



OPEN CALL – «SHORT CUTS»

EMERGING ARTISTS PLATFORM & SPONSORSHIP AWARD 2026

In November 2026 «Short Cuts» will take place for the sixth time as part of the TANZINOLTEN Festival for Contemporary Dance. «Short Cuts» is TANZINOLTEN's platform for young talents, which offers up-and-coming choreographers and dance companies the opportunity to perform a short piece within a renowned festival and the chance to win a sponsorship award.

We are looking for

- Already fully produced short dance pieces by emerging Swiss choreographers and companies (based in Switzerland) with a professional dance background
- Solo or group pieces with a maximum of 4 dancers
- Duration: 5 to a maximum of 15 minutes
- Evaluation criteria: choreographic originality, the use of space and time, the realization of an idea and its transfer to dance
- Theme and music are freely selectable

We offer

- Presentation of up to 5 selected short pieces during the festival
- Awarding of a sponsorship prize to one choreographer / company
- A performance fee
- Per diems and reimbursement of travel expenses within Switzerland
- Depending on travel time within Switzerland, overnight stay.
- Technical support on site

Technical participation requirements

- Only productions with minimal technical and scenic requirements can be considered. Due to short changeover times, pieces must be stage-ready and quick to set up.

Application

The application must be submitted in a single PDF (max. 3 pages) and includes:

- Short description of the piece
- Short biographies of all participants and/or company information
- Contact person (name, phone number, email)
- If available: links to website and/or social media
- Full recording of the short piece (Vimeo or YouTube link; no downloads!) as it would be shown at the festival – no excerpts (timecodes)

Exclusion criteria

- Incomplete applications or applications that do not fulfill the points mentioned above.
- Pieces longer than 15 minutes
- Applications without video (as the preselection is based on the video)

Information

- Announcement of selection: September 2026
- Day of Event (including technical setup, run-through, jury evaluation, performance, and award ceremony): 21 November 2026

Application & Deadline

Please send your application exclusively as a single PDF no later than 30 June 2026 to: nora.wyss@tanzinolten.ch

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATIONS!