

MATS STAUB, SWITZERLAND

DEATH AND BIRTH IN MY LIFE

10-15 OCT
Smock Alley Theatre

Which deaths and which births have influenced and changed my life so far? Who have I welcomed, who have I lost and said farewell to—and what has happened to me in the process?

The latest long-term project by Mats Staub asks about existential experiences. It approaches universal themes through individual experiences and in relation to local contexts. In every place it is presented it brings people together to talk to each other about their experiences of death and birth - while also presenting conversations from other regions and establishing connections from one side of the world to another. As a video installation in theatre spaces it aims to create locations that permit intimacy while at the same time facilitating a communal experience.

VENUE INFO & DATES

Smock Alley Theatre, Banquet Hall

Dates: 10 Oct, 5.30pm-8pm,

11-15 Oct, 3pm-8pm

Duration: 75 mins, no interval.



COMPANY INFO

MATS STAUB

Over the last decade Mats Staub has participated in a great many conversations for his installations: for 'My Grandparents' he questioned over 300 grandchildren in 14 different cities; for '21 - Memories of Growing Up' he has produced around 200 video portraits in eight countries on three continents. On the foundations of these experiences he is now extending his artistic practice to include the moment when two people meet each other: instead of initiating conversations himself, in 'Death and Birth in My Life' he brings two people together in a clearly defined space and enables them to engage each other in conversation while he is present as an invisible companion. The participants are filmed both speaking and listening - so visitors to the installation will be able to look at the faces of both the speakers and the listeners shown on two screens.

CAST AND CREW

Conceived & Directed by **Mats Staub**

Camera: **Benno Seidel, Matthias Stickel**

Scenography: **Monika Schori**

Dramaturgical Associate: **Simone von Büren, Elisabeth Schack**

Research Dublin: **Justin Murphy**

Technical Direction: **Hanno Sons, Stefan Göbel**

Postproduction: **Benno Seidel**

Production: **zwischen_produktionen**

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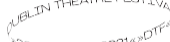
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