

The Municipality of Pápa
The Municipalities of Győr-Moson-Sopron & Veszprém & Vas Counties(???)
The "Jókai Mór" Cultural Centre of Pápa
The Hungarian Federation of Amateur Theatres
The Ministry of Human Resources (???)

herby announces

Progress® 2015

the 22nd National and International Amateur Theatre Festival
in the memory of István Horváth jr.

from 2nd July (Thursday) to 5th July (Sunday) 2015

in Pápa, Hungary

Call for applications

The organisers of the festival are proud to announce that the prestigious and internationally claimed theatre festival in the name of István Horváth Junior in Kazincbarcika found her new home in Pápa, Western Hungary. The predecessor of our international festival was traditionally a competitive meeting of youth and adult amateur theatre of **high artistic quality**, of **experimental attitude** and **strong audience appeal**. We intend to carry on these characteristics.

The organisers cordially invite foreign participants from all over the globe to their re-born festival (maximum 6 or 7 companies).

All kinds of performance styles (comedy, dance, physical etc.) are welcome if they meet the above criteria and if they were premiered in 2013 - 2014.

Each participating performance of the festival will be discussed and evaluated by the jury in an open professional debate with all festival participants. The jury is a composition of the most prestigious Hungarian theatre professionals who are open to the amateur theatre world.

According to the changing nature of the festival, the organisers invited theatre centres from the region to join in the event; thus the international guests have the opportunity to travel and perform in nearby theatres of the region before/during/after the festival.

Interested groups can apply directly to the festival organising committee with supporting letter (recommendation) from their respective national centres of the International Amateur Theatre Association (**aita/iata**) **no later than 15th March 2015**.

The application (*see document*) should contain a detailed introduction of the theatre, an introduction to the performance, a video or DVD recording of the performance and the recommendation of the national centre concerned. All participants, domestic and foreign

ones are selected by the Artistic Director of the festival considering all the above mentioned criteria. **Decision** will be published and mailed to all applicants by **15th April 2015**.

The festival programme can accommodate groups of maximum **12 persons** with a performance **no longer than 90 minutes**. If the show is presented in a small space (with less than 100 spectators) it has to be performed twice during the festival.

The travel of the company and the transportation of sets and props must be covered by the participants themselves. The organisers would love to try and contribute to the catering and accommodation costs as far as their funding applications will be successful. Appropriate rehearsing time on stage with professional technical assistance and free access to all the events during the whole festival (performances, workshops, concerts, club events etc.) will be provided to all festival participants.

International observers are also welcome (festival directors, cultural exchange managers etc.)

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