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28th International Solo-Dance-Theatre Festival Stuttgart **14th – 17th March 2024**

Emotional decision: Jury chooses winners of the 28th International Solo-Dance-Theatre Festival Stuttgart 2024

On Sunday, the 28th International Solo-Dance-Theatre Festival Stuttgart came to an exciting and emotional end.

Among the eight finalists, six artists were able to take home a prize. Both Korean Subin Cho and Italian Davide Benigni stood out by winning three prizes each. The jury selected the winners not only for their artistic innovation and technical virtuosity, but also for their ability to appeal to and captivate the audience emotionally.

The winners come from the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Canada, Italy and France.

The prize winners are:

1st Prize Choreography, Residency Prize “Bridges over the waves”, DAF International Award

Subin Cho (Republic of Korea) with “Fragile”

Jury statement:

The choreographer tells a relevant story of today in a highly precise movement language. The honesty, minimalism and simplicity of the creation defines timing and dynamics which captivates the Jury along the whole work. The dancer’s outstanding performance brings to life a wide range of emotions.

2nd Prize Choreography, Public’s Final Choice Award

Gianni Notarnicola (Italy) with “KAMA”

Jury statement:

The choreographer is an intriguing and energetic dancer, and at the same time an artist who owns his work as a whole. The creation delivers a perfect balance of drama and humor in an original timing, inviting the audience to participate in a very respectful way.

3rd Prize Choreography

Aline Braun (France) with "ORIGAMI"

Jury statement:

The Jury values the process of searching for an original personal choreographic language. The development of the precise movements is very persistent and at the same time captivates the audience along the whole piece. The choreographic decisions are consequent to the topic of the creation and do not bend under predictable dramaturgy.

1st Prize Dance, SDC International Residency

Vitor Hamamoto (Brazil) with "Missing names"

Jury statement:

An artist, dancer and interpreter who brings a specific physical quality which is a result of a deep and consistent movement research. For the Jury, it was beautiful to dive into his honest and seducing world.

2nd Prize Dance, Public's First Choice Prize, DANTZAZ SARIA Residency Prize

Davide Benigni (Italy) with "I feel that I'm missing something but I hardly know what."

Jury statement:

A gifted dancer with a high level of technicality who owns the space and the dimensions in a very intelligent way. The skilled body is ready to receive complex movement information.

3rd Prize Dance

Emma-Lynn MacKay-Ronacher (Canada) with "What She Saw"

Jury statement:

A strong convincing stage presence in the search of unpredictable movement. The skilled body varies in a range between the unusual and the beautiful.

Workshop Prize of the Copenhagen International Dance Festival

Sofia Scarpellini (Italy), Dancer of the Cheography "ORIGAMI" by Aline Braun

The Workshop Prize is sponsored by the Copenhagen International Dance Festival, the DAF International Award by DAF / Dance Arts Faculty (Italy), the DANTZAZ SARIA Residency Prize by Dantzaz (Spain), the "Bridges over the waves" Residency Prize by Dance Lab

Nicosia (Cyprus) and the SDC International Residency by the Suzanne Dellal Centre for Dance and Theatre – Tel Aviv.

The members of this year's Jury are:

- **Cassi Abranches (Brazil)**, Choreographer
- **Claudio Kogon (Israel)**, Deputy Director Suzanne Dellal Centre for Dance and Theatre – Tel Aviv
- **Roman Novitzky (Slovakia)**, Artist in Residence Stuttgarter Ballett
- **Emrecan Tanış (Turkey/Finland)**, Choreographer and Dancer at Finnish National Ballet
- **Stephanie Thiersch (Germany)**, Director, Choreographer, Founder and Artistic Director MOUVOIR – Tanztheater Köln

The prizes for the dance and choreography categories are endowed with EUR 1,500 to EUR 3,500 and are sponsored by the City of Stuttgart and the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts.

MC: Anja Lange
Festival Director: Elly Walch
Artistic Director: Marcelo Santos

More information at www.solo-tanz-theater.de/