

## OPEN CALL #WE PRESENT FESTIVAL 2026

Applications by 16 March 2026 to [wepresent@lichthof-theater.de](mailto:wepresent@lichthof-theater.de)

WE PRESENT is the LICHTHOF Theater's platform for emerging artists and will take place for the second time as a festival in 2026. As the only festival for emerging artists in the independent performing arts in Hamburg, it offers you the opportunity to show your finished works again. Whether performance, dance, interactive play, play development, transdisciplinary installation, participatory intervention, or digital work—WE PRESENT is open to everyone!

WE PRESENT aims to make it easier for you to get started in the independent scene, present your work to a wider audience, and enable networking. It is important to us that there is plenty of time and space during the festival for you to really get to know each other and exchange ideas. This year, we are continuing our cooperation with the ROXY Theater Birsfelden (Switzerland). Each season, one production from Switzerland is invited to participate, and one WE PRESENT production becomes part of the Treibstoff Festival in Basel. WE PRESENT 2026 is held in cooperation with the Thalia Theater Hamburg.

### When and where

- 24–27.9.2026 in Hamburg
- Technical setup and rehearsals from 17–26.9.2026
- LICHTHOF Theater Bahrenfeld, LICHTHOF Theater Grindel, and Box Thalia Gaußstraße

### What you get

- Professional setting: supervised rehearsals, technical support, publicity
- fee
- Networking with other artists
- Participation in the festival programme
- Local, national and international visibility

## What we need

- Works that have been developed by emerging artists in Hamburg and have already premiered
- Length: 10 - 40 minutes
- Free availability 17. - 23.9.2026 for rehearsals
- Free availability 24. - 27.9.2026 for the festival
- Willingness to make technical compromises (several works will be shown on one WE PRESENT evening)

## Who decides

The jury will be announced soon on the LICHTHOF Theatre website. We are working on a cast with many different perspectives.

Send us the completed application form, the necessary attachments and the link to a complete video to **wepresent@lichthof-theater.de** by 16.3.2026.

You will receive feedback by the beginning of April 2026.

**Questions? We can help you!**

Online counselling

25.2.2026// 1-2 pm

(Registration: [wepresent@lichthof-theater.de](mailto:wepresent@lichthof-theater.de))

We are looking forward to the unseen, experimental aesthetics and new collectives. We particularly welcome applications from people affected by structural discrimination and works from non-academic contexts.

Sincerely *Anne Pretzsch*

Anne Pretzsch, Lisa Florentine Schmalz & the LICHTHOF team