

Call for applications

CREATION+

We are taking our support for local dance practitioners a step further with a year-round support programme for local dance practitioners. Under the CREATION+ programme, three choreographers or co-creators are supported by us and an artistic team from the initial idea right through to the premiere of a short piece.



Company Creama, photo: Jan Zelisko

How CREATION+ works:

- Mandatory kick-off meeting on **Thursday, 26th of November 2026** at 5.00 pm with all selected artists, followed by an optional dinner with the dance festival team at 6.00 pm and watching the performance at the dance festival (7.30 pm – approx. 9.30 pm).
- From January 2027, you can use the TanzOrt am Gleis as a rehearsal space free of charge for 21 days.
- From January 2027, you'll be a free member of tanzinwinterthur for one year and benefit from discounts on booking the TanzOrt am Gleis, professional trainings and admission to the Theater am Gleis.
- You'll be supported by experts throughout the year: you'll receive five days of coaching in the areas of production management, dramaturgy and choreography, which you can schedule to suit you best. You can put together your own team or draw on contacts provided by the festival management.
- On **Saturday, 21st of August 2027**, there will be a mandatory joint sharing session involving the three CREATION+ groups and the co-production group, during which you will present your work to date to one another and receive new input for your further work through a guided, constructive feedback session.
- You will present your work in the form of a short piece lasting 10–20 minutes as a premiere at the Tanzfestival Winterthur on one of the festival evenings between **19th and 27th of November 2027**. You or your group will be paid a fee of CHF 500.00 per person for this. You will design the lighting in collaboration with the technical director of the dance festival with whom you can work for 2 hours.
- We'll organise the photographic documentation and video recording of your short piece.
- For you, the CREATION+ programme concludes with the premiere at the Tanzfestival Winterthur. Your free tanzinwinterthur membership runs until the end of December 2027.

Who can apply:

- Professional choreographers, collectives, choreographic duos, etc. with a strong connection to the Canton of Zurich (place of residence or work, or registered office of the organisation), with preference given to those with a strong connection to Winterthur.
- A variety of dance styles are welcome; what is important to us is a contemporary, choreographic approach.
- Only those who can attend the mandatory dates: Kick-off on 26th of November 2026, 5.00 pm –10.00 pm; sharing session on 21st of August 2027 (all day); lighting rehearsal, dress rehearsal and performance in November on one of the following days: 19th, 20th, 21st, 22th, 26th or 27th of November 2027.

How to apply:

- Project outline (max. 2 A4 pages): What idea are you exploring? What would you like to research this year? If you already have specific ideas about what your short piece will look like, please let us know.
- How many people will be on stage at the end? This is important for our budget and therefore, unfortunately, needs to be decided at an early stage.
- Portfolio of your previous choreographic work
- CV (max. 1 A4 page) including your connection to the Canton of Zurich or Winterthur

By email by 15th of October 2026 to evamaria.kuepfer@tanzinwinterthur.ch

The result will be announced on 20th of October.

If you have any questions, please contact Eva Maria K pfer, artistic co-director of the Tanzfestival Winterthur.



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