

Academy of Continuing Education in the Arts
Elysium - Between two Continents

OUR MISSION

Over the past few years, Elysium - Between Two Continents has established itself as a vital force at the intersection of American and European cultures through theatre plays, operas, concerts and exhibitions.

Our commitment is to focus on the power of art in daily life — using it as a way to build bridges between nations and ethnic and religious groups — in order to heal historic rifts and foster better understanding. In such an environment, both artist and audience can develop their creative potential and celebrate human diversity. To this end, Elysium pursues two major endeavors:

- Elysium produces works which are accessible, through their universal truths, to the broad range of cultures.
- Elysium offers classes and workshops, such as the International Summer Academy at the monastery of Bernried (Germany), which expand the artists' cultural horizons while developing their professional skills. Since the inception of the Summer Academy, one or two scholarships have been granted every year to young talented singers.

In addition, Elysium presents the annual Erwin Piscator Award, honoring his legacy of political theatre, a forum for the individual's ability to effect change.

In its efforts to realize its mission, Elysium has joined forces with institutions such as Berlin's Centrum Judaicum, the Moses Mendelssohn Society and the Kurt Weill Society, both in Dessau, the Lessing-Museum Kamenz, the Cultural Commission of the City of Leipzig, the Austrian Cultural Institute in London and London's Bloomsbury Theatre, the Abbey St. Bonifaz in Munich and Munich's Academy of Fine Arts, the Austrian Cultural Institute New York, the Goethe Institut New York, Works and Process at the Guggenheim-Museum New York, the Miller Theatre New York, the Max-Samuel-House Rostock, La Benevolencija in Sarajevo, and the Stadthaus Ulm.

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