

SPOTTED

Dance performance network - Lower Saxony

OPEN CALL #6

You are a collective or choreographer(s) based in Lower Saxony and have a dance production that you would like to present again? You would like to show it in various theatres in Lower Saxony? Then apply for SPOTTED and become part of the first dance guest performance network in Lower Saxony.

SPOTTED brings together municipal theaters, INTHEGA theaters and independent theaters. Initiated by the cooperative TANZKOOOP and the Landesverband Freie Darstellende Künste in Lower Saxony, the program can continue through 2028 as part of Tanznetz Niedersachsen,

After an open call for productions originating from Lower Saxony, productions will be distributed according to performance schedules and technical requirements of the participating venues. The dance productions to be included in the SPOTTED network will be selected by an independent panel of expert jurors.

The continuously growing network of venues and the selected dance pieces can be found at www.tanzkoop.com as well as on Instagram at @tanzkoop and @tanznetz_niedersachsen.

On the next pages, you will find the terms and conditions of the open call, an FAQ, and the application form.

The application deadline is September 30, 2026.

If you encounter any (technical) issues with the application or require assistance, please contact us: spotted@tanznetz-niedersachsen.de



**SPOT us,
SPOT dance!**

What are we looking for?

- performances that are led by dance, choreography or movement.
- performances created and produced in Lower Saxony.
- performances that already premiered.
- performances that are available on at least 2 of the performances dates.
- performances with simple technical requirements and flexibility to be presented on different stages.
- performances that can be set up within a day.
- teams that are willing to take part in the dance mediation format of SPOTTED by offering a workshop and an artistic talk on the production
- teams that are willing to share a written documentation (1 page) plus pictures of their guest performance experience afterwards

What do you get as part of the SPOTTED pool?

- up to two performance dates in two different venues in Lower Saxony
- paid performances for up to 2 team members, if the performance is 20-40 minutes long: 400€ each
- paid performances for up to 5 team members, if the performance is 40+ minutes long: 400€ each
- one paid rehearsal day for up to 2 / 5 team members: 250€ each
- travel cost for up to 2 / 5 team members for the max of 80€ each
- paid Workshop for one team member: 250€
- accommodation organized by the venue
- A mediation program featuring an moderated after-show talk and a workshop with dance enthusiasts of any age from the local community.
- You will be part of an exciting network of dance productions and as long as your production is available it can be booked in the upcoming years.
- You will be SPOTTED!

Time frame

- Deadline for applications: 30.09.2026
- Information on selection and performance dates: ca. 31.10.2026

How to apply

All applicants are asked to fill the application form and send the requested materials to spotted@tanznetz-niedersachsen.de. The application form can be downloaded via our Website: www.tanzkoop.com/spotted. If a written application is not possible, you can also submit your answers to the questions on video or audio in German and English.

If none of these application options are available to you, please contact: spotted@tanznetz-niedersachsen.de

FAQ

1. Can I apply again?

Choreographers or groups, that have been part of SPOTTED previously can apply again with a new piece or with their previous SPOTTED piece. In case of a new piece the jury votum would count for the selection, in case of an „old“ piece, the work would automatically go on the waitlist for re-opening slots in the venues schedules.

2. If I applied for SPOTTED in the last year, is my piece still on the list for the next year?

Since we need to know your availabilities, in order to programme the piece on the theatre given dates, you have to fill out the application form again, although you already applied previously. Otherwise we cannot consider the piece anymore.

3. What if my piece wasn't selected once, can I re-enter?

No, unfortunately once the jury did not decide for your piece, it cannot be re-entered into the jury votum? But you can apply with a new work of yours!

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact spotted@tanznetz-niedersachsen.de

The open call is subject to the approval of the continued funding of SPOTTED 2027.

SPOTTED was developed as a pilot project by LaFT — Landesverband Freie Darstellende Künste in Niedersachsen e.V. — and the TANZKOOOP cooperative — for dance tours in Lower Saxony aimed at increasing the visibility of contemporary dance across the state. SPOTTED 2026 is co-produced by the Lessingtheater Wolfenbüttel and funded by Stiftung Niedersachsen, Landschaftsverband Osnabrücker Land, Landschaftsverband Hameln Pyrmont, Stiftung Braunschweigischer Kulturbesitz, Lüneburgischer Landschaftsverband as well as Landschaftsverband Stade. Additional dance guest performances are made possible through Tanznetz Niedersachsen, funded by TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund with funds from the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture (MWK), the state capital of Hanover, the city of Braunschweig, and the Lower Saxony Foundation.