



CALL FOR PAPERS

“ART MEETS RESEARCH”

International symposium on concepts, contexts and methods of research in Theatre for Young Audiences

The University of Hildesheim in cooperation with ITYARN, the International Theatre for Young Audiences Research Network of Assitej International, and the national ASSITEJ of Germany is calling for proposals for “ART MEETS RESEARCH” International symposium on concepts, contexts and methods of research in TYA, on April 22nd, 2013.

Dr. Gesche Wartemann, Professor for theatre for young audiences, will welcome all participants at the University of Hildesheim one day before “Augenblick Mal!” opening in Berlin.

The symposium will take place over the course of one day, and consist of one keynote, plenary sessions, seminars and a future lab. Seminar proposals should focus on the theme of the conference, “ART MEETS RESEARCH International conference on concepts, contexts and methods of research in Theatre for Young Audiences,” and address scholarly as well as artistic types of research in the field of TYA. For example, proposals may ask questions on relations between theory and artistic practice, such as how can theories on art, and especially on theatre, develop artistic practice? How do experiences in artistic production processes (e.g.theatre productions, playwriting) change scholarly reflections? What kinds of knowledge do we get from artistic experience and scholarly reflections? How can practitioners and scholars cooperate? When does artistic practice become research? They may inquire about theatre for young audiences’ study programmes: How much theory do/should we teach? And which ones? Should *experimental* theatre practices be part of a programme? How do we gain students’ interest in researching the field of TYA? Proposals may address how different types of research in the field of TYA further reflections on a culture’s concept of child and childhood. Proposals could also reflect on any *special* needs and/ or challenges for research in the field of TYA.

Researchers who want to participate in the seminars should submit a 500 word proposals and sample bibliography by email in *MSWord.doc*. Proposals should include name, affiliation, and email address in the upper left corner. Proposals will be peer reviewed by members of the University of Hildesheim and the ITYARN board December 2012. Notifications will go out January 2013.

Please email proposals by **December 1st, 2012** to artmeetsresearch@uni-hildesheim.de

Participants of the symposium "ART MEETS RESEARCH" have the chance to travel to "Augenblick mal!", the German Festival of Theatre for Children and Young People, on April 23 - April 28, 2013. The public festival, accompanied by professional exchanges, has become the most important gathering of the country's theatre for young audiences. It is two hours travel by train from Hildesheim to Berlin.

Looking forward to having an inspiring exchange with academic researchers and researching artists!

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