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Partner Cities Budapest, Prague and Leipzig orchestrate the Römer

“A dream of a city’ - under this motto, the artist collectives from Budapest, Prague and Leipzig are each presenting an audiovisual work at the Römerberg at the invitation of the City of Frankfurt am Main, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the town partnerships at the Luminale 2020,” explains Peter Feldmann, Lord Mayor of Frankfurt am Main.

“2020 is the anniversary of Frankfurt’s city partnerships. International city partnerships have a long tradition. After the Second World War, they arose from the desire for lasting reconciliation. This is where people come together, exchange experiences and ideas and get personally involved in joint projects,” Mayor Peter Feldmann continues. “The city of Frankfurt am Main is linked with 17 twin cities on four continents. It is celebrating the anniversaries of its friendly relations with 6 partner cities: 60 years of successful town twinning with Lyon, 50 with Milan and 40 with Tel Aviv and 30 each with Budapest, Prague and Leipzig. The latter three cities will herald the anniversary with their works of light art on the Römerberg at this year’s Luminale ”.

In the heart of the city, on Frankfurt’s Römerberg, artist collectives and design studios from Budapest, Prague and Leipzig are each presenting an audiovisual work, a video mapping, which includes the Römer and the Alte Nikolaikirche (Old St. Nicholas Church). “A Dream of a City’ is the broad leitmotif for these artistic works,” explains festival director Isa Rekkab. “Very different issues are explored and developed, such as: How do we wish to coexist in our city, our cities of the future? What do we long for? What has passed and what are we missing? What connects the twin cities with each other?” The same technical conditions apply to all projects: Available area for the production and the technical equipment are identical for all participants. These basic conditions have been set by the City of Frankfurt to ensure that the Luminale 2020 will be an unforgettable experience for all the city’s residents and guests.

“InterSECTION“ by Maxin10sity of Budapest

The Luminale project from the partner city of Budapest is created by the Hungarian artist collective Maxin10sity, which has already been represented several times at the Schlosslichtspiele in Karlsruhe. In the past, the group has created projection mappings for the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow, the Brandenburg Gate and the Parliament Building in Bucharest. Their work entitled InterSECTION illustrates the strong connection between Frankfurt and Budapest and, at the same time, it seeks a new interpretation of romanticism in the digital age. And also asks what could be the dreams of a city at the interface between the romantic and the digital and why it is wonderful live in a city.

“Transformed City Dreams“ by Radiolux of Leipzig

For the Luminale, the Leipzig-based artists' collective Radiolux has conceived its dream of a city in three chapters. The video work leads from historical urban structures into the present with a view of industry, traffic and communication, up to future green urban utopias. The buildings of the Römerberg act as stages with staggered presentations. In the production, animations merge with sound collages from field recordings, electronics, saxophone and clarinet.

“Dream City“ by 3dsence of Prague

The creation of an ideal city - this infinite human quest is represented by the Luminale work of the Prague design studio 3dsence. The production seeks to define the ideal city - in a specific time, against a specific socio-cultural background, using a specific technology. It goes in search of parallels between the artificial and the natural. In so doing, it looks for common parameters and, at the same time, asks whether they really exist. Proceeding from concepts from the history of urban planning, the artists explore creative ways of illustrating the development of virtual urban units and structures.

The Luminale presentations by the three Frankfurt partner cities of Budapest, Leipzig and Prague can be seen from 12th–15th March, 2020 at 7:30–10:30 pm. The Lord Mayor Peter Feldmann will officially open the Luminale at the Frankfurter Römerberg at 7:30 pm on 12th March, 2020.

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About the Luminale

Since 2002, the Luminale has been held in Frankfurt every two years. Originally initiated by Messe Frankfurt in close cooperation with the exhibiting Industry of Light + Building, the festival of lights has become one of the biggest cultural events in Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main region. Since 2018, as a biennial for light art and urban design, the Luminale has pursued the aim of creating a popular, artistic and high-quality program, as well as making a sustainable contribution to urban design. The city thus becomes not only a stage, but also the object of the festival. Projects that address urban visions at the interface of light, architecture, technology, ecology and social interaction in the city, or with its history and culture, make this tangible - accompanied by interdisciplinary dialogue on related issues. The Luminale 2018 presented 150 light productions in Frankfurt and Offenbach and attracted almost 250,000 visitors. The heart of the Luminale in the urban space is the Light Walk, linking places accessible by foot into a city tour and a public gallery of light art. The Luminale e. V. was founded in June 2017 as a non-profit organization to promote and organize the Luminale as a biennial for light art and urban design.

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