

The 32nd International Festival of Theater Schools SETKÁNÍ / ENCOUNTER announces selected schools and will present far more than theater.

Less than two months before the start of the festival, the festival's dramaturgy takes on its final form. During January, a total of nine foreign ensembles were selected from a total of twenty-six registered schools. There will be performances from Poland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Great Britain, but also from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. As every year, the festival of theater schools will also be attended by a professional jury, which this year will be composed of: artistic director of the Prague Quadrennial and set designer Markéta Fantová (Czech Republic), director and actor Luca Vossos (Italy) theater director and educator Davide Giovanzana (Switzerland) and puppeteer, director and manager Kata Csató (Hungary).

This year also offers a unique spectator opportunity in the form of an inspiring discussion with individual jurors. The dramaturgical line, called ENC: TALK, will present not only theatrical themes from the perspective of the professions of individual speakers and their countries of origin. Thanks to this international overlap, spectators can get acquainted with theatrical work abroad and thus look beyond the boundaries of art in our country.

Other forms of performative art also have their place in the concept of this year's festival. The organizers therefore approached Czech choreographer and dancer Marek Zelinka, who will lead a workshop focused on the basics of movement theater, magic lanterns and mime theater during the festival week. The culmination of this workshop will be a performative performance as part of the closing ceremony.

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In addition to theatrical performances, the city of Brno will also play music concerts by Czech bands such as the WWW or Mutants looking for a way out. The accompanying program will be available in popular Brno clubs such as Kabinet Múz or ArtBar.

Tickets for the festival will be available for purchase through the Goout.net web portal from March 14, 2022 or directly in the information page of the ENCOUNTER festival, which will be located in the school building.

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