

# **The XXIII<sup>rd</sup> International Festival of Puppetry Art REGULATIONS**

## **I. Term and Organizers**

1. The XXIII<sup>rd</sup> International Festival of Puppetry Art shall be held in Bielsko-Biała in the days: 24 – 28 May 2008.
2. Banialuka Puppet Theatre named after Jerzy Zitzman is the organizer of the Festival.
3. The Festival shall be held under the patronage of:  
Bielsko-Biała Town  
Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of The Republic of Poland  
Marshall Office of The Silesian Voivodeship
4. Ms Lucyna Kozień performs the function of The Director of the Festival.
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## **II. Programme of the Festival**

1. During the Festival performances of high artistic values in the convention of puppet theatre, figure theatre, theatre of objects and visual theatre shall be presented. The Festival has the form of a review that presents the latest trends in puppetry art, performances that seek for new forms of expression as well as plays realised in traditional conventions with the help of traditional techniques. Polish and foreign puppet theatres that present plays for children and for adults are invited to take part in the Festival. During the Festival there will be many accompanying events held, like exhibitions, seminars and workshops. The Festival has the character of a competition; open air shows are excluded from the competition.
2. The deadline to submit applications: foreign theatres – 30 September 2007, Polish theatres – 31 January 2008. The theatres wishing to take part in the Festival must fill in and send Application Form, recording of the whole play as well as materials that concern the theatre and the presented play, press reviews, stills, etc.

## **III. Conditions of Participation:**

1. On grounds of the received applications, Director of the Festival shall qualify the theatres to take part in the Festival. Decision about qualifying theatres to take part in the Festival shall be taken until 31 January 2008 (foreign theatres) 29 February 2008 (Polish theatres) and the qualified theatres shall be immediately informed about the decision.
2. The Festival has the form of competition. Professional Jury, Jury of Young Critics as well as Children's Jury shall award financial and honorary prizes:
  - Grand Prix
  - Best actor award
  - Best director award
  - Award for novel theatrical form
  - Young Critics Award, Children's Jury Award.
3. Festival Organisers Provide:
  - a) Fee for performing during the Festival (around EURO 1000) (negotiations on the amount of the fee are conducted with each theatre individually),
  - b) Accommodation in a hotel and two meals a day (breakfast and dinner) during theatre's stay at the Festival,
  - c) Help in obtaining financial means to cover the costs of travel,
  - d) Organizational help and technical assistance during the Festival (English language is the Festival correspondence language).
4. Obligations of the Festival Participants.

The theatres that take part in the Festival are obligated to:

  - a) present the play (once or twice),
  - b) undertake all efforts to obtain financial means to cover the costs of travel,
  - c) cover all amounts due that result from author's rights, taxes and insurances,
  - d) grant the Festival organizers consent for recording of the presented play or its fragments for documentary purposes,
  - e) grant the Polish Television consent for free of charge recording and emission of fragments of the presented play (up to 3 minutes) for promotional and advertising purposes,
  - f) grant consent for free of charge publication of stills from the presented play in press and in festival publications for advertising purposes.
5. Detailed principles of participation in the Festival are specified in the Contract.
6. **Filled in and sent Application Form is the proof of accepting the Regulations of the Festival and of conditions of participation.**