

FRINGE ARTS

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FringeArts presents *Fest*, from international performance artist Ivo Dimchev

Only U.S. performance outside of New York at Philadelphia's FringeArts, Jan. 13 and 14 only

PHILADELPHIA —December 30, 2014 —Introducing local audiences to one of the international performance scene's most acclaimed artists, **FringeArts** presents ***Fest***, a darkly funny fantasy of sex and power created and performed by **Ivo Dimchev**. *Fest* is on stage **January 13 and 14** at **FringeArts'** waterfront headquarters (140 N. Columbus Blvd.): **tickets are available now by calling 215-413-1318 or visiting FringeArts.com.**

Fest opens at an imaginary arts festival in Copenhagen, where a performer played by Dimchev attempts to persuade administrators to present his latest show. The dry professional negotiation quickly devolves into a hallucinatory and hilarious exploration of ambition, lust and control. Anchored in Dimchev's intensely physical performance, *Fest* makes visible the subconscious connections between power and desire in any professional relationship.

A Bulgarian artist living in Brussels, Dimchev is celebrated for his extreme and colorful mixture of performance art, dance, theater, music, drawings and photography. "One day I just realized how bored I was with the conventionality of my everyday professional communications," says Dimchev. "So I thought that breaking this convention by creating a fictional story would be a good way to go...*Fest* is absolute fiction and is not based on any real personal experience. Let's say it's inspired by some...but mostly it's inspired by my guilty love for theatre in its more 'conventional' setting."

Fest is performed by Nicola Schoessler, Annina Machaz, Mirko Feliziani and Ivo Dimchev, and is for mature audiences only.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Fest

Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$29, \$15 for students and 25-and-under, FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106

To purchase tickets, call 215-413-1318 or visit FringeArts.com.

ABOUT IVO DIMCHEV

Ivo Dimchev is a Bulgarian choreographer and performer and the author of more than 30 performances. He has received numerous international awards for dance and theater and has presented his work all over Europe, South and North America. He is founder and director of Humarts foundation in Bulgaria and organizes an annual national competition of contemporary choreography. In October 2009, Dimchev moved to Brussels where he has opened a performance space, Volksroom, which presents young international artists. He is currently artist-in-residence at Kaaithheater/Brussels and has opened MOZEI in Sofia, Bulgaria, an independence space dedicated to contemporary art and music.

ABOUT FRINGEARTS

FringeArts supports artists and brings the world's newest and most cutting-edge cultural experiences to Philadelphia, amplifying the vibrancy of the city as a renowned cultural center and an unparalleled place to live, work and visit. Founded in 1997 as the Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe, FringeArts today serves local, national and international artists of all disciplines and levels of achievement through an annual 18-day Festival, accompanied by year-round presentations of contemporary dance, theater and music, commissioned public art installations, and a residency program that continues to grow as a state-of-the-art incubator for artists. In 2013, FringeArts opened the doors to a new permanent headquarters on Philadelphia's Old City waterfront.

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