

PROFESSIONALS' WEEKEND

22 to 24 August 2025

Dear Colleagues, welcome to Zurich!

This document contains key information about our festival and the city to make your stay as smooth as possible. All recommended locations are marked on our shared Google Map, and a map of the main festival site is available here.

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	FRIDAY, AUGUST 22	SATURDAY, AUGUST 23	SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
10:00-10:30			
10:30-11:00			The New International Panel Discussion @ Landiwiese
11:00-11:30		Salon d'Artistes presentations by Swiss artists @ Rote Fabrik	
11:30-12:00	Reso – Dance Network Switzerland Programmers' Meeting project presentations by Swiss choreographers @ Gessnerallee		
12:00-12:30			
12:30-13:00			Networking Brunch @ Rote Fabrik
13:00-13:30			
13:30-14:00		Networking Lunch @ Landiwiese	
14:00-14:30			
14:30-15:00			
15:00-15:30			
15:30-16:00			
16:00-16:30		16:00-17:30 Talks on Resistance @ Stammtisch	Mathilde Invernion: Bell End
16:30-17:00		from 16:00 Steve Lambert: True/False (interactive installatin)	
17:00-17:30			Pin Wen Su: Leftover Market
17:30-18:00		Piet Baumgartner: 4x4	
18:00-18:30	Lou Djehinan Véronique: Voix d'Elle	Lou Djehinan Véronique: Voix d'Elle	
18:30-19:00			Jan Moeck: Wandervogel
19:00-19:30	Mathilde Invernion: Bell End	Ntando Cele: Wasted Land	Hana Umed: Rapeflower
19:30-20:00			Piet Baumgartner: 4x4
20:00-20:30	Islam Elarabi: Just One Tile		Josefina Cerda: Feral
20:30-21:00		Pin Wen Su: Leftover Market	
21:00-21:30	Orchesterkaraoke by Sinfonieorchester Tifico, Christof Brunner & Matthias von Hartz	Islam Elarabi: Just One Tile	
21:30-22:00		Hana Umeda: Rapeflower	
22:00-22:30			
22:30-23:00		Josefina Cerda: Feral	
23:00-23:30	Festival Center treehouse for artists and professionals 23:30 Welcome Apéro		
23:30-24:00		Party @ Festival Center treehouse for artists, professionals & festival team	
00:00-00:30			
00:30-01:00			

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

11:35–16:30 **Reso – Dance Network Switzerland Programmers' Meeting @ Gessnerallee**
Project presentations by 14 Swiss based choreographers, including vegetarian lunch and afternoon snack. Early boarding from 10:00

Isam Abad Montalvo / El Aguante: hips don't lie – cuidado, perrxs tristes (working title)
Catol Teixeira: THE TONGUE (working title)
Anna Chiedza Spörri: PERCEPTIONS
Tiran Willemse: SYNTHETIC/Artefact
Marion Baeriswyl & David (DCP): Champ
Declan Whitaker: Away with the Faeries
Maud Bandel: Trois Guinées (working title)
remi demi: GIANT STEPS
Johanna Heusser: LILA
Teresa Vittucci & Sophia Rodríguez: ANGER ANGELS
Moving Mountains: A Calling
Baby Volcano / Compagnie RED: Si me ves ir con todo, es porque a la noche lloro
Mamu Tshi / Compagnie Entrailles: Love Under Pressure
Kiyan Khoshoie / KardiaK: Body Electric

Individual Transfer from Gessnerallee to Rote Fabrik

Evening programme @ Landiwiese & Rote Fabrik

18:00–18:35 **Lou Djehinan Véronique:** Voix d'Elle
19:00–19:45 **Mathilde Invernón:** Bell End
20:00–20:30 **Islam Elarabi:** Just One Tile
21:00–22:30 **Sinfonieorchester Tifico, Christof Brunner & Matthias von Hartz:** Orchesterkaraoke

from 21:00 Festival Center treehouse open for artists and professionals

23:30 **Welcome Apéro**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00–13:00 **Salon d'Artistes @ Rote Fabrik** in collaboration with Pro Helvetia
Short presentations by 7 Swiss-based theatre and dance artists

Ntando Cele
Valerie Reding
Tiran Willemse
Daniel Hellmann
Lea Whitcher
Alessandro Schiattarella
Tyra Wigg

13:00–15:00 **Networking Lunch @ Landiwiese**

16:00–17:30 **Talks on Resistance: @ Stammtisch**

from 16:00 **Steve Lambert:** True/False (interactive installation)

Evening programme @ Landiwiese & Rote Fabrik

17:30–18:00 **Piet Baumgartner & Julia Reichert / Ortreport:** 4x4
19:00–20:10 **Ntando Cele:** Wasted Land
20:30–21:05 **Pin Wen Su:** Leftover Market
or
21:00–21:30 **Islam Elarabi:** Just One Tile
21:45–22:30 **Hana Umeda:** Rapeflower
22:45–23:15 **Josefina Cerda:** Feral

from 21:00 Festival Center treehouse open for artists and professionals

from 23:30 **Silent Disco Party**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00–12:00 **The New International – Collaboration as strategy against the chilly wind @ Landiwiese**
After case studies from across Europe you are invited to exchange experiences and strategies in response to the shrinking support for progressive (cultural) politics.

12:00–14:00 **Networking Brunch @ Rote Fabrik**

Evening programme @ Landiwiese & Rote Fabrik

16:00–16:45 **Mathilde Invernón:** Bell End
17:00–17:35 **Pin Wen Su:** Leftover Market
18:00–19:20 **Jan Mocek:** Wandervogel
19:30–20:00 **Piet Baumgartner & Julia Reichert / Ortreport:** 4x4

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Zürcher Theater Spektakel was founded in the 1980s by Zurich's independent theatre and circus scene and has been organized by the City of Zurich for over 40 years. From the beginning, it has focused on presenting contemporary, international theatre, dance, performance, and circus.

Today, it is one of Europe's leading festivals for contemporary performing arts and the largest of its kind in Switzerland.

The festival takes place for 18 days each August in a lake-side park. Most venues are temporary structures, complemented by existing spaces like the alternative cultural center Rote Fabrik and collaborations with institutions across the city. The program ranges from major international productions to small-scale works and a platform for emerging artists.

FESTIVAL CENTER – TREEHOUSE

Located on the upper floor of the Zentral building at the heart of the festival site, this space is designed for artists, professionals, and the festival team to meet, exchange, work – and relax. During the day, it is open for co-working and retreat; from 9 pm, local artists host tea, tarot, and conversations.

ZURICH – KEY FACTS

- Largest Swiss city, ~400,000 residents (over 1 million with suburbs) from Switzerland and around the world
- Diverse, multilingual, and generally open-minded
- Local language is Swiss German, almost everybody speaks English and some French
- Locals may seem reserved at first, but are usually friendly and helpful

GETTING AROUND

Public transport Safe, fast, and reliable. Use Google Maps or the ZVV app. Service ends around 0:30 on weekdays; on weekends, night buses/trains run later. You can also reach the festival site by boat — info [here](#).

Bicycles [Züri rollt](#) offers free daily rentals (ID deposit, CHF 10 late fee). [Publibike](#) e-bikes are available at stations citywide.

WEATHER & CLOTHING

Late summer temperatures range from 18–30 °C by day, but evenings at the lake can be cool (12–15 °C). Rain and storms are common. Bring a sweater/jacket and rain protection even on sunny days.

MONEY

Currency Swiss Franc (CHF). Cards widely accepted. Euros are sometimes accepted but with poor exchange rates and change in CHF.

ACCESSIBILITY

- If you have special access needs, please get in touch with the festival team
- The city is mostly flat with wide curbs; cobblestones and steps in older areas can be a barrier
- Most accessible toilets use the Eurokey system; keys available at many venues
- Public transport partly step-free — see ZVV for details
- **Safer Space** Next to main entrance of the festival site, ambulance unit — wheelchair accessible, quiet, comfortable seating. Awareness team on site: 077 279 00 94. More info [here](#).

LEISURE & SWIMMING

Zurich's old town, lakeside, and riverside are perfect for walks. See [shared Google Map](#) for recommended spots.

Swimming Lake Zurich and the river are clean and popular for swimming — including at the festival site (Saffa Island, free).

Other options

- Seebad Enge (CHF 8)
- Strandbad Mythenquai (CHF 8, Tibits buffet)
- Seebad Utoquai (CHF 8)
- Flussbad Unterer Letten / Panama / Au-Höngg (free; Au-Höngg has nude area)
- City indoor pool (CHF 8)

Excursions Boat trip on Lake Zurich [[info](#)], or hike up Uetliberg for city views.

Culture Theaters are closed in August, but there are some amazing museums to visit: Löwenbräukunst (Kunsthalle, Migros Museum, Luma Westbau), Kunsthaus, Museum Rietberg, Haus Konstruktiv, Cabaret Voltaire, plus [alternative art venues](#).

FOOD & DRINKS

Eating out can be pricey. Coop & Migros supermarkets are cheaper (closed on Sundays). Tap water is excellent and free at fountains and at water stations on the festival site.

On site Food stalls and Restaurant Ziegel (Rote Fabrik) — note: many close after performances. See [shared Google Map](#) for late-night restaurants.

City restaurant tips

- **Lunch** Thong Thai Dee, Les Halles, Palestine Grill, India Street Food, Zentralwäscherei
- **Vegan** Kle, BakeryBakery, Tibits, Nanimale Gelateria
- **Bars** Tina Bar, Sport Bar, Raygrotsky, Dante, Total Bar, Xenix, Mars Bar, Park Platz, Nude
- **Other** Gelateria di Berna, Vicafé, Welschland, Im Viadukt, Lindt Home of Chocolate

NIGHTLIFE & QUEER SPACES

Clubs Langstrasse & Hardbrücke areas — Zukunft, Zentralwäscherei, Hive, Gonzo, Exil, Friedas Büxe, Mikro, Helsinki Klub.

Queer spaces Regenbogenhaus, Gleis, Kweer Bar, Heaven. Many queer-friendly events at Zentralwäscherei, Rote Fabrik, Feministisches Streikhaus. Ask the artist care team for more tips.

LAGEPLAN / SITE MAP

Landiwiese & Saffainsel

