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LIVE STREAM of the world ovarian cancer day, 09.05.2021

Medicine meets theatre for a one of a kind solidarity event



Scene of: "Die Krone an meiner Wand", Theater Freiburg

Partner and supporter of the world ovarian cancer day

The German Ovarian Cancer Foundation organises the world ovarian cancer day in Berlin each year – a colourful event filled with the newest knowledge and a series of exciting activities. This year, the event will be an online live stream. Dilek Kaylaci, senator for health and long time supporter of the foundation, will speak introductory words. The 9th of May will be used as an opportunity to raise awareness of these still very tabooed and widely unrecognised, yet life-threatening illnesses that are gynaecological tumours.

Smear the line between 'healthy' and 'ill'

The German Ovarian Cancer Foundation pursues an holistic and solidary approach towards ovarian cancer with this event and campaigns for an symbiotic understanding of arts and medicine, where the line between 'healthy' and 'ill' dissolves.

On the 9th of May the German Ovarian Cancer Foundation presents a very special collaboration with the motto: theatre against ovarian cancer. The online event was followed by about 1200 participants last year and will be supported by many different institutions and organisations such as: the Munich Intimate Theatre, the Wintergarten Berlin, the Theatre Freiburg, the Zentralwerk Dresden, the Institute for Theatre-Therapy, the German Society for Theatre-Therapy and many more. The foundation hopes to strengthen the important cooperation of modern medicine and theatre, because in the light of the pandemic culture already deals with the issues of medicine and the healthcare system more and more.

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Moritz Rinke, friend and supporter of the event

"The longing for other forms of expression as theatre, where empathy and observation, closeness and exchange as well as passion and humanity are central, grows. We ought to remember these qualities of theatre in the times of the pandemic, but also to look forward to their return. Meanwhile, one can learn from this form of expression. Theatre remains a cultural institution of utmost importance and can help to bring forward tabooed issues, raise awareness and help with recovery and vitality.", says dramatist and author Moritz Rinke.

Facts of ovarian cancer and inspiration for recovery

Every year around 7400 woman get diagnosed with ovarian, tubal or peritoneum cancer. The tumour often goes unrecognised with unspecific symptoms like stomach ache and is therefore often discovered very late. For this reason the prognosis of patients is unsatisfactory. Ovarian cancer is in the general public, as well as in the medical field, not well known, which impacts the prognosis even more negatively, despite the recent ground-breaking advances in operational and medicamentous cancer therapy.



Scene from: "Playbacktheater", Die Tumoristen

"We want to educate and inform about the newest findings and bolster up women, so they can confront this illness with confidence, creativity and knowledge.", says Prof. Dr. Jalid Sehouli, head of the European Competence Centres of Ovarian Cancer, director of the gynaecological hospital of the Charité, initiator of the German Ovarian Cancer Foundation and author.

"At first ovarian cancer is often a drama. We want patients to become actresses in the play of life and actively engage and alter it.", Prof. Sehouli continues.

Within the scope of the world ovarian cancer day the foundation is in close contact to local and regional competence centres and self-help-groups for ovarian tumours. For people affected, their relatives, friends as well medical personnel the event will inform with creative content and comprehensive knowledge about the illness and in addition inspire to take action and new steps in the recovery and healing process. Leading specialists educate about cutting-edge therapy methods, newest research and options to improve the quality of life.

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Registration and live stream: www.stiftung-eierstockkrebs.de

English Programm: 09:00 pm - 10 pm Welcome Prof. Dr. Jalid Sehouli & Susanne Fechner Greetings Murat Gültekin, Esra Urkmez & Icó Todt, ENGAGE Session 1 "Breaking news ovarian cancer -Prof. Dr. Jalid Sehouli Maintenance therapy" Session 2 "Activities and news about Susanne Fechner & Lisa Sintermann German Ovarian Cancer Foundation" Session 3 "Clinical trials project" Birthe Lemley & Andrea Krull Good bye & see you soon Prof. Dr. Jalid Sehouli & Susanne Fechner

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