

## **Evergreen Corona**

“Tensegrity” refers to the principles of pressure and counter-pressure, a balance between push and pull. In addition to being able to create stable structures, the same principles are also crucial to our ability to dance together. Even the body, our primary instrument, is a structure based on tensegrity. It’s made strong and flexible through a balance of extended and compressed parts.

In every moment of dancing together, it is precisely the balance between pressure and counter-pressure that allows us to lead and follow one another, that enables us to move together, even with oppositional roles. We depend on this opposition in order to create meaningful, coordinated dances. It is not a coincidence that dancing around a tree is a festive tradition.

In a historical perspective, group dances were a powerful event that had the potential to join people across social groups. Dance has always had such a social function, with the potential to tear the social fabric and to challenge hierarchies. Dance also gives us all the chance to be a source of others’ joy, the raw material of an intense and creative interaction – such as the repetitive circling around the tree, with all the pushing and pulling, the manifest humanity in the presence of other bodies, the sweating and breathing, the joining together in movement. When we dance with others, we are forced to *relate*.

The evergreen corona is a static dance of elements in relation to one another. The KHiO project is also a dance full of pressure and counter-pressure, where the range of our ability to relate to one another is explored and challenged. We lead and follow one another in a dance around opinions and expressions, around freedoms and limitations, around past and present. KHiO is meant to be a place where we invite people to dance in meaningful opposition, and where there is plenty of space for everyone under the ceiling, as in *Vrimla*, and where there is also plenty of space sideways, as in the wings of the main stage.

And now we will light the tree in the sign of balance, as we look forward not only to the upcoming festivities but to the challenging presence of other bodies.

Wishing you a peaceful time of waiting,  
Anne-Linn