

## ORLANDO TRIP & SEA CHANGE

AN INITIATIVE ON THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION

**ORLANDO TRIP is a musical performance, a cinematic concert about the mythical character Orlando** and a tribute to the great European minds Lodovico Ariosto and Virginia Woolf. Orlando, a knight and traveller, crosses the seas several times and finally returns as a woman. His/her story is performed in 12 songs and videos. ORLANDO TRIP is sleek, travel-friendly, yet aesthetically opulent and **provides an international audience with sensual access to a myth about metamorphosis, fluidity and transcending rigid boundaries.**

Sea change is William Shakespeare's term for fundamental change: The seemingly secure order of sea and land, art and nature, home and foreign, man and woman, conscious and unconscious, life and death is suspended. **In the midst of an era that elevates rigid boundaries to an omnipresent principle, ORLANDO TRIP sets a poetic counterpoint.**

**SEA CHANGE is also the name of the international framework that has been growing since 2021 with the support of the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austrian cultural forums and embassies** and involves partners in arts and sciences, theatres, festivals and universities worldwide.

**The central questions of ORLANDO TRIP are addressed in the SEA CHANGE Framework in an international and interdisciplinary way.** They focus on paradigm shifts in the context of "Female Empowerment", "Mortality and Dignity", "Home and Foreignness", "Fluidity versus Binarity", "Reconciling of Nature and Culture".

**As a satellite of the cinematic concert, a Salon is offered as a contemporary update of a genuine Viennese dialogue format,** where local guests present and discuss their narratives and visions on the above topics. The setting is - salon-like - welcoming, sensual and musical. Knowledge is moved from the ivory tower to the **public salon.** The form and content of these *Salons* will be worked out in advance with the local partners. The main language of the project is English with multilingual, local parts.

**Selected international contributions from the arts and sciences will be included in the SEA CHANGE Collection of the festival *Europa in Szene* at Kasematten Wiener Neustadt from autumn 2023.**

ORLANDO TRIP is performed by *Fox On Ice* (composer/filmmaker Christian Mair and singer/author Anna Luca Poloni), produced by the Austrian theatre *wortwiege* and accompanied by cultural scientist Wolfgang Müller-Funk (University of Vienna) and theatre maker Anna Maria Krassnigg (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna).

Demo video: <https://vimeo.com/506538685> (subtitles in several languages selectable)

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