

Coronavirus Newsletter 19

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Dear all,

this is the last newsletter of the crisis team this academic year, and as in the past months we hope you are/you are all healthy and well.

Now, at the end of the academic and school year, we would like to thank all members of the university - pupils, students, staff and their families - once again. We would like to thank all of you for taking on and mastering the great challenges and the high workload of the past months and for your consideration and support of the decisions regarding the resumption of teaching and teaching operations, which are subject to strict requirements, while observing strict hygiene and health protection rules: To all of you a very warm thank you for this!

All pupils and students of the orientation and junior development classes as well as the BA and MA courses kept themselves fit with great self-discipline and high motivation in all areas during the enormously difficult lockdowns caused by the corona. The teaching staff, correpitition, administration, dormitory, secondary school and numerous honorary lecturers have been very committed and flexible, and so we all together have achieved and accomplished an incredible amount. Everyone can be really proud of themselves!

Despite the numerous restrictions and despite a reduced teaching schedule, we have been able to conduct almost all dance examinations and performance tests in all classes and seminar groups. The graduates of the BA Dance Programme (BAT 3) and the ElevInnen (students in the certificate course Elevenprogramm) were already ceremoniously bid farewell on July 7th, 2020, and on July 17th, 2020 we were also able to congratulate class N4 in an appropriate ceremony on their Realabschluss and the completion of their junior development studies in dance.

The working time regulations of the administration were adjusted to the holiday season. Mobile work remains part of the regulations, the individual departments or areas will only be staffed selectively during the holiday period. The dormitory is closed during the holidays. Health protection continues to have top priority and the existing health protection measures on campus will also apply during the summer holidays.

After months of numerous new learning experiences based on innovative forms and ways of communication, after months of self-reflection and personal gain in knowledge, we are now all looking forward to the summer holidays and the prospect of seeing each other again from the end of August 2020. The new academic and school year is to begin again with classroom teaching and instruction and with full compulsory school attendance. The Crisis Team at the Palucca School of Dance Dresden will meet again on August 17th, 2020 and will then inform you about the situation and, if necessary, about new regulations or changes. Let us hope together that normal study and teaching activities will then become reality again.



Since the highlight of every academic and school year, our Matinée/Soirée performance in the Semperoper, could not take place this year, we have found a new way to present the art form of dance in a lively way: with the participation of all classes and seminar groups, our dance film Matinée 2020 was created, which is now available on our Vimeo Channel. The entire campus as a stage reveals many exciting new perspectives, a good start to the holidays!

Even if the summer and holiday arrangements at your/your school may look different this year than originally planned, we wish everyone a relaxing and hopefully unexcited summer and look forward to seeing you again in the new academic and school year 2020.

Until then, stay healthy and take care of yourself.

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