

## International Puppet Theatre Festival “PIERROT”

### STATUTE OF INTERNATIONAL PUPPET-THEATRE FESTIVAL FOR ADULTS “PIERROT”

International puppet theatre festival for adults “PIERROT” was created in 2000 on the initiative of Non-profit organization “PIERROT”. It’s a new, no conventional European stage of puppet theatre art, based on the taste for different and non typical forms: **theatre for adults in the puppet theatre field.**

The festival is biannual, conducted from **24 till 29 September** under the patronage of the governor of district -Stara Zagora. The festival organizers are State Puppet Theatre – Stara Zagora, Municipality - Stara Zagora, Non-profit organization “PIERROT”, National Center for theatre, Ministry of culture, Bulgarian Center of UNIMA.

As accompanying events, International Puppet Theatre Festival “PIERROT” organizes theoretical seminars, workshops, art market, exhibitions, and street art.

#### AIMS

- Development and popularizing of professional puppetry art
- Recognition of the culture as an important element of the social integration and citizenship
- To make the THEATRE our **future**, a bridge, crossing borders and establishing friendship and understanding between nations with different cultures and traditions
- To establish the foundation of a long term network for creative, educational exchange and cooperation between puppeteers from all continents
- To support creativity and international spreading of cultural values, movement of creators, cultural workers and its productions, putting an accent on the cultural variety and development of new forms of cultural expressing.

#### CONDITIONS

The organizers of International Puppet Theatre Festival “PIERROT” extend an invitation for selection of professional puppeteers from all types and genres, working in the area of puppet theatre for adults.

The festival’s manager appoints with an order a Selection Commission for proposals estimation.

Participants in the festival “PIERROT” are professional Bulgarian and foreign theatres. They have to present performances, realized not earlier than 3 years before the current festival’s edition.

The festival is organized in two sections:

#### **A/ puppet theatre for adults**

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**B/ experimental and new forms in the puppet theatre for adults. All participants can apply with two performances; If that, one should be in section B/ - experimental and new forms in puppet theatre for adults.**

The candidates state their proposal in written form, with attached application forms, video tape, annotation of the performance, 6 photos, program, poster, reviews, letters of recommendation, press dossier and performance technical needs on the State Puppet Theatre address.

All accommodation and food expenses will be covered by the festival’s organizers. The festival’s manager signs a contract with the troupes, allowed to the competition program, and pays the performances from the festival’s budget against a financial document, issued form the corresponding theatre organization. The festival “PIERROT” is spreading in Bulgaria. The number of the performances and the amount of payment will be concretized in the corresponding contracts with the troupes, according to the financial possibilities of the festival.

The participating theatres cover travel expenses on their own.

### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

The festival “PIERROT” has a competitive character. The festival manager appoints an international jury that includes well-known theatre creators: authors, directors, composers, scenographers and actors for the estimation of the performances in the competitive program.

The following awards will be bestowed:

- *Award for best performance – bronze statuette “PIERROT” made by the sculptor - Emil Ivanov*
- *Award for “experimental and new forms” – bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *Award for directing – bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *Award for scenography - bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *Award for music - bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *Award for man’s role - bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *Award for woman’s role - bas relief “PIERROT”*
- *To all theatres, participated in the festival “PIERROT” will be bestowed diplomas for participation*

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