



PRESSRELEASE

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John Neumeier presents the program for the 2010/2011 season of the HAMBURG BALLETT

Earlier this week, the HAMBURG BALLETT Artistic Director and Chief Choreographer John Neumeier and Hamburg State Opera Director and General Music Director Simone Young presented the program of the 2010/2011 season at the Hamburg State Opera.

Please see attached file for details on the HAMBURG BALLETT program in English. Further information on ballet and opera in Hamburg in 2010/2011 in German can be found in the online pdf booklet at http://www.hamburgballett.de/form/vorschau_10_11.pdf.

INVITATION

36th Hamburg Ballet-Days from June 13 to 27, 2010 Two weeks of dance in "The Floating World"

From June 13 to 27 the ballet festival "Hamburger Ballett-Tage" will take place for the 36th time. Apart from the summer premiere *The Floating World* and the HAMBURG BALLETT's season highlights, the Tokyo Ballet will give a guest performance. The traditional *Nijinsky-Gala*, as well as the Ballet-Days in total, will have the motto "The Floating World".

On June 13 the premiere *The Floating World* will open the 36th Hamburg Ballet-Days. The double bill consists of *Seven Haiku of the Moon* and *Seasons – The Colors of Time* by John Neumeier. The Hamburg Ballet Artistic Director created the two choreographies, which are inspired by Japanese culture, for the Tokyo Ballet in 1989, 2000 respectively. Now the two ballets, in which Western dance tradition meets Asian theatre, will be performed by the HAMBURG BALLETT for the first time in total.

The guest performances of the Tokyo Ballet represent "The Floating World" between West and East as well: The Japanese company performs a program entitled "Images of Asia by Béjart" including *The Kabuki Suite* (1986) und *Bugaku* (1989), which Maurice Béjart created for the company – an exchange of Eastern and Western tradition in dance. The finale of the festival will be the Nijinsky-Gala XXXVI, hosted by John Neumeier, with international dance stars. Between the premiere and the gala, the HAMBURG BALLETT presents a "best of" of the current season.

A detailed festival program can be found in the attached ticket application form. We look forward to receiving your ticket wishes.