and above all, the audience, unforgettable artistic experiences, and we trust that together we will be able to serve Terpsichore faithfully...

We cordially invite you to participate in the 13th "Cracovia Danza" Court Dance Festival, both in the workshops as well as in other Festival events!

Yours sincerely,
Romana Agnel
Artistic Director

Dominika Kosek-Turowska
Managing Director

Framework Festival Programme

Workshops: 30th July - August 3rd, 2012

Location: Villa Decius

(Inauguration: July 29th, 2012 in the afternoon)

As in the last years, between July 29th - August 3rd, 2012 Villa Decius will constitute the centre of the Festival events comprising performances, concerts, court dance workshops (in French, Italian, English, Polish, Indian dances, as well as in flag juggling and pantomime) conducted by distinguished specialists from Poland and abroad, and evening dance presentations by youth ensembles. Children's dance classes for participants aged 7-12 will also be continued. You will find all the details of the workshops in the attached leaflet.

Festival Finale: August 4th-5th, 2012

Location: ***Bishop Erazm Ciolek Palace, Wawel, streets of the Old Town***

The Festival Finale will take place at the Bishop Erazm Ciolek Palace - Branch of the National Museum in Krakow, Royal Wawel Castle and streets of the Old Town on August 4th and 5th. This is where dance presentations by youth ensembles from Poland and other countries, including the Decius Danza workshop group, will take place. The evening Finale performance will be presented by the invited Guests and the Cracovia Danza Court Ballet.

*The Organizer reserves the right to introduce changes to the programme.

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