

## Press release

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### "Open World" in Leipzig

#### **VNG supports international young people's music festival for the third time**

**Leipzig, 7 October 2009.** For the third time, VNG – Verbundnetz Gas Aktiengesellschaft (VNG) is welcoming the children and young people taking part in the Open World international music festival to Leipzig. The participants come from Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Armenia and Germany. Following Berlin and Kassel, Leipzig is the third port of call on their concert tour of Germany. On 8 October, MDR presenter Peter Zimmer will guide the audience through the evening programme at the Theater der Jungen Welt. The internationally reputed, prize-winning youth ensemble will offer the public traditional and modern dances and folk songs from their home country. The event will be supported by "Tanz Company" and the "Jazzkids" of Musikschule Leipzig.

"Children are our future. We feel that it is important to encourage cultural interchange between young people from different European countries. Children find it easy to understand each other through music and dancing. We are also especially pleased to be able to present Leipzig to our young guests," said Prof. Dr. Klaus-Ewald Holst, Chairman of the Executive Board of VNG. The company has supported the Open World concert series in Leipzig since 2007. The music festival was established in 2006 as a joint initiative with Russian energy company OOO Gazprom export.

"Open World"

8 October 2009, 7 p.m.

Theater der Jungen Welt

Lindenauer Markt 21

04177 Leipzig

No admission charge

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