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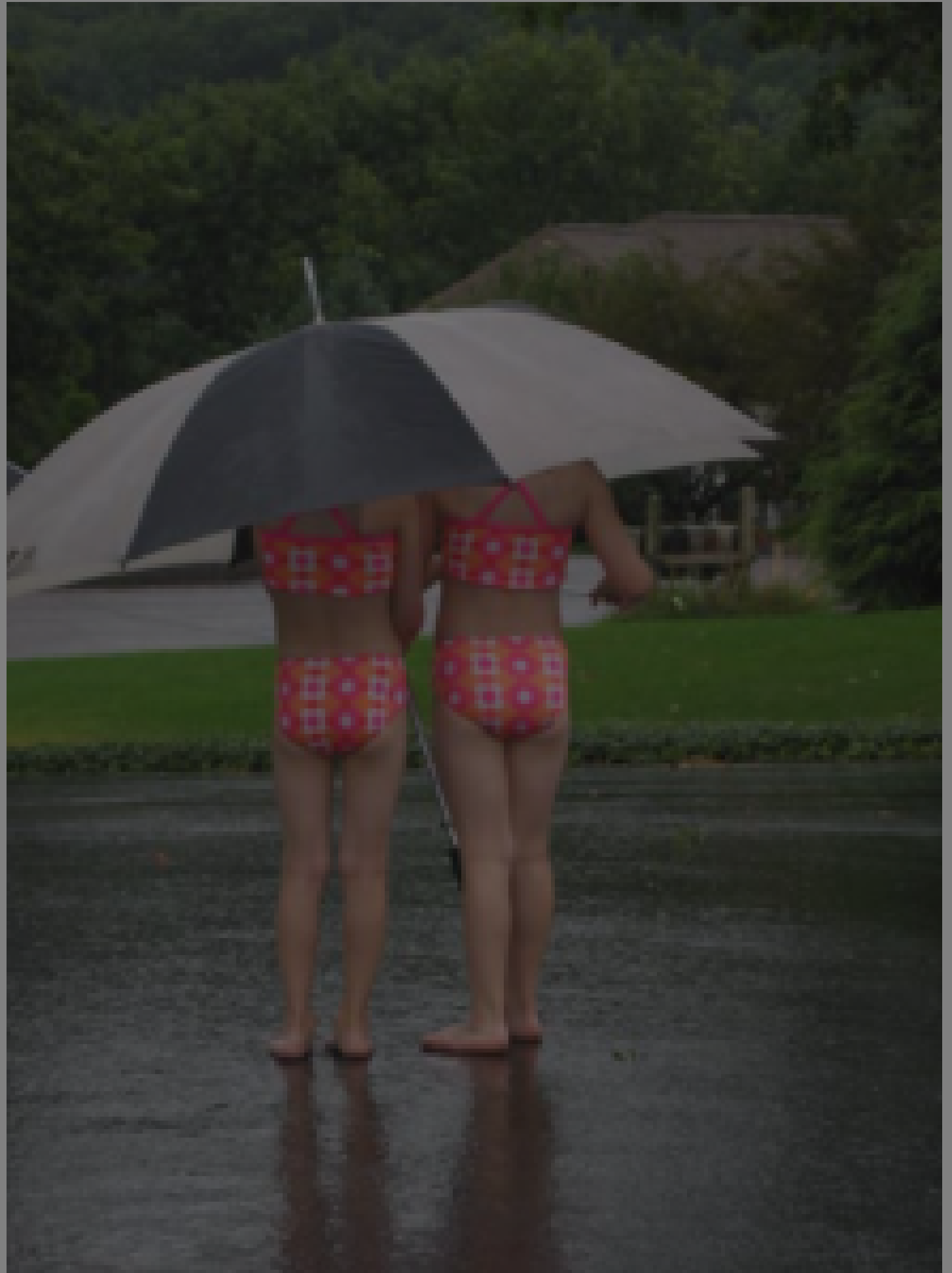
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A group of **12 Asian and European dancers, choreographers, academics and a policy advisor** are brought together by well-known German choreographer **Arco Renz** to explore the nature of dance and its practise within cultural contexts. They will meet at **Monsoon**, a residency supported by the **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**, from **18-23 December** in **Leuven, Belgium**.

Monsoon is a transcultural, multidisciplinary research and performance platform created by [Kobalt](#)

[Works](#) (Belgium), an artistic company founded by Renz, for Asian and European artists. It aims to examine conventional stereotypes through a collaborative exploration of artistic practices and discussion of participants' diverse cultural and socio-political contexts.

In this third edition, which takes place at **STUK Arts Centre in Leuven**, the eight dancers and choreographers will be split up into four Asian-European pairs for a **virtual blind date**. Before the start of the residency, they will engage in an anonymous dialogue on dance using blogs on ASEF's arts and culture platform [culture360.org](#) without revealing any culturally identifying information.

They will meet for the first time at the residency where each pair will collaborate on a new work in the fields of contemporary dance, multimedia art and music. The artists will showcase the collaborative effort as a work-in-progress on the last night of their residency.

There will also be a presentation by Ms Katelijn Verstraete, from ASEF's Cultural Exchange Department, on **ASEF's rich experience in facilitating networking and collaborations between Asia and Europe**.

The Monsoon 2010 programme includes the following public events:

1. Performance of existing work by the Asian artists – Monday, 20 December 2010, 8:30pm at STUK Arts Centre
2. Presentation of ASEF's experience in facilitating networking and collaborations between Asia and Europe by Ms Katelijn Verstraete, Assistant Director, Cultural Exchange – Tuesday, 21 December, 7:30 pm, at International University College Leuven
3. Performance of work-in-progress created during the Monsoon 2010 encounters – Thursday, 23 Dec 2010, 8:30pm

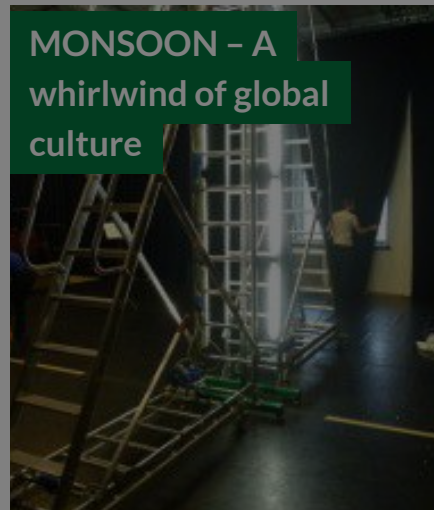
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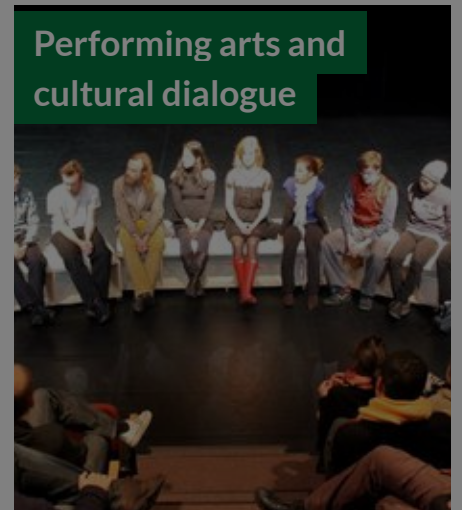
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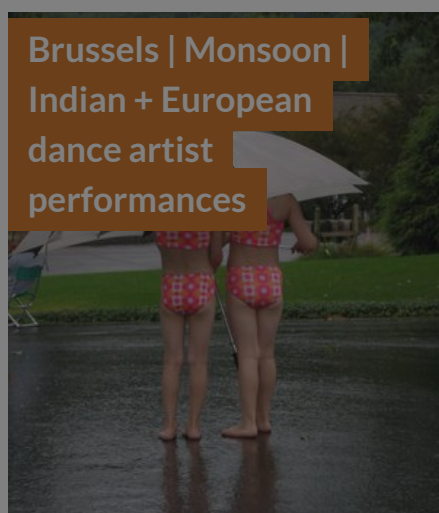
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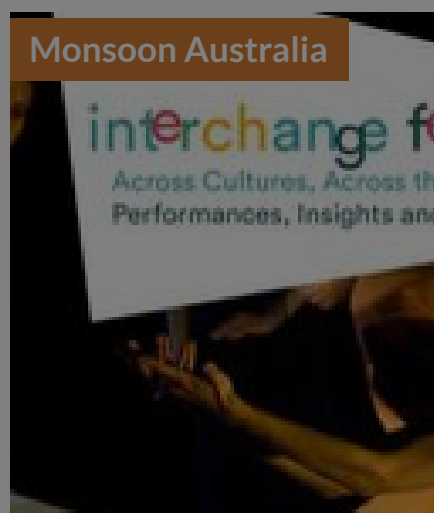
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