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Dear Selection Committee

I am writing to express my keen interest in the Forum for Young Theatre Professionals scholarship program within the Swiss Theatre Days 2025. As an independent dance artist, choreographer, and teacher based in Zurich, I am eager to engage in this immersive experience to deepen my artistic practice and expand my professional network within the Swiss theatre landscape.

My work spans choreography, performance, and facilitation, with a focus on interdisciplinary and community-oriented projects. As the co-director of Bona Dance, I have been committed to fostering a welcoming space for adults to explore contemporary dance, embracing diverse backgrounds and experiences. Additionally, my choreographic endeavors, such as "OMFG_oh my fluffy garbage"—a Tanzhaus Zurich co-production—explore movement as a medium for storytelling and social reflection.

I am also the Director of the Jugendclub u16 at Bühne Aarau, where I lead a youth theater group, creating a new piece in co-creation with them each season. This ongoing exchange has proven invaluable, allowing me to nurture the next generation of artists while feeding my creative process and broadening my artistic horizons. This work also prepares me for future projects with young artists, including a new piece planned for 2025.

The opportunity to participate in the Forum for Young Theatre Professionals aligns with my aspiration to engage more deeply with performance practices and collaborative approaches beyond the realm of dance. I am particularly excited about exchanging ideas with fellow artists, discussing contemporary theatre methodologies, and exploring intersections between movement and dramaturgy. I believe that this experience will not only enrich my artistic vocabulary but also inform my future work as a choreographer and educator.

I am highly motivated to contribute my perspective and experiences to the Forum while actively learning from the diverse voices within the program. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of being part of this inspiring initiative.

Best regards
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