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MOTIMARU DANCE COMPANY (BERLIN)

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PRESENTS



TWILIGHT & MUT

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE BY MOTIMARU

[SOLD OUT & EXTENDED SEASONS IN BERLIN]

& MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

'EVERYTHING & NOTHING'

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Following **sell out** **extended** seasons in Berlin in 2017, Motimaru Dance Company (Berlin) will be performing and teaching in Sydney from 29 May to 17 June 2018! This rare opportunity breaks new ground in performance, training and practice in Australia !!!

Motoya Kondo and Tiziana Longo, co-founders of Motimaru Dance Company say:

"What we need to learn from the founders of butoh is not the style, but the method to go deeply into our body-mind through dance, the method that could enable us to go beyond our ego and to metamorphose into everything of the universe. This process is not a narrow genre called "butoh", but the most fundamental theme of human beings, dance and cultures. The revolution of the dance has just started."

What others say:

"unfolding in front of their audience; her exposed limb, trunk work gives us a degree of body control that seems almost human-impossible ...Fantastic!" - Andre Sokolowski - 1. Oktober 2017 ID 1029 (source: http://www.kultura-extra.de/theater/spezial/rosinenpicken433_Twilight.php)

"Between darkness and light, "Twilight" is a piece about the space where the borders of dualism start melting. "
(source: http://www.butohchannel.com/shows/performances/)

SEASON OF PERFORMANCES

@ Old 505 Theatre, Newtown

Twilight 29 May - 3 June | MUT 6-10 June

Twilight has been performed in Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Finland, Turkey,

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Holland, Hungary, Greece and Tokyo. MUT premiered in Germany and Tokyo in 2017.

MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP PROGRAM

"**Everything and Nothing**" is a series of MasterClass and Intensive Workshops (Modules A, S and T) happening in Sydney. This visit opens a wonderful opportunity for artists in Australia to train directly with Motoya Kondo and Tiziana Longo (co- founders) and to learn more about Butoh, their work and training not ordinarily available within Australia. Workshops are scheduled at The Old 505 (Newtown), Bowman Hall (Blacktown) and Made In Space Initiative (Summer Hill) in May/June 2018.

A highlight is the small group training being offered at Old 505 Theatre in Newtown, note these places are strictly limited.

ABOUT MOTIMARU

Motimaru is a dance company founded in Tokyo by Motoya Kondo and Tiziana Longo, and based in Berlin since 2010. Their background is in performing arts, modern dance, martial arts, and butoh. After they trained for 5 years at the Kazuo Ohno Dance Studio, studying and working as dancers and stage assistants of Yoshito Ohno – a son of Kazuo Ohno, they left Japan and have started fieldwork research about traditional and ritual dances in Japan, India, Bali, and Tibetan area in Nepal. Motimaru define dance as a way to experience deeper reality of our existence and are experimenting to create a new authentic dance method beyond any genre.

MOTOYA KONDO (BERLIN): Director & Performer, Choreographer, dancer, teacher and co-founder of Motimaru Dance Company, Motoya has studied with Yoshito Ohno, son of Kazuo Ohno (Butoh founder) and worked as his assistant. He has been performing and teaching in Europe, Asia & over 30 cities.

TIZIANA LONGO (BERLIN): Director & Performer , **Choreographer**, dancer, teacher and cofounder of Motimaru Dance Company. She studied at the Kazuo Ohno Dance Studio and working with Yoshito Ohno, son of Kazuo Ohno (Butoh founder), as assistant & dancer. She has been performing and teaching in Europe, Asia & over 30 cities.

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Links:

Theatre Bookings: https://old505theatre.com/shows/twilight-and-mut-1510965092.html

Workshop Info and registration: liminalcreativeconnect@gmail.com

Motimaru Dance Company: http://www.motimarubutohdance.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MotimaruAustralia/

Short trailer of Twilight here: https://vimeo.com/187248081

Photos of Twilight here:
http://www.motimarubutohdance.com/?/Productions/twilight

Photo's of MUT here: http://www.motimarubutohdance.com/?/Productions/MUT/

Media Images:

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x7smyu6jkbeeowm/AAAHFVw3O-JXqOdWIwCHIrK8a?dl=0

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