

STEIRISCHER HERBST (Ekatarina Degot & Dominik Müller)

Statement in Reaction to the open letter published by Maska Institute

We are saddened to learn about the obviously politically motivated financial cuts Maska has suffered in the most recent round of funding in Slovenia. We are furthermore outraged that yet another important critical and independent voice in the cultural landscape of Slovenia shall be silenced through the withdrawal of funds. Maska has since its foundation more than 30 years ago been instrumental in creating a flourishing environment for the production and discussion of important contemporary works in the performing arts and beyond. In our collaborations and coproductions with Maska we have experienced the exemplary focus on critical theoretical and artistic expressions that the institute and its players are known for and believe that the proposed cuts will significantly undermine internationally an important Slovenian voice in the fields of contemporary art, theater, dance and performance. We urge the responsible parties to rethink their decisions and would like to express our sincerest support for the struggle Maska is facing at this point.

For steirischer herbst, Ekatarina Degot (director and chief curator), Dominik Müller (curator)