

Schaubühne Berlin

Rally on May 21, 2011

On Saturday, May 21, 2011 BDS-activists protested against the participation of the Schaubühne Berlin in the Israel Festival 2011 in front of the theatre.

Beforehand of the rally Berlin Academic Boycott, BDS Group Berlin and Critical Jews and Israelis had informed those who are responsible for the Schaubühne Berlin by writing and in debate that their participation in the Israel Festival 2011 supports effectively Israeli policy of apartheid, colonisation and occupation against the indigenous Palestinian population.

An Open Letter (May 2, 2011) to those responsible of the Schaubühne Berlin remained unanswered.

During the rally the activists distributed the open letter and informed visitors in debate as well as by an exhibition and by movable walls with the claims to the Schaubühne Berlin. The rally met interest by the public; some visitors even agreed the request. There were also a few people who compared the rally with 'Kauft nicht bei Juden' and condemned the rally in general as being anti-Semitic. They were not open to a substantial discussion

During the rally Thomas Ostermeier, director and member of the Artistic Direction of the Schaubühne Berlin came to the rally and had a discussion with some activists in which he explained that by cancelling the participation in the Israel Festival the theatre might get applause from the wrong side ...

Schaubühne Berlin will perform its Hamlet-staging on June 3 and 4, 2011 in Jerusalem