

TEMPO !
Danse and disability

DOCUMENTARY
1 x 52'

Director
Romain VAUDAUX



PRESENTATION

TEMPO! is an artistic project created for disabled workers at the ESAT Cité Jardin (*) in Suresnes, near Paris. It was set up by Emmanuel Merland, specialized educator and head of the educational department.

Sophie Koch, the establishment's director, supported this innovative initiative, whose aim was to introduce a group of twelve disabled people to dance.

After this initiation phase, the ambition continued with the creation of a show that was performed in a major theater in the Hauts de Seine region, the Théâtre Jean Vilar in Suresnes, in June 2023.

The performance, open to all audiences, was a great success.

The technical aspect is not at the heart of this creation; our gaze is captured by the harmony and poetry. Choreographer Eric De Sarria's staging was inspired by Peter Handke's play "The hour when we knew nothing about each other".

<https://www.suresnes.fr/tempo-au-theatre-de-suresnes-jean-vilar/>

The motivation of the dancers and the quality of the performance open up the prospect of a new performance.

An initiative that could be taken up by other establishments, particularly in the Val de Loire region where Emmanuel Merland has recently settled. He left the Paris region at the end of 2023 with the idea of offering the TEMPO! concept to other establishments.

The director, Romain Vaudaux, used his camera to follow the experiment from the first idea to the exhibition in June 2023. The aim of the film is to interview the artists after TEMPO. Some of them wanted to become professional dancers. Has this dream come true? We can't wait to find out.

() Etablissement et Service d'Aide par le Travail (an establishment and service for disabled people) dedicated to their social and professional integration or reintegration.*

TRAILERS

<https://vimeo.com/827906062>

<https://youtu.be/VgfCaChYrSY>

casting : <https://youtu.be/OL7-crse99s>

teaser of the show : https://youtu.be/2P_g9A0jNZO

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Pièce chorégraphique pour 13 danseurs / *Representation of 13 June 2023 Théâtre Jean Vilar de Suresnes*

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Mise en scène : Éric de Sarria

Coordination Esat Cités Jardins : Emmanuel Merland

Directrice artistique : Kathy Mépuis

Assistant mise en scène : Yacine Perret

Accordéon : Frédéric Daverio

Costumes : Eugénia Piemontese

Création lumière et régie générale : Sabine Belotti

Representation of 13 of June 2023 at theThéâtre Jean Vilar of Suresnes

