

The International Amateur Theatre Festival

Spēlesprieks — Joy of Acting

12-14 July, 2019, Limbaži

Directives

Time: 12 – 14 July, 2019

Venue: Limbaži, the Republic of Latvia

Organisers:

Limbaži Regional Council and Auseklis Limbaži Theatre

Objectives of the Festival:

The Festival gives to amateur theatres motivation and an aim to pursue, for it provides groups the opportunity to show themselves, compare with foreign groups and thus see the meaning of their work. The Festival is a possibility to motivate the younger generation to get involved in amateur theatres, to choose profession in this area.

- Introduce the audience and amateur theatre experts from Latvia and other countries with original and high-quality amateur theatre productions, which can be performed in the open air, at industrial, architectural and environmental objects.
- Establish contacts with amateur theatres from other countries and promote the diversity and creative findings of Latvian amateur theatres.
- Facilitate development and creative growth of Latvian amateur theatres and enhance artistic quality of amateur theatre productions.
- Attract interest of broader public to amateur theatre productions, to promote drama for children and youth.
- In cooperation with the Museum of Limbaži to develop a traveling exhibition '**See. Create. Unite. / Joy of Acting 1991-2019**' to be presented at cultural establishments of Latvia after the Festival in Limbaži.
- Organise
Creative workshop: '**Puppets and objects in theatre performances**'. Tutors: Agris Krapivņickis, Mārtiņš Gailis, new actors of the Puppet Theatre

Creative workshop '**Principles of creating documentary performances**'. Tutor: Didzis Jonovs, based on the performance of Auseklis Limbaži Theatre 'Kā iet?' ('How's going?')

Creative workshop '**Three women searching for the meaning of movement**'. Tutor: Inta Balode, based on the performance 'Viņa dejo' ('She's dancing')

- At the discussion '**Theatre Diversity in Latvia**', to discuss about history of environmental, open air performances and possibilities of theatre to use various territories, squares and buildings for the needs of theatre, thus creating new solutions

in organisation of cultural events by reviving negligible city places and surprising inhabitants.

Participants of the Festival:

- Latvian and foreign amateur theatre groups that can stage their plays in unconventional staging places.
- The Festival organisers' expert committee will select participants upon receipt of the Application Form and a video of the play.
- The Application Form (Annex 1) along with the video of the play must be mailed to Auseklis Limbaži Theatre, Parka iela 7, Limbaži, LV-4001, Latvia, or emailed to: intakalnina@inbox.lv by **1 May, 2019**.
- Official invitation for selected participants will be mailed by 10 May, 2019.

Additional provisions:

- Festival participants can be amateur theatres, puppet theatres and youth theatre studios with productions that are set to be staged or can be performed at unconventional places. Maximum performance duration — 1h 30 min.
- Discussions over the Festival performances will be led by well-known theatre critics in Latvia, in the end, there will be a discussion 'Diversity of Theatre Play Forms', and the Festival will be reflected in local and national media.

Subsistence expenses:

- Organisers cover accommodation and catering costs for **foreign** theatres for up to 10 people per troupe.
- If the number of people in the group exceeds the maximum number set, the participation fee for each person over the maximum will be EUR 15 for 1 day or EUR 40 for all 3 days of the Festival.
- For foreign representatives, transportation from Riga to Limbaži will be provided by the Festival organisers.
- As accommodation places will be used hotels and sports centres located in Limbaži town.
- For Festival participants – amateur theatres from Latvia – organisers will cover accommodation and catering on the day of the performance, as well as provide a possibility to take part in creative workshops and attend performances free of charge.
- Participation fee for observers and individual visitors is EUR 75. The fee includes participation in all Festival activities, including attendance of performances and creative workshops, catering and accommodation.

Bank details:

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- Information on www.spelesprieks.lv