

VARIA2009

October – November 2009

The venue Atalante in Gothenburg and the Museum of Art in Borås together with the Cultural House Fregatten in Stenungsund, and several studios in Gothenburg hosted VARIA2009. Fantastic Solo performance and Group performance, lectures, workshops and classes by artists from the Nordic countries and from USA, Australia and Europe where given during an intensive three week period. The media dance, music, video and light where represented along with Performance art and Action theatre. A big international audience and students passed by the many options of the festival, and took part of great meetings between art and people, work and studies, conversation and thoughts...VARIA2009 received support from Konstnärsnämnden, Nordisk Kulturfond, Göteborgs Stad Kultur, Västra Götalands Regionen, Konst-Kulturutveckling Danskotoret VG Region and AB Volvo. VARIA2009 in co-collaboration with ABF Göteborg, Borås Konstmuseum, Stenungsunds Kommun and Danscentrum Väst.

Participating artists VARIA2009

Rosalind Crisp dancer/choreographer from France/Australia

Andrew Morrish performance artist from France/Australia

Sten Rudstrøm movement and performance artist from Germany/USA

Michael Schumacher dancer/choreographer from The Netherlands/USA

Hansueli Tischhauser musician from Switzerland

Mona Bentzen visual artist and director from Norway

Giorgio Convertito dancer/choreographer from Finland

Lisa Dillan singer/composer and performance artist from Norway

Christina Hallström filmmaker/grafic designer from Sweden/Holland

Pia Lindy dancer/writer from Finland

Erikk McKenzie dancer/choreographer from Norway

Lisa Larsdotter Petersson dance/visual artist from Sweden

Niklas Pholman light designer from Sweden

Johan Rödström light/stage designer from Sweden

Christian Skjødt Musician/sound artist from Denmark

Marylise Frecheville musician/singer from France/Canada

Eric Boros musician/singer from France/Canada



Material was used frequently by the Nordic group Photo Mona Wallström

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Workshops/classes by

Rosalind Crisp
Andrew Morrish
Sten Rudström
Michael Schumacher

Lectures by

Cecilia Lagerström Researcher/director/teacher Academy for Music, Drama Sweden
Henrik Svensson Master of Philosophy Cognitive Science Sweden

Documentation by

Debbie Almqvist visual artist from Sweden
Christina Hallström
Mona Wallström jewellery designer/project leader from Sweden
Lisa Larssondotter Petersson



More material, light and video Photo Mona Wallström

VARIA2009 was one of the best festivals I've attended in years. The level of the artist involved was superior and, unlike most dance festivals, we were invited to stay for a few days and see each other's work. This also allowed us to participate in casual yet productive conversations about the primary discipline of the festival. Improvisation. Such experiences are extremely valuable for artistic growth.

Michael Schumacher USA/Holland

This is a fantastic and unique festival...

Andrew Morrish Australia/France