

# CARTE BLANCHE

THE NORWEGIAN NATIONAL COMPANY  
OF CONTEMPORARY DANCE

## Carte Blanche: Nororoca by Lia Rodrigues (BR)

Carte Blanche, The Norwegian National Company of Contemporary Dance, meets the renowned choreographer Lia Rodrigues in the production **Nororoca** – an exciting cultural exchange between Brazil and the Nordics.

In her home town of Rio de Janeiro, the award-winning Brazilian dance artist Lia Rodrigues is an active, cultural force. She started her own dance company Lia Rodrigues Companhia de Danças, which tours the world, she established the dance festival Panorama, and founded Centro de Artes da Maré – an art and culture centre in the favela of Rio.

**Nororoca** is directly inspired by Rodrigues' production **Pororoca** from 2009. The word 'pororoca' stems from the Tupian word 'poro'rog', which is a powerful tidal phenomenon that occurs where salt water meets fresh water at the mouth of the Amazon river.

The process leading up to the premiere starts in the Maré favela, one of Rio's biggest slums, where the Carte Blanche dancers meet Lia Rodrigues for the first time. This cultural exchange between the dancers and choreographer creates a mutual understanding that forms the basis for **Nororoca**.

Rodrigues sees art as a medium for expressing opinions. As a choreographer, Lia explores human relationships and group dynamics. The result is often beautiful, raw and surprisingly intimate.

### Credits

**Choreography:** Lia Rodrigues ([website](#))

**Choreography Assistant** Amália Lima **Lighting Design** Nicolas Boudier

**Duration** 60 min

### Dancers - original cast

Adrian Bartczak, Aslak Aune Nygård, Caroline Eckly, Daniel Mariblanca, Dawid Lorenc, Guro Rimeslåtten, Irene Vesterhus Theisen, Karen Lynne Bjerkesli, Mathias Stoltenberg, Noam Eidelman Shatil, Ole Martin Meland, Sebastian Biong, Tilly Sordat, Timothy Bartlett

### Touring dates

**Premiere:** Thursday 23 January 2020, Studio Bergen, Bergen (NO)

**Touring Dates:** TBD

### Carte Blanche

Carte Blanche - The Norwegian National Company of Contemporary Dance, was established in 1989 and is based in Bergen. The ensemble consists of 12- 15 dancers from all over the world. Each season two to three new creations are produced in collaboration with new talent as well as known and relevant choreographers.

Carte Blanche enables artists to grow. This way, the Norwegian National Company of Contemporary Dance creates an exciting and unique repertoire underpinning the company's goal to be a forerunner of innovation, presentation and development of contemporary dance, both in Norway and abroad.

Carte Blanche is owned & funded by the Ministry of Culture, Hordaland County Council and the City of Bergen.

### Resources & Links

[PR-photo](#) Photo: Helge Hansen / Carte Blanche – password: carteblanche

[Process Photos Brazil](#): Photo: Yaniv Cohen / Carte Blanche – password: carteblanche

[Press Photos](#) – Photo: Yaniv Cohen / Carte Blanche – password: carteblanche

[Teaser & Process Video](#) & [Performance Teaser](#) – Video: Yaniv Cohen / Carte Blanche

[Full Video](#)– password: carteblanche2020

### Contact info:

**Accreditation and Press:** Birthe Skotheim tel: +47 926 47 933 [birthe.skotheim@ncb.no](mailto:birthe.skotheim@ncb.no)

**International Agent:** Le Trait D'Union/Thierry Duclos Tel: +33 5 45 94 75 95 [thierry@ltdanse.com](mailto:thierry@ltdanse.com)

**Artistic Director & CEO:** Annabelle Bonnéry tel: +47 900 47 112 [annabelle@ncb.no](mailto:annabelle@ncb.no)

**Touring Director:** Gulli Kr. Sekse tel: +47 924 64 804 [gulli.sekse@ncb.no](mailto:gulli.sekse@ncb.no)

Photo: Helge Hansen / Carte Blanche

[www.carteblanche.no](http://www.carteblanche.no)



[carteblanchenorway](https://www.facebook.com/carteblanchenorway)



[carteblancheno](https://www.instagram.com/carteblancheno)