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John Neumeier presents the programme for season 2009/2010

On April 28 John Neumeier, the director of the HAMBURG BALLET, presented the programme for season 2009/2010 at the annual press conference of the Hamburg State Opera. Neumeier introduced the projects of his company for the next season, which circle around the season's focus »Floating World«.

As part of the season's motto »Floating World« there will be two premieres (*Orpheus, Floating World*) and two revivals (*Illusions – like »Swan Lake«, A Streetcar Named Desire*). For the title role in his new creation *Orpheus* John Neumeier was able to win the Italian star dancer Roberto Bolle as a guest. The guest performance of the Tokyo Ballet for the »36th Hamburger Ballett-Tage« refers to the season's motto as well, which is inspired by Japanese culture. Under the title »Images of Asia« the company from Japan presents two choreographies by Maurice Béjart.

Moreover, there will be an innovation with regard to the staff at the HAMBURG BALLET: Starting with season 2009/2010 the Australian Simon Hewett will be Principal Conductor for Ballet.

For detailed information please see attachments.

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