



Diana Wesser Born 1970 in Stuttgart (DE)

Education

- 2005 **Postgraduate** in the master class of Prof. Alba D'Urbano, Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig (DE)
- 2001 **Master of Fine Arts** (Diploma Degree), Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig (DE)
- 2000 **Study visit** to Canada, Assistance at the performance centre 'Le Lieu – Centre en art actuel' (Richard Martel), Québec (CA)
- 1994 – 2001 **Studies** of Media Arts at the Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig (DE)
- 1990 – 1987 **Education Graphic Design**, Kolping Berufskolleg für Grafik-Design, Fellbach (DE)
- 1974 – 1987 Courses in classical **Ballet and Modern Dance**

Teaching / Curating

- 2010 **Artistic Director** 'play! LEIPZIG – Movement in Urban Space' (with Patrick Primavesi) Conference and Performance Festival, Dance Archive & Centraltheater, Leipzig
- 2008 & 2009 **Artistic Director team** 'zwischen grün', public space festival Kunstverein Leipzig (art society, Leipzig.)
- 2007 – 2009 **Founder and Artistic Director team** 'Werkstattmacher', Program to encourage young performance artists, LOFFT Theatre Leipzig
- 2006 / 2007 **Teaching position**, Academy of visual Arts, Leipzig
Co-Curator 'A question(ing) of gesture', Exhibition and Performance-Event, Opera Leipzig (Leipzig, in Dec. 2006)
- 2005 / 2006 **Assistance of the Artistic Director** 'Love Your City!', international theatre festival Neues Theater, Halle/Saale (in June/July 2006)

Residencies / Grants

- 2012 **Residency**, Britto Arts Trust Dhaka (BD)
- 2011 **Residency**, Wysing Arts Center, Cambridge (UK)
- 2009 **Residency** at LOFFT theatre Leipzig (DE), (with Austrian choreographer Caroline Decker)
- 2008 **Project Grant**, Fonds Darstellende Künste and City Council Leipzig
- 2007 **Grant** of the Kulturstiftung Sachsen
- 2004 **Nomination for "Kunstfoerderpreis"** by Stadtwerke Halle (Saale) and Leipzig

Projects

- 2006 – 2008 **Flexible Response**, Performance collective, with the dancer Hermann Heisig and the musicians Chris Weinheimer and Ole Schmidt
- 2007– 2010 **Collaboration with TeaterKunst, Copenhagen**, Site Specific Theater projects

Selected performances (since 2003)

- 2012 **Dhaka Walk**: a performative exploration of the city in collaboration with local artists, Dhaka (BD)
- 2011 **Performing (with) a museum**, Contemporary Arts museum Cermodern, Ankara (TR)
and mnAC –national museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest (RO)
festival itinerante de videodanza, International Dance Day,
Centro Cultural de España, Mexico City (MX)
- 2009 **TauchGang – a journey below the surface**, performative walk at Leipzig's main station,
'zwischengrün' public space festival, Kunstverein Leipzig (DE)
Im Namen des Volkes, performative walk, festival 'Das Böse ist ein Eichhörnchen', Leipzig (DE)
- 2008 **Learning of a Fishtank**, lecture performance, LOFFT.Lieipzig (DE)
- 2007 **Movements of Lindenau**, dance- and video-performance / lecture walk in public space
Together with the dancer Hermann Heisig and the city planner Roland Beer,
LOFFT Theatre Leipzig, exhibition 'Rhythmus und Arbeit', Lindenfels Westflügel/Dance Archive
& public space Leipzig (DE)
Lift extended, participatory performance installation, OHO Oberwart (AT)
in collaboration with the media artist Herber Kopitar
- 2006 **Situs Opera**, site specific performance, Opera Building Leipzig (DE)
- 2005 **Ventejo**, performative intervention, WM FanOffice, Hamburg
- 2003 **Das Hochzeitsfest** (The Wedding Celebration), participatory performance
in public space, Hotel-Neustadt, international festival of theatre, Halle (Saale) (DE)

Selected solo and group shows, festivals (since 2006)

- 2011 **FLUXUS in Germany 1962–1994**, Contemporary Arts Museum CerModern, Ankara (TR)
and MNAC –National Museum of Contemporary Art, Bucharest (RO)
- 2010 **Expo 2010**, Deutscher Pavillon, Shanghai (CN)
FEDAME, International Dance and Electronic Media festival, Guadalajara (MX)
play! LEIPZIG – Movement in Urban Space, Dance Archive and Centraltheater Leipzig (DE)
- 2009 **New Media Festival**, Britto Arts Trust, Dhaka (BD)
DAS ZIMMER Installation – Visual Music, Mozarteum Salzburg (AT)
Work Exhibition Diana Wesser (Solo Show), Schaubühne Lindenfels, Leipzig (DE)
Metropolis Biennale, Copenhagen (DK)
zwischengruen09, Art in Public Space Festival, Kunstverein Leipzig (DE)
Das Böse ist ein Eichhoernchen, Landgericht, Leipzig (DE)
- 2008 **Festival internacional VideoDanzaBa Mexico 2008**, Coatepec, Veracruz (MX)
Metropolis LAB 2008, Kopenhagen (DK)
Dokville 2008, Haus des Dokumentarfilms Stuttgart (DE)
Zwischengruen08, Art in Public Space Festival, Kunstverein Leipzig (DE)
Theater of the World, internation theatre festival, Halle/Saale (DE)

- 2007 **Metropolis Biennale**, Kopenhagen, Denmark (DK)
Body Navigation Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia (RU)
9° VideoDanzaBA Festival Internacional de Buenos Aires, Argentina (AR)
FIVU.07 International Videodance Festival of Uruguay, Montevideo (UY)
Junge Kunst International, OHO Oberwart, Austria (AT)
Videodance Festival, Athen / Thessaloniki, Greece (GR)
Videorassegna, Studio Stefania Miscetti, Rom (IT)
Crossbreeds, WUK Vienna, Austria (AT)
A question(ing) of gesture, Fotohof Salzburg (AT) & Goethe Institut Rom (IT)
MitArbeit–Lebensrhythmen im Wandel, Dance Archive Leipzig (DE)
- 2006 **A question(ing) of gesture**, Exhibition and Performance-Event, Opera Leipzig
Filmfest Kassel
Die Pailletten: Dornröschen auf Disko, (Solo show), with mit Inka Perl, geöffnet! Leipzig (DE)
European Media Art Festival (EMAF), Osnabrück (DE)
MANöVER, international theaterfestival, LOFFT Leipzig (DE)
1:0. Kunst–Fußball, 18m Galerie für Zahlenwerte, Berlin

Workshops in public space [since 2007]

- 2012 **Dhaka Walk**: Street Art & performative interventions, Workshop, Britto Arts Trust, Dhaka (BD)
- 2009 **Nora Roma Interventions**, Workshop, Schaubühne Lindenfels, Leipzig (DE)
Dancing with Buildings, Workshop, LOFFT.Leipzig (DE)
Interne Störungen, Workshop, Chemnitz (DE)
Unter den Pflastersteinen das Meer, Workshop, Berlin (DE)
- 2008 **Stadtstreicher**, workshop and walk, together with Bertram Weisshaar,
public space festival 'zwischen grün 08', Leipzig (DE)
city.space.body, workshop for children and youngsters, Kreative Kreuzberger, Berlin (DE)
- 2007 **Copenhagen Incorporated**, workshop, METROPOLIS Biennale Copenhagen (DK)