

Call for Applications

13th International children theatre festival "BITOLINO"

Bitola, 03-07 August 2024

International children theatre festival "**BITOLINO**" is announcing an open call for participation in the competitive programme of its 13th festival edition which is going to be held 03 August – 07 August 2024, in Bitola, R. Macedonia. The host of the festival is a **ACA „Babec Theater“ - Bitola**.

Theaters participants in last 12th editions of the "**BITOLINO**" festival:

1. Tiyatrotem Theater (Istanbul, Turkey) 2011,2012,2021
2. Theatre for children at Narva Gates (Saint Petersburg, Russia) 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018,2019,2021
3. Key Theater (Tel Aviv, Israel) 2014
4. Youth Theater Sarajevo (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) 2013
5. Telling tales (West Yorkshire, England) 2012
6. Anton Panov Theater (Strumica, Macedonia) 2012
7. Babec Theater (Bitola, Macedonia) 2011
8. Theater Pan (Lugano, Switzerland) 2012
9. Dodona Theater (Pristina, Kosovo) 2012,2013
10. David Zuazola Puppets Company (Santiago, Chile) 2013,2021
11. Artropos (Chubut, Argentina) 2013
12. Mini Theater (Ljubljana, Slovenia) 2011
13. Mala Scena Theater (Zagreb, Croatia) 2011,2012,2013,2014,2015,2021
14. Bereze Theater (Istanbul, Turkey) 2013
15. Ariel Theater (Sofia, Bulgaria) 2013
16. Puppet Theatre Shilo (Sofia, Bulgaria) 2011
17. Drama and Puppet Theatre (Vratsa, Bulgaria) 2012
18. Children's Cultural Centre (Belgrade, Serbia) 2014
19. Tandarica Animation Theater (Bucharest, Romania) 2014
20. Shadow Theater (Marzelo, Italy) 2014
21. Teater Sagohuset (Lund, Sweden) 2015
22. La Bazooka (Le Havre, France) 2015,2018
23. Ruti Tamir Mime and Puppet Theater (Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut, Israel) 2015,2021
24. Theater Feurblau (Graz, Austria) 2015,2019
25. Masque Theatre (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, United States) 2015
26. Centre ACA Theatre (Tirana, Albania) 2016
27. Compagnie alleRetour (Cannes, France) 2016
28. Small Delights Company (Brussels, Belgium) 2016
29. Mimos Marionette Theater (Yerevan, Armenia) 2016
30. Marian Bačev and Arcadia Fusion Art (Sofia, Bulgaria) 2017,2019
31. Nada theater (Ruma, Serbia) 2017
32. Tarla Faresi Theater (Izmir, Turkey) 2018
33. ACA "KREO-AKSIS" (Skopje, Macedonia) 2019
34. "El Mahrousa" theater (Giza, Egypt) 2019
35. "Cemal Fatih Polat Shadow Theater" (Istanbul, Turkey) 2022
36. "Unia Theater Niemozliwy and David Zuazola" (Warsaw, Poland) 2022

37. "Domovoi theatre company" (Gordola, Switzerland) 2022
38. "Beer Sheva Children and Youth Theater" (Beer Sheva, Israel) 2022
39. "Art School Jana Stursy" (Nové Město na Moravě, Czech Republic) 2022
40. "Small Theatre" (Prilep, Macedonia) 2022
41. NI "Theatre for children and youth" (Skopje, Macedonia) 2023
42. "Maribor puppet theatre" (Maribor, Slovenia) 2023
43. "Mil Rostros theatre" (Chalco, Mexico) 2023
44. "STILL! Theatre group" (Nicosia, Cyprus) 2023
45. "Signs of north theatre" (Akureyri, Iceland) 2023
46. "Hippo theatre group" (Seres, Greece) 2023
47. "Station – Service for contemporary dance" (Belgrade, Serbia) 2023
48. "Theatre organization CLOU/Puppet organization LOFT" (Zagreb, Croatia) 2023

This year all performances will be held both outdoors and indoors. All puppet and children's theatres, as well as all those theatres which have performances for children in their repertoire are invited to send their applications to Festival Head Office address:

Babec theatre Bitola
Nikola Kirov Majska 33
7000 Bitola
Republic of Macedonia

or to: **babecteatar@gmail.com**, by **01 March 2024** at the latest. Applications received beyond the stated deadline will not be considered.
(**Application form** download on **www.babec.mk**)

How to apply:

All those applying for official selection are under obligation, besides sending the completed application form by regular mail or by e-mail, to send the following:

1. full length DVD (i.e. video recording of the whole performance)
2. 5 photographs of the performance
3. short summary of the performance in English (up to 900 characters)
4. cast and production team list (full names please)
5. short text about theatre, or CV (up to 900 characters)
6. theatre logo

Without these elements the application will NOT be considered valid and complete. These elements are necessary for the selection (recording - when it is not possible to see live performance) and for creating the catalogue of the Festival. Submitted material will be kept in the Festival archives and will not be returned.

Selection process:

The basic criteria for the selection of performances is their artistic quality. The quality of the performances applied for competitive programme will be judged by selector of the Festival (Julijana Mirchevska). Selection results will be published on the Festival website by 01 April 2024 at the latest. Individual notifications will be sent only to those theatres/participants whose performance is chosen to be presented within competitive programme.

Award:

1. Grand Prix of the Festival for the Best Performance

Award is decided by 3-member international jury chosen from among world-renowned theatre artist and theoreticians.

Conditions of participation:

The Festival covers:

- Food and accommodation for (max.) 3 days.
- A fee of 300 EUR.
- Local transport
- Technical support

Please note:

The Festival is of a non-commercial character; entrance to all festival events is free of charge to all visitors.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The contact person is **Vasko Mavrovski**, director of the Festival (phone: **0038976290095** , e-mail: **babecteatar@gmail.com**)

We look forward to receiving your application. Please accept our cordial and friendly regards.

With true appreciation,

Vasko Mavrovski
director of the Festival

