



# Case Study

# Tanzzentrum NRW

## Overview

Tanzzentrum NRW is a dance school which is located in the loft of a shopping centre in Bielefeld, Germany. Its 160m<sup>2</sup> dance room has plenty of natural light and is used for a number of dance styles, including ballet, jazz, modern pole and even acrobatics.

In Germany, Tanzzentrum NRW is the only dance school offering a state-recognised avocational traineeship for prospective dance teachers. Director Jennifer Bergs developed this concept with the help of two board members of the German Dance Teachers' Association. Having trained as a dance teacher whilst studying law, Ms Bergs wanted to offer this chance to other full-time working dance enthusiasts.

“ A Harlequin floor was my first and only choice because they are simply the best floors on the market. ”  
**Jennifer Bergs**  
Dance School Director

## Project data

Name:	Tanzzentrum NRW
Town:	Bielefeld, Germany
Project type:	Conversion of commercial space into a dance studio
Building:	Shopping Centre
Products:	160m <sup>2</sup> Harlequin Flexity sprung floor and Harlequin Reversible Pro vinyl surface



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## Requirements

Due to the dance studio's varied use, a dance floor was needed which could provide support and protection for many different types of movement. It also needed to withstand different sources of impact, not only from dancers but also from poles which would be mounted and disassembled regularly for pole dance and pole fitness classes.



## Installation

In order to provide maximum protection from injuries, a sprung floor was laid on top of the concrete sub-floor. After consultation with the Harlequin Germany sales team, Ms Bergs chose the Harlequin Flexity sprung floor, an uncomplicated panel system which can be installed by anyone with DIY experience.

Ahead of the installation, Harlequin Sales Manager Thomas Sieber travelled to Bielefeld to ensure that the Harlequin Flexity floor was compatible with the use of poles. After extensive testing he was satisfied that the poles would not cause any harm to the sprung floor even after long-term use and he gave the go-ahead to the Harlequin installation team.

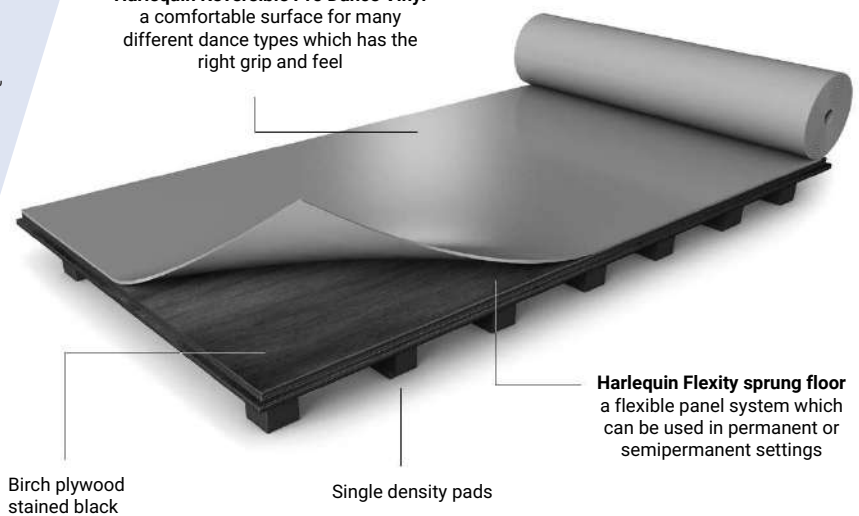
The studio was finished with black and white Harlequin Reversible Pro performance vinyl which provides dancers with the right grip. In keeping with the bright room, the double-sided vinyl was installed with its white side up.

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## Product choice

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**Harlequin Reversible Pro Dance Vinyl**  
a comfortable surface for many different dance types which has the right grip and feel



Birch plywood stained black

Single density pads

**Harlequin Flexity sprung floor**  
a flexible panel system which can be used in permanent or semipermanent settings



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