



PRESS RELEASE

**DASTGAH – a festival for contemporary Iranian music, literature,
fine arts and cinema**

Concerts, readings, screenings, exhibitions and discussions
in and around **Hanover**
from **14.9.** to **26.9.2016**

DASTGAH - the festival for contemporary Iranian music, literature, visual arts and cinema will take place from 14th to 26th September in Hanover, and northern German towns Hildesheim, Tosterglope and Völksen. The festival will encompass concerts, readings, movie screenings and exhibitions, complemented by public discussions.

The festival will present music, literature, art and cinematics of artists who live in Iran while at the same time delving into the works of artists who have left Iran for Germany - be it temporarily or for good. Getting to know their topics and their means of expression form the focal point of the festival.

The festival was initiated by the Hanover Society for Contemporary Music (HGNM). The focus is on concerts with new pieces from Iranian composers which are accompanied by reflective talks:

- Sat 17 Sept 4pm: Discussion about the history and the current situation of contemporary music in Iran. Participants are Seyyed Mehdi Setayeshgar (*Honar e Mosighi*, Teheran), Fozié Majd (composer *1938), Shahrokh Khajenouri (composer *1952), Kiawasch Sahebnassagh (composer *1968), Mehdi Jalali (composer and conductor *1980), Farzia Fallah (composer *1980), Elnaz Seyedi (composer *1982), directed by Joachim Heintz (HGNM) and Raimund Vogels (Center for World Music, University Hildesheim)
- Sat 17 Sept 7 pm: Concert with commissions for Fozié Majd, Shahrokh Khajenouri, Ehsan Khatibi, Elnaz Seyedi, played by Ensemble Laboratorium
- Sun 18 Sept 4 pm: Concert with Mehdi Jalali (Tanbur), Margit Kern (Accordion) and Electronics. Commissions for Kiawasch Sahebnassagh, Ali Gorji, Farzia Fallah and Mehdi Jalali.
- Mon 19 Sept 11 am: Talk with Fozié Majd, Shahrokh Khajenouri, Ehsan Khatibi, Elnaz Seyedi about their pieces.
- Tue 20 Sept 11 am: Talk with Kiawasch Sahebnassagh, Ali Gorji, Farzia Fallah and Mehdi Jalali about their pieces.

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- Wed 21 Sept 1 pm: Concert with the prize-winning compositions of the Korourian Competition
- Wed 21 Sept 4 pm: Discussion with Aso Kohzadi, Mahoor Pourmoghadam und Gelareh Soleimani about Electronic Musik in Iran today, directed by Joachim Heintz (HGNM) and Arsalan Abedian (Contemporary Music Records)

Besides this core of contemporary music events, a bunch of other events will take place:

- The Ensemble Delwin has been invited by the Center for World Music to play traditional music (Sun 18 Sept 7pm).
- The city of Hanover will host a Matinée in the city hall, with Ensemble Delwin and a Hanover-based Iranian ensemble directed by composer Ehsan Ebrahimi.
- A sound installation of composer Farhad Ilaghi Hosseini will be shown by the University for Music Drama and Media.
- Iranian Films will be shown in the *Kino im Künstlerhaus*.
- Readings will be held at different locations in Hanover.
- An exhibition of paintings (Tala Ranjbaran) and photos (Roya Noorinezad) will be shown in Tosterglope, a village in the eastern part of Lower Saxony.

All events can in detail be seen at www.hgnm.de/dastgah (in German) where also the locations are listed.

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