

DANCE OPENS UP WORLDS World Dance Day, April 29, 2010: Dance actions with children and young people are the center of public attention.

On April 29, in several German cities, dance pieces by and with children and young people will show that conventional theater stages are not the only venues for dance. Dancing also goes on in train stations, shopping centers, parks, and public squares. Whether in schools or during leisure time – hundreds of projects devote themselves to dance for and with children and young people. On this day we plan to make visible as many of these initiatives as possible. Twenty years after the fall of the wall, profoundly touched as well will be those locations symbolic of the division – not only between East and West, but also between social classes, between religions and cultures.

Initiated by daCi Deutschland e.V., *dance and the Child International*, numerous actions with children and young people will interconnect throughout all the federal territories, in association with the *International Theatre Institute (ITI)* – *Centre of the Federal Republic of Germany* and the partners *Dachverband Tanz Deutschland/ Ständige Konferenz Tanz*, the *Bundesverband Tanz in Schulen*, as well as *Movimentos Akademie*.

The patron is Ulla Schmidt, member of the German Parliament, Federal Minister for Health ret., and member of the Culture and Media Committee of the Bundestag.