



Call for entries

We are seeking productions for children aged 0-6!

About FRATZ Festival

"FRATZ International: Encounters - Symposium - Festival for the Very Young" has been presented by Theater o.N. in Berlin since 2013. It has since established itself as an important international children's theater festival in Europe. Every two years, FRATZ invites remarkable guest performances to Berlin. It also hosts a **symposium** to discuss and explore the latest developments in dance and theater for very young audiences. Colleagues from all over the world meet in Berlin for this international exchange. The **festival** is aimed at children from 0-6 years and presents performances all across Berlin. It is important to us, that art and culture should be accessible to all people, regardless of age or social or cultural background and for people with different developmental profiles.

Before, during and after the FRATZ Festival a workshop program for preschool children between the ages of two and four is taking place, the **FRATZ Encounters**.

The respective experiences and results of a FRATZ year are documented and evaluated in the **FRATZ Reflections**. The brochure is printed in German and English and made available online free of charge to the public.

We are looking for:

FRATZ 2026 will take place in Berlin from October 9-15, 2026. We are planning to invite 4 productions for children aged 0-6. This can be productions that are recommended for children at least as young as 3+. It could also be productions recommended for children as young as 3 months, 6 months, 1 year or 2 years old. Productions for children 4 years and older do not fit the profile of our festival.

The production should have premiered between 30 September 2023 and 15 October 2025. It should be available for 2-4 performances between Oct 9-15, 2026 by arrangement.

A video recording is required in order to participate.

We are interested in:

- bold, funny, serious, light, interdisciplinary, or genre-specific productions that experiment artistically in new directions in the performing arts for very young audiences.
- Productions that place particular emphasis on accessibility and the removal of barriers.
- In particular, we would like to offer a platform to artists who, due to marginalized perspectives, have been unable to find many or any opportunities to present their work.

We offer:

- Presentation at one or more Berlin venue(s)
- Promotion of the program to national and international organizers and curators
- A supporting program with opportunities for exchange, professional discourse and workshops
- Fees to be negotiated, based on current recommended pay rates in the Federal Republic of Germany
- Accommodation and travel/transport costs, as well as per diems or meals

FRATZ 2026 focuses on sustainability in implementing the festival. Therefore, the festival management will try to keep aspects of the program sustainable, such as travel and transport routes. When possible, travel to and from the festival will be by train or car. Where longer flights are unavoidable, we will support the arrangement of further guest performances by other organizers/festivals before or after FRATZ International.

The Jury

The selection will be made jointly by a jury consisting of independent curators and the management of the festival and symposium. Members of the jury are:

- Tessa Hart - culture & change maker in the performing arts
- Susanne Tod - theater educator with a focus on diversity and access consulting
- Vera Strobel/Dagmar Domrös/Doreen Markert - artistic directors of Theater o.N. & FRATZ International
- N.N.

Deadline and Application Form

The application can be submitted online via a **PDF application form**. It will be available at www.fratz-festival.de starting on 15 October 2025.

There you will find the detailed terms and conditions. Please have a link to the video recording, a short description, information about the producers, the artistic team, the cast as well as a tech rider or information about the technical equipment ready.

Deadline for applications is 16 November 2025 at 11:59 p.m. via email to info@fratz-festival.de. The selection will take place by March 15, 2026.

All applicants will be notified by email or phone.

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