



PRESS RELEASE

The artistic collective **Alica Minar & col.** will premiere the dance performance **WOODS WON'T VAPORIZE** on **June 1, 2 and 4 at 7pm in Uferstudios | Studio 1 in Berlin.** The nature-inspired work was created as part of the international artistic research of Slovak choreographer and performer **Alica Minar.** The aim was to prepare a group of contemporary dance students and graduates from European universities for one of their first professional experiences before starting their own careers.

WOODS WON'T VAPORIZE creates a surreal dreamscape inspired by the forest ecosystem and the anatomy of trees. The dancers take the audience on a vibrant re-discovery of the forest within and around us - a complex and deeply interconnected system that lies beyond our comprehension in its own temporality. The audience is invited to stretch their roots, to feel their mutual touch, to ground themselves, to imagine decomposition of tissues, to feel the flow of sap and to breathe. It is a reminder that while humans wage forest wars among themselves, the forest continues to live its life cycles far from the human illusion of control. The woods won't give up, they will stay - they will outlive us, they will not evaporate. *"I perceive dance practice as a tool to fleshly and affectively manifest and articulate wisdom of the land. Working precisely with imagination, sensorium, and attention fosters our receptivity to diverse, ecological ways of knowing,"* says dancer, choreographer, cultural worker, and co-author of the research **Dorota Michalak.**



