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The [ZKB Patronage Prize and the ZKB Acknowledgment Prize](#) were awarded for the 17th time in Zurich. **Winner of the ZKB Patronage Prize 2012 was Arco Renz & Amrita Performing Arts (Cambodia).**

The ZKB Patronage Prize of 30 000 Swiss Francs goes to the Cambodian dance company [Amrita Performing Arts](#) for its production «Crack», which was created in collaboration with the Belgium-based choreographer Arco Renz.

The Jury commented: «Crack» addresses the living conditions of young people in contemporary Cambodia, which is affected by poverty and corruption as well as by progress and the spirit of optimism of a young, dynamic society. In the piece this is represented by a combative attitude of anger, yet neither in a representative nor narrative, but in a mere physical way. That is exactly the strength of this work.»

Winner of the ZKB Acknowledgment Prize 2012: Naoko Tanaka (Japan/Germany)

The ZKB Acknowledgment Prize of 5000 Swiss Francs goes to the Germany-based Japanese performance artist Naoko Tanaka for her Short Piece «Die Scheinwerferin». Naoko Tanaka has created a «specific language and creative form of art to encounter visual art, installation and performance in a thoughtful context».

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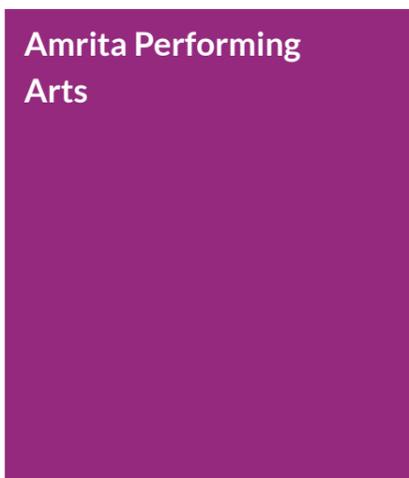
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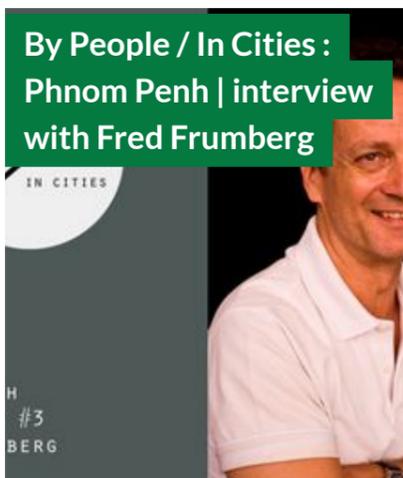
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