

# Bohemiae Rosa 26 - 31 August 2024

## Site Body Exploration Lusatian and Zittau Mountains – The Czech Republic & Germany & Poland

International Interdisciplinary **Open–Air Workshop** for artists and dancers exploring  
the **relation** between **body, art and landscape**  
led by Frank van de Ven and Milos Sejn



Since 1995 Milos Sejn and Frank van de Ven have co-operated in their bi-annual interdisciplinary open-air Body-Site-Exploration projects in various National & Cultural Reserves in the Czech Republic (Kokorin Valley, Plasy Monastery, Bohemian Karst, Bechyne Monastery and the Luznice River, Bohemian Paradise, Sumava and Krkonose Mountains, Kuks Spa) known as the Bohemiae Rosa Project. [www.bohemiaerosa.org](http://www.bohemiaerosa.org)

This edition of the Bohemiae Rosa Project will take place in an area known as „*Lusatian and Zittau Mountains*“ (czech: Lužické a Žitavské hory), a landscape with figurative rocks, caves, valleys, brooks, forests, groves, meadows and memorable castle ruins. Walking and working in the Lusatian and Zittau Mountains we investigate the numerous relations between Body and Landscape and their significance to contemporary (Performing) Arts.

The **program** will include:

- MB -(mind/body, muscles/bones) movement training
- practice of and reflection on physical and mental training
- walking and wandering, silent walk, pilgrimage and nocturnal journeys
- various modes of experiencing body, movement and landscape
- investigating divergent senses of space and time
- peripatetic records, drawing, writing, immediate contact with surroundings
- mental topography of a location, myth, archaic mind and genius loci
- geology, archaeology and history of Landscape as a model of self: layers, vertical connections and labyrinths

**An integral** part of the workshop will be the individual artistic projects that participants are encouraged to formulate and work on for about 1 to 2 hours a day in the fields of architecture, dance, performance, photography, sculpture, theatre, visual arts and natural history. The workshop leaders are available to guide and support these processes.

The body is a landscape in itself moving within the larger frame of the given surrounding environment. The vertical and horizontal layering of the (historical) landscape invites us to reflect upon our own layers and connections of self and imagination.

**Participants** profile: for artists and advanced students working in performance, dance, landscape art, sculpture, photography, architecture, theatre, visual arts, biology and natural history. Selection of participants will be based on c.v. and motivation. No previous (dance) training is necessary but the workshop will be physically demanding. A good overall condition is required.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### DATES

26 - 31 August 2024, arrival in the evening of 25 August 2024

Meeting Place: [Na pekárně](#), 463 55 Rynoltice, Jítrava 37, Czech Republic  
N 50°47.30353', E 14°51.76933'  
<https://mapy.cz/s/pacupucubo>

Accessible by bus from Prague Černý most station - Liberec and then by bus from Liberec to Rynoltice–Jítrava

### Workshop Fee:

Czech participants 4800 CZK (students/unwaged 4300 CZK) + 3800 CZK (food and lodging)  
non Czech participants Euro 350 (students/unwaged Euro 320) + Euro 160 (food and lodging)

The number of participants is limited. We recommend early applications.

**Bring** sleeping bag, sheets, work/sleeping mat, backpack for day hikes, raincoat and hiking boots.

All participants must have a personal insurance and must provide a copy of this before start of the project.

### APPLICATION

To apply send name, a short c.v. and a motivation letter to Frank van de Ven [frank.bwa@xs4all.nl](mailto:frank.bwa@xs4all.nl)  
or Katerina Bilejova [Katerina.Bilejova@fhs.cuni.cz](mailto:Katerina.Bilejova@fhs.cuni.cz)

. Within 2 weeks we will process your application and upon acceptance you will need to send a non-refundable enrolment deposit of 80 euro to confirm your reservation.

The whole course fee needs to be transferred before 15th of August 2024.



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### Further Information

For extended flyer with biographies of Frank van de Ven, Milos Sejn and photos from the Lusatian and Zittau Mountains area see [www.bohemiaerosa.org](http://www.bohemiaerosa.org)

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