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*SEAS is a pan-European, interdisciplinary arts project weaving together experiences and expressions from different coasts.
It focuses on harbours as places of mobility, migration and history.*

*In 2002-2005, SEAS connected the Baltic and Adriatic regions. Since 2006 a new horizon has opened around the Black and North Seas.
As a platform under continuous development, SEAS highlights a central challenge of the European project.*

SEAS World Launch!! – Odessa , 24 - 31 May 2008

SEAS will launch in Odessa, Ukraine, on 24 May. Odessa, as the major seaport of Ukraine, is the perfect frame for a project dealing with social, cultural and political issues in the Black Sea region and Europe as a whole. During 9 days, 15 artistic projects by more than 80 artists/collaborators from 10 countries, will present their diverse work together, from theatre performances to visual art in public space. All projects have emerged from a period of research, rooted in a series of encounters between artists, in harbour cities on the Black and North seas.

SEAS/Coastal, 3-15 June 2008

with special support from the Ministry of Culture/Romania

SEAS follows its course from Odessa straight to **Varna & Balchik** (Bulgaria) and **Mangalia** (Romania), in a common event – **SEAS/Coastal**. Art, artists and audiences move along the coast, challenging national borders between the EU's two newest Member States. Thanks to special support from the **Romanian Ministry of Culture**, SEAS will remain for 6 intense days in the coastal resort town of Mangalia, 10-15 June. Co-production incentive is also included in the unique agreement between SEAS and the Ministry, allowing Romanian artists/experts to engage closely in the SEAS platform.

SEAS/Istanbul Turkey, 11-19 October 2008

In October 2008, Istanbul will host Black/North SEAS, organised by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts through the Istanbul International Theatre Festival. Istanbul will also host a major SEAS CityScape conference, with renowned international guests, focusing on urban re-invention and cultural heritage, in close collaboration with Santralistanbul and Tütü Deposu, to take place 17-19 October. The Consulate General of Sweden in Istanbul has been especially helpful in realizing the CityScape conferences.

Support from Nordic Culture Point

SEAS has received a two year grant from Kulturkontakt Norden, the recently re-structured arts council for the Nordic region. This helps engage Nordic artists in the Platform, brings expertise to various CityScape conferences and finally offers support to Nordic Host Cities for North SEAS 2009.

SEAS Artists - 2008

Anne-Lise Stenseth and **Siri Hermansen** (Norway), **Nedyalko Delchev** and **Venelin Shurelov** (Bulgaria), **Signa**, **Odin Teatret** and **Hotel Pro Forma** (Denmark), **Tiyatro Oyunevi**, **Bedirhan Dehmen**, **Safak Uysal** and **T. Melih Görgün** (Turkey), **Wunderbaum** (Netherlands), **Dritero Kasapi** (Sweden), **Karena Johnson** and **Metro-Boulot-Dodo** (UK), **Dmytro Bogomazov** (Ukraine) and their collaborators. All of these artists specially commissioned SEAS works will be presented during Black SEAS 2008. **BADco** (Croatia) will perform an earlier SEAS co-production - "Deleted Messages" - in Istanbul in May 2008 at the Istanbul International Theatre Festival, part of an ongoing collaboration with the Festival which hosts a major SEAS event in October. Even **Hotel Pro Forma** will present an earlier work, "Orfeo" as part of the Festival at the end of May. FOR MORE INFO SEE WWW.SEAS.SE

SEAS International Technical Team - 2008

... has finally crystallized under the leadership of SEAS technical Director Claes Nordling and thanks to initiative and investment by SEAS Partners. **Kåre Grunnvåg** (Norway), **Alan Vukelic** (Croatia), **Borut Cajnko** (Slovenia) and **Stoil Stankov** (Bulgaria) have all been chosen to follow the Black SEAS 2008 tour and support the artists together with local tech teams in each host city. A work seminar was recently held with the team in Stockholm at the end of April.

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