



PRESS RELEASE

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Save the Date: 37th Hamburger Ballett-Tage opening on June 26 with John Neumeier's "Tenth Symphony of Gustav Mahler" // Guest company: The National Ballet of China (July 5 and 6)

The "Hamburger Ballett-Tage" (Hamburg Ballet Days) are traditionally the final highlight of THE HAMBURG BALLET season. This year from June 26 to July 10, the 37th edition of the festival presents not only the world premiere of John Neumeier's latest ballet on a symphony by Gustav Mahler, but also a very special guest company: The National Ballet of China. In addition, the festival presents all repertoire highlights of the season 2010/2011 within the two weeks. Another guest will be singer Thomas Hampson.

John Neumeier's new creation "**Tenth Symphony by Gustav Mahler**" opens the festival on June 26. With this ballet, the artistic director of the HAMBURG BALLET will continue his exploration of the Austrian composer's work and commemorate the 100th anniversary of day of Mahler's death.

This year's guest company is **The National Ballet of China**. The company will present the ballet "Raise the Red Lantern" based on the film of the same title by Zhang Yimou. The production, which merges elements of Chinese culture with Western ballet tradition premiered in 2001 and has been a huge success with audiences in China and throughout the world.

Another highlight will be »Parzival – Episodes and Echo« on July 1. For the first time, the internationally acclaimed baritone and Lied specialist **Thomas Hampson** will be singing in a ballet by John Neumeier. Within the ballet he will perform the aria »The Wound Dresser« by John Adams.

On July 10 the festival closes with the annual **Nijinsky-Gala XXXVII**. John Neumeier presents a unique soiree of scenes from various choreographies, arranged according to one theme. They will be danced by international guest-stars as well as dancers from THE HAMBURG BALLET.

37th Hamburger Ballett-Tage June 26 – July 10, 2011

June 26	Tenth Symphony of Gustav Mahler
June 28	Tenth Symphony of Gustav Mahler
June 29	Hommage aux Ballets Russes
June 30	Orpheus
July 1	Parzival – Episodes and Echoes
July 2	A Midsummer Night's Dream
July 3	Tenth Symphony of Gustav Mahler
July 5	The National Ballet of China: Raise the Red Lantern
July 6	The National Ballet of China: Raise the Red Lantern
July 7	Illusions – like <i>Swan Lake</i>

July 8 Chopin Dances
July 9 The Floating World
July 10 Nijinsky-Gala XXXVII

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