

Geometric ballet (Homage à Oskar Schlemmer) by Ursula Sax

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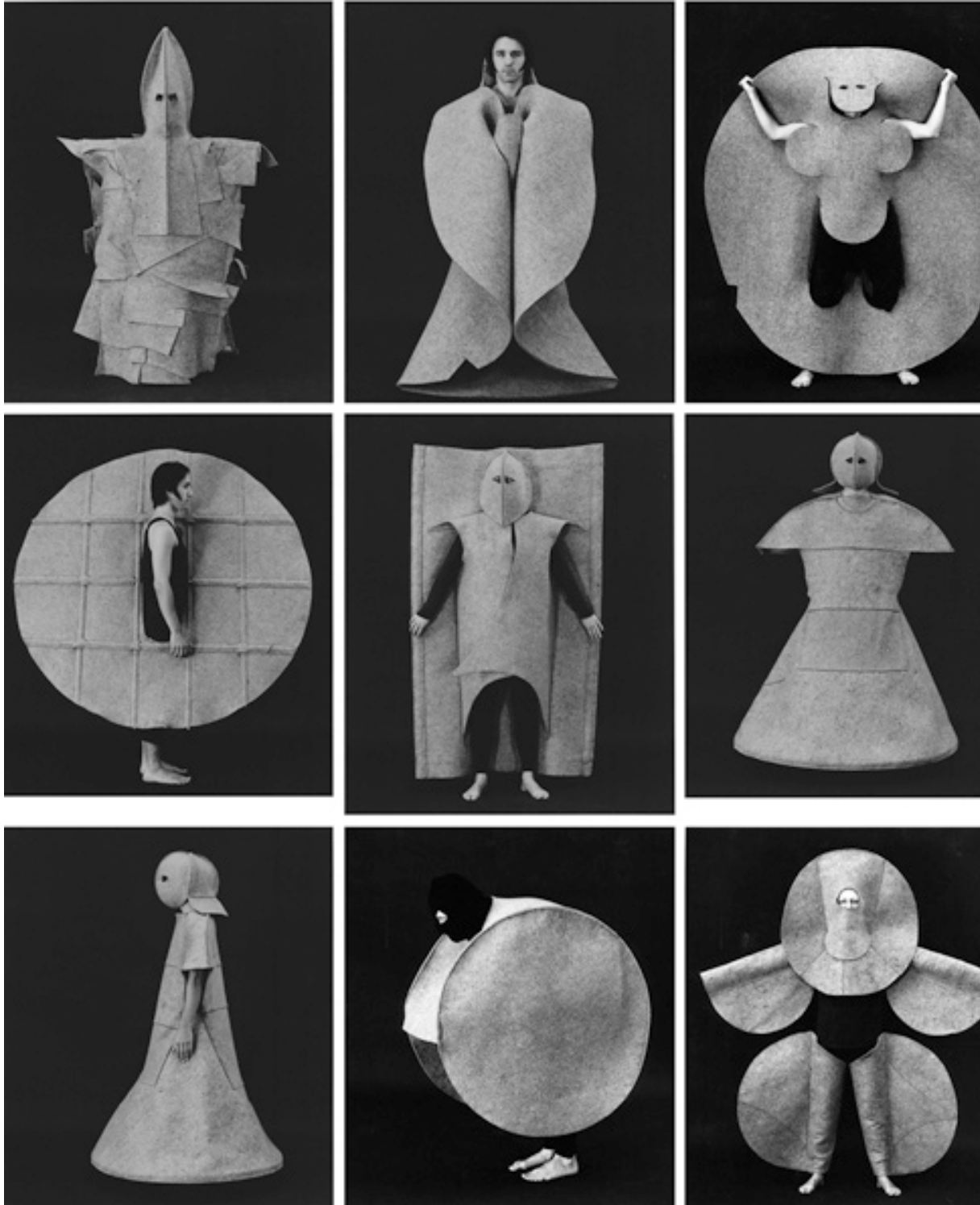
The amazing play *Geometrisches Ballett / Geometric Ballet* (a tribute to Oskar Schlemmer) by Ursula Sax has been waked from its sleeping beauty slumber by Semjon H. N. Semjon and will now premiere in a new production in 2019.

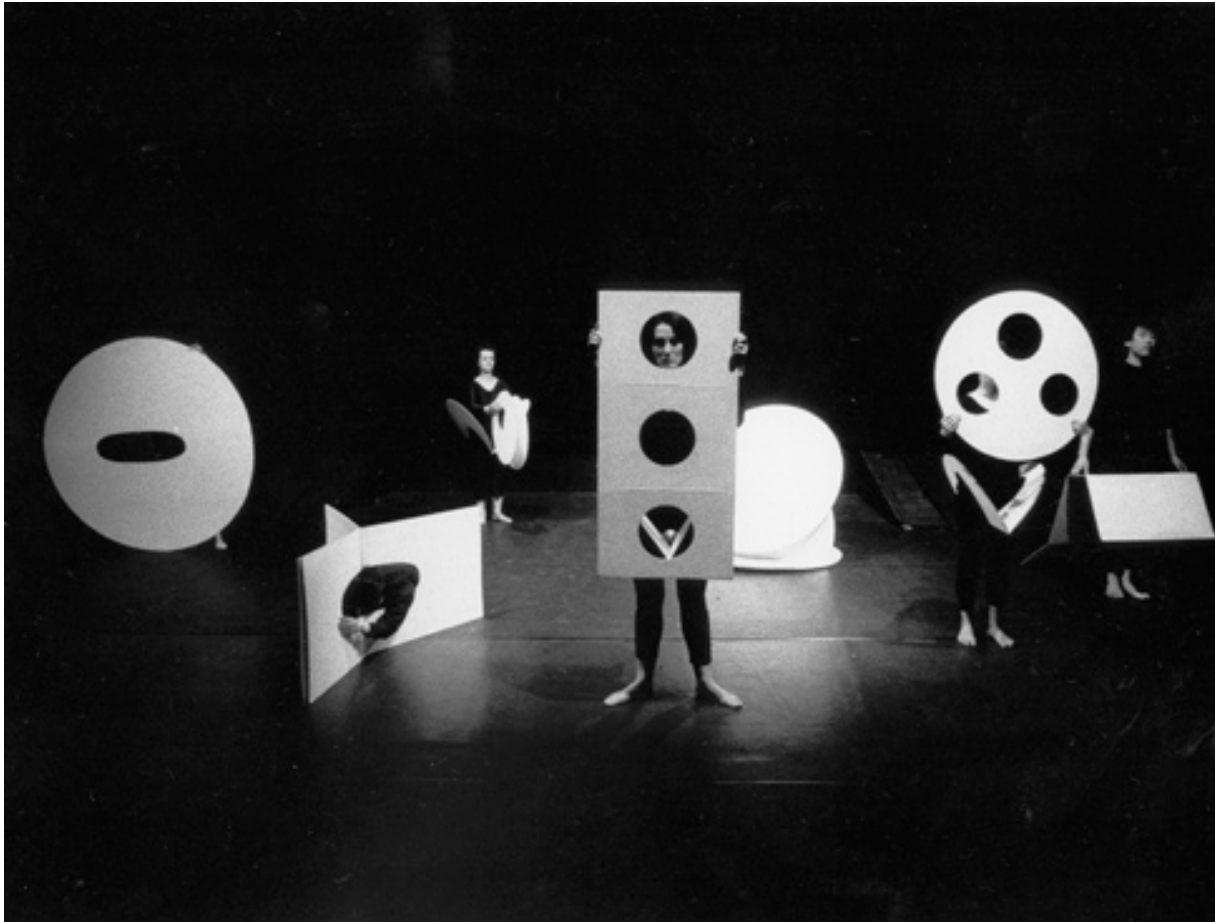
In summer 2018, on behalf of Ursula Sax, Semjon H. N. Semjon, Ursula Sax' gallerist, has concluded a contract with the Dresden production company for theatre and dance, tristan Production | Management | Event, to produce a new version of the *Geometric Ballett / Geometrisches Ballett*.



Premiere

*Geometrisches Ballett/Geometric Ballet* will premiere in September 2019 at Radialsystem Berlin. Then it will open the Bauhaus-Festival in Dessau, followed by, also in September, another stage version on the reconstructed historical Appia stage at the HELLERAU - Europäisches Zentrum der Künste. Artistic direction will lie in the hands of the choreographer Katja Erfurth from Dresden. The accompanying music will be composed by Sascha Mock, also from Dresden.





### **Making of the Copies**

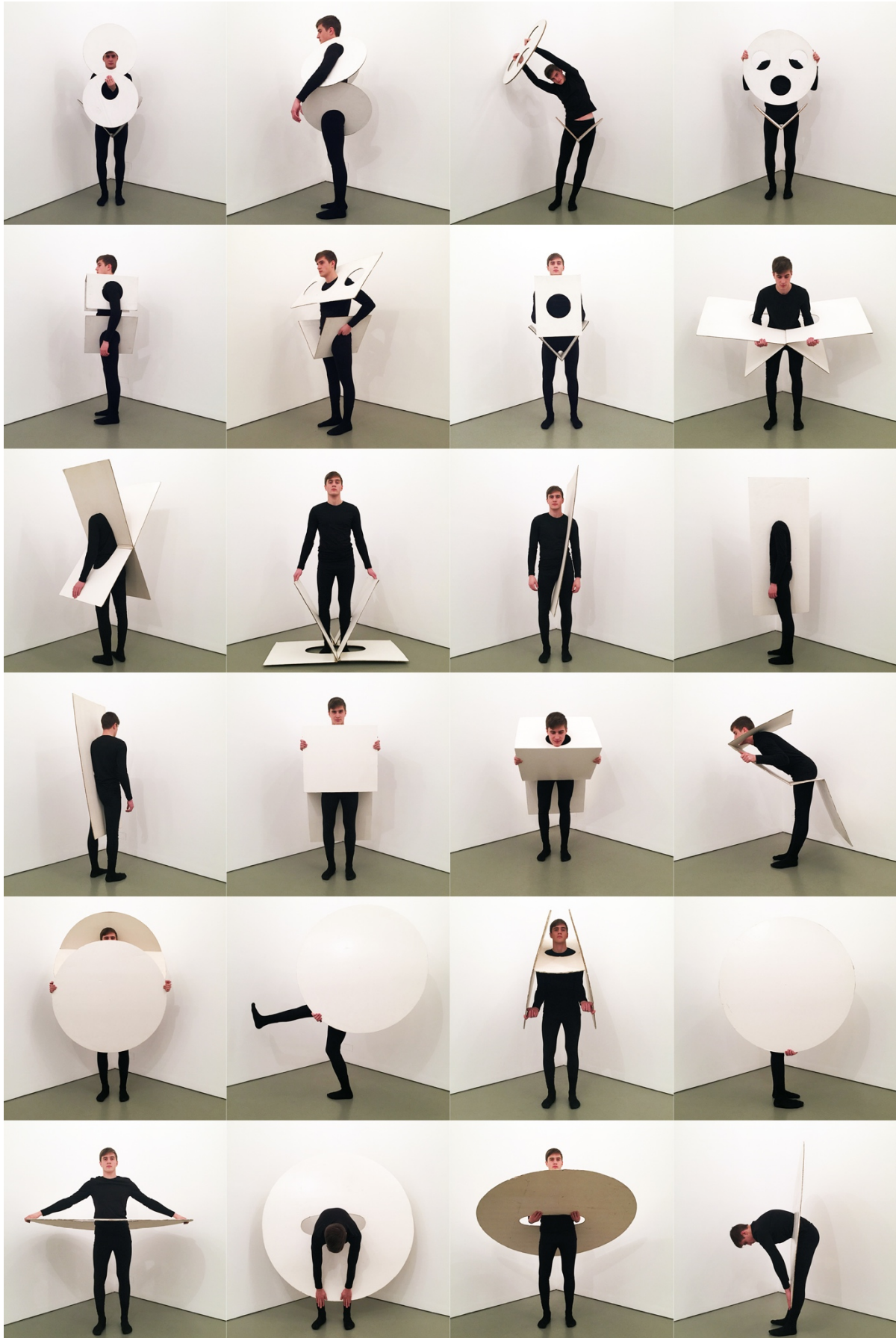
We were interested in keeping the more than 30 dance sculptures (the felt Body Masks, the Air Dresses made of textile/ Tyfex and the Body Cardboards) in the present state of preservation, which wouldn't have been possible, when using the original costumes. Wear, staining and even greater damage would inevitably have been the consequences. Therefore, the original dresses had to be copied for the rehearsals and following performances on various stages.

### **Crowdfunding Campaign**

For this purpose a successful crowdfunding campaign was prepared and launched at kickstarter.com, organized by tristan | Production | Management | Event in Dresden.

### **Future Donation to the Berlinische Galerie**

According to the artist's will the dance sculptures will be donated to the Berlinische Galerie – State Museum of Modern Art, Photography and Architecture after her death, passed to the institution by her gallerist.



You may watch on Youtube, following this [link](#), a 6 minute video by Harald Schluttig, in which Ursula Sax and Semjon H. N. Semjon are talking in Mai 2018 about their vision of a new version of Geometric Ballett (Youtube / Ursula Sax / Vision einer Neuaufführung).



### Important dates in 2019/2020

**August 30, 7 - 9.30 pm** at Semjon Contemporary, Berlin, opening of  
*Ursula Sax: Dance with the Space – The Geometrische Ballett and other (Performative) Projects*  
(August 31 – October 5)

**September 6, 8 pm** at [Radialsystem](#):

Premiere of *Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*

**September 7, 8 pm** at Radialsystem:

Further performance

**September 8, 11 pm**, at Festspielhaus Hellerau, opening of the exhibition  
*Ursula Sax: Dance with the Space – The Geometrische Ballett and other (Performative) Projects*  
This exhibition is part of the festival Appia Stage Reloaded  
HELLERAU – Europäisches Zentrum der Künste  
(September 8 – 21, 2019)

**September 11** at [Bauhaus Museum Dessau](#) (not yet exact time published)  
*Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)* as opening piece of the Bauhaus Dessau  
Festival OPEN STAGE

**September 20**, 20 pm at [Festspielhaus Hellerau](#)  
Premiere of the der Appia version (Dresden version) of *Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*

**September 21, 4 pm** at [Festspielhaus Hellerau](#)  
Screening of the video documentation of *gegeneinanderüber/against each other – above* by Ursula Sax (1994, performance by Ursula Sax at the Oktogon of the Kunstakademie Dresden) at Dalcroze-Saal at Festspielhaus

**September 21, 4.30 pm** at Festspielhaus Hellerau  
[Behind the Scenes](#), Talk with Ursula Sax, Semjon H.N. Semjon and André Schallenberg (program director) at Dalcroze-Saal im Festspielhaus

**September 21, 8 pm** at Festspielhaus Hellerau  
Further Performance of GB

**October 18**, 8 pm at Westbad Leipzig  
*Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*  
[Advanced Booking](#)

**November 7** at SNE Bautzen  
*Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*

**December 12** at Haus Schminke in Löbau  
*Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*

**January 8**, 2020 at Theater Görlitz  
*Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)*

New adaption of *Geometrisches Ballett (Hommage à Oskar Schlemmer)* by Ursula Sax  
Choreography: Katja Erfurth; a production by Tristan Production | Management | Event UG in coproduction with HELLERAU – Europäisches Zentrum der Künste.  
Initiated by Semjon H. N. Semjon, Semjon Contemporary

Supported by Saxonian State Ministry of the Interior and the Cultural Foundation of Saxonia, as well as by the State Capital Dresden, Department for Culture and Conservation as well as the crowdfunding campaign to fund the production of the copies of the original Dance Sculptures.

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