

Earth like Heaven / Erde wie Himmel

An art exchange project with Berlin artists and artists from Bali

Dakini Agency - Straße der Poesie - 17.heroes e.V.

Project time: October 7th to October 31st 2018

Berlin, April 27th 2018

Project

Dakini Agency and **Street of Poetry**, supported by **17heroes e.V.**, seeks to trace villages and roam cities in the footsteps of old and new dragon paths in Bali. We send thoughts on a journey and give wings to imagination.

With performance art, new poetry, expressive dance, world music, puppetry, theater actions and mobile workshops, we build bridges between tradition and modernity, which explore, shape, celebrate and reinvent life as a total work of art.

We learn from old and new history, pick up the traditional, collect knowledge, learn ancient crafts and bring in our contemporary artistic experiences. We collect dreams, perform and release them to then continue collecting and sharing at the next locality.

Where do we find common ground, can exchange visions and connect? Where is the difference that enriches the diversity of our world?

With **"Earth Like Heaven"** we want to visit social institutions and are interested in authentic high vibrational exchange with Balinese artists: We also want to visit „children's homes“, schools and socially committed places of the public and private sector. Here, too, we want to invite people to actively participate in shaping the interactive artistic process. To be there, to participate, to share experiences, history and stories, to talk about dreams, heart desires, to transform what is necessary into what is truly wanted ... We want to give impulses and perceive, absorb and pass them on to the best places. Every place is different and has its own value. We want to get involved, to participate in a very concrete and lively way.



Summer dream rainbow phoenix Fantasio and tree Dakinis, built by Josephine Seeger

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History

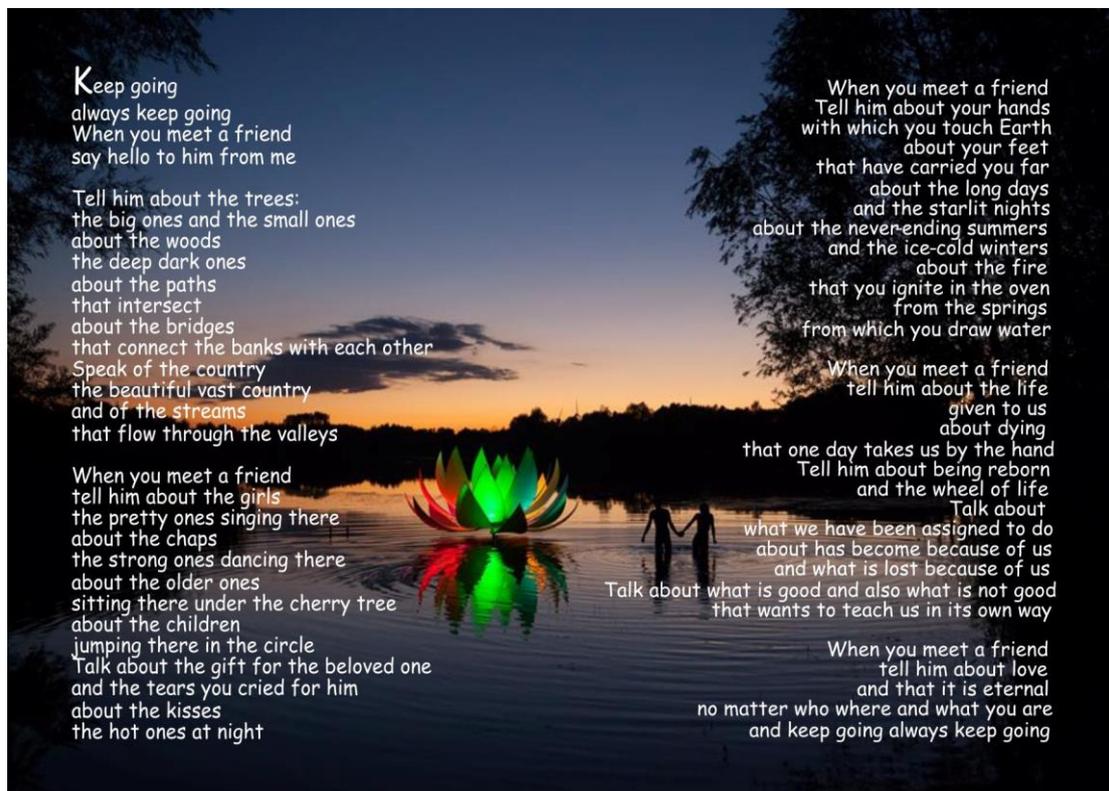
For two years we are in direct contact with Balinese artists. **Supriyati Pantarei**, a versatile active artist and dancer, is our main contact in Bali. In 2015 we met her at an art fair in Hamburg and a year later at a festival on the island of Java. Since then we have been in lively exchange and designing our common international cultural exchange.

Future Vision

According to our performances and workshops in Bali, we want to invite the following year our Balinese artists to Berlin. For them we want to organize opportunities for performances and workshops. At the same time, we would plan in Berlin an exhibition in a gallery with a film and photo documentation and our experience reports.

Where we are?

Berlin has always been a magnet for people from all over the world who have courageous ideas and can overcome boundaries and walls. Berlin stands for a constantly reinventing city with an art scene rich of pioneering work with international appeal in many artistic fields. We are part of it. Berlin and international artists living in Berlin have teamed up for this project.



Poetry by Viola Livera, New Healing Festival, Germany 2016

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leads the interdisciplinary artist group Dakini-Agency in Berlin and will develop the mystical dance costumes as part of our Bali journey. She is a performative transformation artist and costume designer with international appearances. She also built our giant stick puppet, the **Summerdream Phoenix Fantasio**. In the summer of this year, the second giant stick puppet, the **Lucky Dragon Merlin**, will see the light of day. Both fantasy figures are part of our performance "Earth like Heaven". They will feel at home in Bali, because flying a dragon is a philosophy and elixir of life in Bali. The dragon is considered throughout Asia a symbol of happiness and good fortune, while in the European saga the dragon is mostly described as an enemy, conquered by Archangel Michael and killed by St. George. We want to design a third flying puppet together with Balinese doll makers. Josephine is particularly interested in the traditional craft techniques, natural materials, and the creative recycling of interesting found objects from the everyday life of people with a special history. The stick puppets are moved and played by the **Dakini Skydancers**. These are international dancers living in Berlin. Dakinis appear in the mythological stories of Asia as winged women. These flying women, or "devis", are a symbol of peace and creativity in Bali. In Europe we know flying women as witches or angels. We see again diverse cultural similarities and differences, both in the symbolism of the dragon and also with the Dakinis. As artists, we take the freedom of reinventing these characters as part of our performance. Josephine Seeger will also be offer **dragon dream workshops** with children. www.dakini-agency.com



Dakini Agency @ Hotel Amano 2018



Dakini children workshop @ New Healing Festival 2017

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Viola Livera

Intendant of the theater group THE DELICATES, leads the international project STREET OF POETRY. No matter where she is in the world, she always has a suitcase in Berlin. She is an actress, director, author and poet. The encounter with Josephine Seeger and the Dakini Agency, for which she also works, has led to many mutually fruitful artistic works and visions. Viola writes today, in addition to her theatrical texts, stories and poems for musicians and dancers. She moderated international dance shows and accompanied the two Berlin-based dancers Beata & Horacio Cifuentes on one of their world tours with their poetry. With the project STREET OF THE POETRY, she searches for poetry as the mother of all languages. She seeks her in everyday life, in the encounter with the seemingly unpoetic, seeks her encounter with the unknown, as well as from the great masters of world literature and also children's rhymes. She organizes poetic productions in public spaces. Viola Livera will write the story and poems for the performances "Earth Like Heaven". In cooperation with all involved artists Viola Livera will direct the performance. This will integrate interactive playful ideas, which invite the Balinese audience to participate.

www.viola-livera.de , www.diedelikaten.de



„Sechs Tanzstunden in sechs Wochen“, Bremen 2015



Rue de la Poesié Paris 2014



Summer Dream Rainbow Phönix Fantasio Brandenburger Tor 2016



Dakini at Festival



Java 2016

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Julia Scarlett Lindig

Works as an actress all her life. In Berlin, she conducted an internet presentation for actors, actorscut.com. In the last 15 years, she also hosted the globally acclaimed literary Bloomsday day in Berlin. It is about the novel Ulysses by the Irish author James Joyce. In recent years she passionately organizes international theater projects with children. She was active in Mongolia, Romania and Bangladesh. ("Masters of Intuition", „Puppets & Stories“)

17HEROES e.V. uses theater and art in order to make the invisible visible. We find the disappeared again and take care of abandoned, everywhere, unbound and warm. We travel a lot and open rooms and make light. This is how poetic actions and mobile theater works. Theater is like food for the soul.

Josephine Seeger and Viola Livera are members of the association. "Earth like Heaven" is the first joint project. Josephine is our joint project applicant. www.17heroes.net



Julia Lindig Bloomsday Berlin



Bishkek City Drama Theatre Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts (BITA)

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1000 guru Community

Contact person in Bali

Supriyati Pantarei

She works by BASE. Bali Animasi Solusi Ekakarsa as a motion capture actress. It is a startup company that focussed on 3D animation, Denpasar Bali.

She is interested in having art performance in responding to the nature and connecting the energy in several natural places in Bali. Art is the soul connection to human beings, nature, universe and God.

In 2015 she joined the class discussion on healing process by art approaches in Campus Naturalis, Hamburg Germany, and made an art performance in connecting the energy of several wonderful places around Germany: Hamburg, Altona, St. Pauli, Elbe river and so on. She also attended to the Theater Orange, Hamburg Germany to have sharing art process and inner body motion collaboration process with several Germany artists including Bernhard Schwark as a Musician. She was also invited by the owner of Le Tre Fonti in Perugia in Italy to have art sharing process with a Germany Artist and healer; Ingeborg Menaribu Fridrich, and have the inner body motion collaboration with her in Le Tre Fonti, and street art performance in Italy: Castigliano de lago Umbria Italy, and Exploring the spirit of St. Chiara in Basilica di St. Chiara, Assisi Italy

On this way she met also Viola Livera, Bernhard Schwark, Marcella Ruscigno and many other artists. So the idea arose for our joint Berlin-Bali project "Earth like Heaven".

Supriyati Pantarei is our main contact in Bali. We are very pleased about the inspiring and good cooperation.



Supriyati Pantarei Performances in Bali



Performances in Hamburg 2015

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Our Earth like Heaven Ensemble:

Initiators and leaders

1. Josephine Seeger (Berlin) - Costumes, Performance, Puppet Crafts
2. Viola Livera (Hamburg / Berlin) - Theater Director, Performance, Poetry
3. Julia Lingig (Berlin) - Mobile children's theater / club 17.heroes
4. Ulrike Jung (Berlin) - organization, performance, children's workshops

Further team partners

Musician:

5. Tuulia Rosenbröjer (Finnland) - Musical Director, voice, guitar, vocal workshop
6. Sergey (Ukraine) - musician, didgeridoo, drum, workshops
7. Bernhard Schwark (Hamburg) - bass, drum, natural instruments

Dancer:

8. Marcella Ruscigno - (Hamburg, Italy) - stilt walker
9. Tiffany Solsuryoday (Berlin / Filipin) - Dance, theater workshops, poetry
10. Maria Madzharova (Berlin / Romania) - dance, yoga, arts & crafts, children's workshops
11. Julia Jannasch (Berlin) - body painting, dance, children's workshops

Documentation:

12. David Nassim (Berlin / UK) - photography and film
13. Til von Hein(Potsdam) - Film Editing and Television Focus

Set design:

14. Ronny Wollmann (Rostock) – Set Design and painting
15. Ruben Dauenhauer (Potsdam) - Set Design and painting

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Detail info about our performance and workshops

1. Performance :

What it is: It is Poetic Theater with poetry, dance and music

The title: „EARTH LIKE HEAVEN“

Brief theme / description: *“... At a time when the heavens embraced the earth, the moon cast a bright glow over the land. In this splendid light I listened to a song of which the ancients spoke. I climbed a tree and saw the beautiful free country.”*

It is a poetic theater of dreams and deeds that give us the courage to build the world of tomorrow today. We use a poetic language, music, dance and play with two large pole puppets called Fantasio the Rainbow Phoenix and Merlin the Lightful Lucky Dragon.

Our ensemble consists of professional international actors, dancers and musicians. We have gathered in Berlin and Hamburg.

Time duration: 60 minutes

2. Workshops for children:

Titel: „DREAMING DRAGONS“

Description: What do we dream of and what is the dream of our dragon? With these questions, we build puppets with the children. At the end of the workshop we performing together.

Material: Simple material like paper, wood, cloth, string and interesting things we found on the long journey from Berlin to Bali.

Children age? Between 6 and 10 years

Time duration: Three hours or more with little breaks

3. Workshop for adults, viewers and students

Titel: TUULIA NORDIC HEALING ARTS

What it is: Voice and drums with our Musician Tuulia Rosenbröjer & Jergej
www.cosmic-vibration.de/tuulia-rosenbroeijer/
www.soundcloud.com/joanna-11

Description: Dive into the world of our soulsongs, through nordic shamanic singing techniques like Joik, and Inuit throat singing. The aim of this work is to empower and inspire the participants and to help them to trust their inner and outer voice.

Time duration: 1 hour

Best Regards

