

NEW PERFORMANCE TURKU FESTIVAL IS AN INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE FOR
NEW PERFORMANCE AND LIVE ART
FROM 3RD TO 5TH MAY 2012 IN TURKU, FINLAND

A strange looking woman is sliding onto the stage wearing a cheerleader's uniform and shouting cheers for herself. In the gallery people are discussing their relationship to different kinds of machines and devices. A man dressed up as a triangle is playing an electric piano. Two people stand under the light of two sunlamps and whisper love stories into the ears of passers-by. Where does our notion of freedom evolve from and how is it acted out in performance art?

New Performance Turku is an international festival for performance and Live Art, which takes place at various venues around Turku from 3rd to 5th May 2012. The festival presents a program of both international and national artists from the field of new performance art. The performance venues are Titanik Gallery, Gallery Berner, The Old Town Hall Gallery, Fluxee club at the TEHDAS Theatre, Dynamo Club, Biological Museum, Kutomo, Breathing Pop-Up Space and Wiklund Screen at the Market Square. Some of the works will take place in public spaces around the city.

New Performance Turku Festival wants to examine what is actually happening in the international arena of experimental performance and Live Art, what is new and where do the influences come from. The festival artists are **Wathiq Al-Ameri & Ali Al-Fatlawi** (Iraq/Switzerland), **Oreet Ashery** (Israel/Great Britain), **Maija Hirvanen** (Finland), **Łukasz Jastrubczak** (Poland), **Lynn Lu** (Singapore/Great Britain), **Kate McIntosh** (New Zealand/Belgium), **Tero Nauha** (Finland) and **Gary Stevens** (Great Britain). The festival will also present the premier of *Performance Voyage II* – a collection of performance art videos produced by Artists' Association MUU. The New Performance Turku Festival is curated and organised by **Leena Kela**, regional artist of performance art and **Christopher Hewitt**, Berlin based independent curator. The festival is produced by Framil Network of Performing Arts in Southwest Finland and Arts Council of Varsinais-Suomi.

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Tickets:

Nightclubs at Dynamo and Fluxee 5 / 7 €
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Free entrance to other venues

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