



34TH INTERNATIONAL THEATRICAL FESTIVAL VALISE

10- 13 June 2021, Łomża (Poland)

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I would like to inform that the 34th International Theatrical Festival VALISE will take place on 10-13 June 2021 in the Puppet and Actor Theatre in Łomża. It will be realized in a revamped on-line and live formula. Due to a complicated current situation regarding planning, travelling and crossing borders, I have decided that the foreign theaters will perform in an on-line form. Polish spectacles will be staged live in the Theatre and other premises. There are 15 theatres planned to participate in the competition (6 Polish and 9 from abroad).

The 4-day programme includes live and on-line performances that will be watched by audience, guests, theatrical critics and jury. The total pool of prizes funded by organizers, co-organizers and sponsors amounts to 15 000 PLN. The performances will be evaluated by the jury appointed by the director of the Festival. The following prizes will be awarded:

- Grand Prize for the best performance
- Award for directing
- Award for scenography
- Award for music
- Three awards for acting

Additionally, each theatre taking part in the competition will receive remuneration for their on-line performance in the amount of 6 000 PLN. The compensation will partly cover your organizational expenses and the cost of a professional recording. I hope that both the artistic and financial aspect of our invitation are satisfactory.

In order to participate in the competition it is required to e-mail the following by 31 December 2020: the performance application, a professional recording of the performance, information and advertising materials (poster), information about the performance and theatre, 5 photos of the performance (min. 4240 x 2824, 300 dpi), and a 10-minute trailer presenting the Theatre, methods of work, achievements, comments from the Theatre director, artists etc. The promotional material will be presented to the audience before the on-line performance.

Video file requirements:

- Aspect ratio: 16:9
- Resolution: 1080p (1920 x 1080p) / 4K (3840 x 2160p)

- Preferred format: MP4
- FPS: 24
- Bitrate: 15-250 Mbit/s

The recording will be displayed in high resolution on a projector screen. In order to guarantee required quality, we advise you to use professional video/digital cameras to create the footage.

Should these requirements are met, we will send you a contract to sign in February 2021. The programme of the Festival will be known in March 2021.

I would like to add that the International Theatrical Festival VALISE, featuring a variety of touring theatres, is acclaimed and valued both in Poland and abroad. It is a non-commercial, artistic event with its own style and character. The Festival has been organized annually since 1987 and so far has hosted more than 400 theatres from over 50 countries, including Argentina, the USA, Japan, Singapore, China, Israel, Norway, Italy, Spain, Russia, Croatia, Germany, New Zealand, Iran and others, together with dozens of guests from all around the world and thousands of spectators. It has secured its place as one of the most important theatrical festivals of puppetry and form.

I hope to welcome all the invited theatres, either on-line or live, at the 34th International Theatrical Festival VALISE, with their artistically innovative performances featuring interesting and diverse means of expression that touch varied topics, universal values, important emotions and the most pressing global problems. "The theater of important issues" is the theme of the competition.

I would like to sincerely invite you to participate in the Valise Festival!

Best regards from Łomża!

Jarosław Antoniuk
Festival Director