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DANCE – CIRCUS – PERFORMANCE ARTIST

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Performance and Choreography

- 2024 articulated – back then we were always naked Das Planetenparty Prinzip
 choreographer
- Saltice SILK fluegge / European Capital of Culture Bad Ischl, Salzburgmergut
 performer
- Nosferatu Burgtheater Wien
 performer
- 2023 Stand.Punkte
 Research / recipient of BMKÖS Arbeitsstipendium
 creator and performer (with Nina Dafert)
- Universal Waschgang in collaboration with Waschsalon Records
 choreographer and performer
- Passagieren
 Musiktheatertage Wien in collaboration with Studio Dan
 performer and choreographic advisor
- Shibari and Circus
 Research
 creator and performer (with Sabine Maringer)
- mOthers.beasts
 Choreography: Anna Knapp, Semmelweislinik-Kunst- und Kulturzentrum
 choreographic assistant
- 2022 RE/ACT!
 2020-21 research
 2021-2023 Festival Tour (e.g. Imaginarius Festival, Krapoldi, Kultursommer Wien,
 Zirkustheater Festival Dresden)
 creator and performer (with Ralph Öllinger)

Am Galgen

Das Planetenpartyprinzip / Director: Simon Windisch
choreographic support

Fear the Women in the Dark

Follow the Rabbit / Director: Simon Windisch
La Strada Graz – International Streetart Festival
performer

About the Carsonys

Wohnpartner Wien
creator and performer (with Nina Dafert)

PLAY

research with Fausto Tenorio and Ralph Öllinger
creator and performer

2021

recipient of Startstipendium (grant for research) on gender roles and gender stereotypes in partnering and partner acrobatics

Hold me, baby!

On the edge-Festival / WUK performing arts Vienna
creator and performer

Memory – an expedition: circus in national socialism

Ariane Oechsner, Vienna
performer

Spectacle müssen seyn a performative city walk in Vienna

Arne Mannott
performer

Über Piratinnen – Geschwestern der See

Töchter der Kunst / Director: Nico Wind
Dschungel, Vienna
performer

2020

Wiener Teppich art movie

KreativKultur
performer

2019

OUT-SIDE-IN

2018-19 research and showings
2019-2020 Festival Tour: e.g. Winterfest, Salzburg, Tanzhafen Festival Linz
creator and performer (with Ralph Öllinger)

Les Valses des Vienne

St. Denis-Théâtre, Montreal/Canada / Choreography: Sharon Booth
performer

- 2018
- Lust-voll
 Momomento / Director: Victoria Halper
 Theaterland Steiermark Festival, Kristallwerk Graz, Theater Brett Vienna
 performer
- The Magic Flute
 Salzburg Festival / Director: Lydia Steier
 performer
- Meeting Point
 ego portrait – a circus-dance perspective
 Festival Tour 2018-2023
 creator and performer
- Um zwei beginnt die Revolution
 Theater Ansicht / Choreography: Christina Rauchbauer, Dschungel Vienna
 performer
- Plan B - Sechs Personen suchen eine Arbeit
 theater t'eig Graz / Director: Thomas Sobotka
 choreographer and dance coaching
- 2017
- Co-founding of ego portrait – a circus-dance perspective with Ralph Öllinger with
 focus on partner acrobatics, dance and object manipulation
- Cross the Line
 Showings in Germany and the Netherlands
 creator and performer
- Aphrodite's faces
 Dance CharActers Vienna
 choreographer
- 2016
- The Queen of Colours
 Theater Feuerblau Graz
 Kindermuseum Graz and touring 2016-2020
 performer
- Philoktet (Heiner Müller)
 theater t'eig Graz / Director: Thomas Sobotka
 Joanneumsviertel, Graz
 performer
- Final Season
 Spielraum Ensemble / Concept and Stage: Lisa Horvath
 La Strada Graz and national touring
 performer
- Identity Taken – a circus show
 Akrosphere Graz
 director and choreographer

- Are you Awake?*
Final presentation show ‚Day and Night‘ of BG/BRG Wels Dr. Schauer Straße
choreographer
- 2015 *The Gruffelo*
Theater Feuerblau Graz
ongoing touring 2015-now
- If I could...then I would*
tanz.coop Vienna
Tribüne Linz
performer
- Sunset – Sunrise*
Town hall Vienna
creator and performer (with Danilo Campisi)
- apart-ment*³ video project
director and choreographer
- 2014 *I wanna be a supernatural rocket*
tanz.coop Vienna
Brunnenpassage Vienna and touring
performer and choreographic assistant
- Ein Sommernachtstraum - eine dekonstruktion*
Spielraum Ensemble / Concept and Stage: Lisa Horvath
Theater am Lend Graz and touring
Award-winning piece: BestOFFStyria-Festival
performer
- 2012-2015 Member of *flowmotion dance company* / Director: Florian Berger
National and international touring
performer
- 2012 *Hold*
research
creator and performer
- Passion Plays* Mettmach
Director: Otmar Wenzl,
performer and choreographer
- 2011 *Six Degrees of Separation*
Some Moments in the Dancers‘ Bodies Linz / Choreography: Johannes Randolf
performer
- 2010 *The Dharma at Big Sur*
Kons goes Proms, Museumsquartier Vienna / Choreography: Darrel Toulon
performer

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Tanztheater Homunculus / Choreography: Manfred Aichinger
Kosmos Theater Vienna
performer

Wandlung - Revisiting Susanne Linke

Short Pieces / Theater Akzent Vienna
performer and choreographer

Education

2011 - 2012	Bachelor's program Dance Pedagogy/Movement Studies Anton Bruckner University Linz – Department chair: Rose Breuss
2006 – 2010	Bachelor's program: Modern and Contemporary Dance Conservatory Vienna University – Department chair: Nikolaus Selimov
2006	school leaving examination

Additional Skills

Partner acrobatics, Hand-to-Hand

Handstand

Trapeze (aerial work)

Vipassana Meditation practice

Competitive ballroom dancer (Professional Division) in Latin American Dances

Kalarippayat (Indian martial art)