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Berlin, October 4th, 2018 — DICE Conference + Festival is a three-day event including workshops, panels, lectures and live performances featuring female, trans, and non-binary artists and speakers. This year's edition will take place from 1-3 November at various venues in the historical Rixdorf village in Berlin-Neukölln. Our two main venues are Arkaoda Berlin, sister venue to the legendary Istanbul club, and the Böhmischer Kirchensaal, a Moravian church built in the early 1700s, and reconstructed in modernist style after World War II. DICE uses the setting of this former bohemian refuge as a source of reflection and inspiration, at the intersections of ancient and modern, sacred and secular, local and international contexts.

DICE announces a second round of lineup additions and conference content. New additions to the festival programme are: Planningtorock, Moor Mother, Strip Down, Suutoo and Ah Mer Ah Su, in addition to the previously announced performances from Lena Platonos, FAKA, Ms. Boogie, Kim Ki O and others. The DICE festival programme features risk-taking artists spanning a variety of modes of expression including electro-acoustic composition, rare instrumentation, performance art, hip-hop and pop. The live performances and DJ sets will be accompanied by a programme of lectures, panels and workshops, such as an "Introduction to Modular Synth" workshop from Schneidersladen, a talk from Dr. Marie Thompson on the topic of "Listening as a form of crucial political labour", a listening room curated by the team behind the UK's Sonic Cyberfeminisms festival, and a talk on the topic "Should we get rid of identity politics in order to dismantle systems of oppression?" from the Centre for Intersectional Justice, among many others. Further talks and workshops will be given by Musicians Without Borders, New World Disorder, Reclaim the Beats, Hoe__mies, and many other organisations and individuals who straddle the borders of music, social justice, and grassroots community building.

This year's highlights include the first-ever live performance by Lena Platonos in Berlin. A pioneer of the Greek electronic music scene, Lena Platonos is one of the most important cultural figures of the last half century. Already a prolific pianist, when Lena adopted new electronic techniques in the early 1980s she cemented her reputation as a true creative visionary. In 2015, she received international recognition thanks to Dark Entries Records' reissue of her 1985 album "Galop". Lena Platonos will perform on Friday, November 2nd, alongside support from Kim Ki O, Surma, and Suutoo.

On the evening of Saturday November 3rd, DICE will host a series of energetic and genre-spanning live performances by FAKA, Ms. Boogie, and Kiki Hitomi, followed by DJ sets by Moor Mother, Lyzza, and Sonora Mulata.

On Thursday, November 1st, DICE will welcome the community to our opening night with performances by Strip Down, Ah Mer Ah Su, and Planningtorock. It will be a celebration of the local community as well as the many individuals and groups who sustain Berlin's radical artistic character. This event will be free of charge.

Alongside our main events, our Youth Empowerment Programme is organised in collaboration with leading local youth and community organisations including Schilleria, Ruby Tuesday, and Give Something Back to

Berlin. The festival will include a day of workshops followed by an all-ages performance programme led by local heroes Adi Amati and Meli.

Why DICE

DICE's programme showcases creative practitioners whose contributions to the artistic field are underrepresented as a result of structural discrimination. Female, trans and non-binary artists are creatively and practically undernourished by the music industry and by systems of institutional support. DICE aims to provide the reinforcement necessary for artistic freedom and development. Through our extensive partner and speaker network, we connect artists with pro-active audiences, activists, and academics, as well as structural resources that will help them build sustainable creative and professional lives.

Day tickets for Friday and Saturday are now on sale: www.universe.com/dicebln

Performances by:

Lena Platonos / Faka / Moor Mother (DJ) / Planningtorock / Kiki Hitomi / Ms. Boogie / Lyzza / Sonora Mulata / Surma / Kim Ki O / Ah Mer Ah Su / Suutoo / Strip Down / Sonora Mulata / and more TBA

Talks, Panels and Workshops by:

Scheidersladen / Musicians Without Borders / Sonic Cyberfeminisms / Reclaim The Beats / New World Disorder / Hoe__mies / Tina Lee / Jane Arnison / DJ Morgiana / Dr. Marie Thompson / Frances Morgan / Centre for Intersectional Justice / Room 4 Resistance / Pansy Presents / The Malisa Foundation / Roxy Jordan and more TBA

DICE is supported by Musicboard Berlin, Musikfonds, and Bezirksamt Neukölln.

Tickets & Accreditation: Tickets to November's festival + conference are available via Universe. DICE Conference + Festival would like to make sure that everyone is served and connected via their events, and aims to provide a support structure from which all can benefit. For lower income participants, there are options to apply for sponsored tickets or to volunteer.

For press accreditation, please contact Melissa Vey at vey@dice.berlin.

Ticket price: 25€ Day Ticket, 30€ 3-day conference-only/festival-only, 40€ standard price* festival+conference bundle, 80€ business price** festival + conference bundle.

*For self-funded participants

**For businesses or others — ticket price includes one sponsored ticket to be reallocated within the community.

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