

KOMPOSITIO - FINNISH LITERATURE ON STAGE

Ten renowned Finnish writers dramatize their texts with professional theater directors and perform in seven German, Swiss and Austrian cities in October 2014.

The multimedial literary tour "Kompositio" is connected to Finland's status as the guest of honor at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October 2014.

The participating writers, all less than 45 years old, are poets and prose writers interested in new forms of presenting literature on stage. The writers on tour are **Aina Bergroth, Kaisa Ijäs, Pauliina Haasjoki, Matti Kangaskoski, Maria Matinmikko, Riikka Pelo, Mikko Rimminen, Satu Taskinen, Eino Santanen and Henriikka Tavi**. The artistic concept will be made under the direction of two young theater directors **Anna-Mari Karvonen** and **Akse Pettersson**.

"Kompositio" looks for new ways to present literature on stage, borrowing freely from other arts, such as theater, music, dance and performance art. The multilingual performances use both the Finnish original versions and German translations, many of which are specially made for the project. The German translations will also be available as a book at the performance venues and at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Works by some of the authors, such as Mikko Rimminen and Satu Taskinen, have been previously published in German translations.

The project grows from an intense contemporary interest in Finland towards new forms of literary performance. The tour is organized by the Finnish literary association Nuoren Voiman Liitto (NVL) in

association with FILI – Finnish Literature Exchange, The Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, Arts Promotion Centre Finland and literature houses in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Tour plan:

- 30.9. Literaturhaus Basel
- 1.10. Theaterhaus Stuttgart (in cooperation with Literaturhaus Stuttgart)
- 2.10. Literaturhaus Zürich
- 4.10. Forum Stadtpark Graz
- 6.10. Literarisches Colloquium Berlin
- 7.10. Literaturhaus Rostock
- 10.10. Frankfurt Book Fair
 - 4-4:30 pm: ARTE stand
 - 5:30-6:30 pm: The Finnish Pavilion
- 11.10. Frankfurt TBA

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