



Open Call 2026

**DAS
TANZFEST
WINTERTHUR**

Call for dance projects for Tanzfest Winterthur '26

For Tanzfest Winterthur from May 6 to 10, 2026, dance projects are being sought, preferably with a connection to Winterthur (not a requirement).

Tanzfest Winterthur is part of the national dance festival, which has been taking place simultaneously in more than 40 cities for over 20 years. It offers dance artists performance opportunities, while the audience can discover the breadth of artistic dance creation and has established itself as a platform for artistic exploration in Switzerland.

With the motto “Winterthur moves carefully,” Tanzfest Winterthur 2026 is dedicated to mindful interaction with one's own body and environment through movement. The focus is on choreographic works that address sensitivity, sustainability, and social responsibility—whether in urban spaces, in coexistence, or in relation to ecological issues.

Since 2022, half of the productions invited specifically by the Tanzfest Winterthur have been selected by a “Winterthur jury.” This jury consists of five to seven people who represent the broad population of Winterthur and have no professional dance background.

Framework conditions

DURATION Dance productions of approx. 15 – max. 45 minutes

FEE CHF 500 per performer
Solos and duos have the best chance of being programmed, possibly also trios.
Accommodation and travel expenses cannot be covered.

WHAT Flexible dance pieces from any dance genre that can be performed in various indoor or outdoor locations (in different squares, galleries, etc.)

Technical requirements:

- No lighting technology
- Sound cues cannot be provided by the TF team
- No black box
- No stage set if possible
- No dance floor or dance carpet

DATES Availability on all days is advantageous: May 7–10, 2026
(Please indicate your availability in detail on the application form)



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Application

- CRITERIA**
- Connection to Winterthur / surrounding area advantageous (not a requirement)
 - Professional dance practitioners
 - Inclusion of the theme “Winterthur dances carefully”

- PROCEDURE**
- Application to programm.winterthur@dastanzfest.ch with:
- Filled out application form
 - Concept (max. 2 A4 pages) with photos and video link (no downloads)
As some of the dance projects are programmed by the local Winterthur jury without professional dance experience, any (even older) image and video material is helpful for illustration purposes.
 - Brief description of the dance company/collective, including CVs

DEADLINE October 10, 2025

DECISION Approximately early December 2025