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SUBJECT: PUBLIC CALL
for Applications to Participate in the
20th INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR THEATRE FESTIVAL

Amateur theatre groups, theatre associations, and collectives from the region and abroad are invited to submit their productions for participation in the **20th International Amateur Theatre Festival** (Međunarodni festival amaterskih kazališta - MFAK), **which will take place in Vodice, at the Centre for Art and Culture, from 25 to 27 September 2026.**

Through this public call, the Festival's Selecting Body will select up to three best productions to form the official Festival programme.

The final selection will depend on the Festival's available production and financial resources.

The selection will be based on artistic quality, acting performance, direction, and the overall stage impression.

In addition to the productions selected through this public call, the Festival programme traditionally includes:

The winning production of the Festival of Croatian Folk Drama (Festival hrvatske pučke drame - FHPD) in Mursko Središće.

A selected production from the FEDRA International Amateur Theatre Festival in Bugojno (Bosnia and Herzegovina), based on long-standing international cooperation.

1. APPLICATION CRITERIA

Eligibility: All amateur theatre associations and groups of all theatrical poetics may apply, including classical, folk, dance, alternative theatre, and other forms of theatrical expression.

Professional status: Productions featuring professional actors are not eligible. Professional actors are considered to be individuals who are enrolled in acting programmes or have completed acting programmes, individuals permanently employed in professional theatres, and members of professional acting associations.

Copyright: Groups must have all copyrights for the text and music duly secured. Performing copyrighted works without the author's permission is considered a violation of intellectual property rights. The organiser bears no responsibility for any copyright-related disputes.

2. REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

Each applying group must submit the following:

Completed application form: Signed by the responsible person and stamped with the association's official seal.

Video recording: A high-quality video recording of the entire performance (YouTube, Vimeo link, etc.), which is a mandatory requirement for selection (minimum resolution 1080p, stable camera, no editing or cuts, the entire performance in one video).

Note for international groups: If the performance is not in a language commonly understood in the region, the video must include English or Croatian subtitles.

Promotional materials: Three high-resolution production photographs.

3. FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL CONDITIONS

Travel expenses: Festival participants cover their own travel expenses to and from Vodice.

Accommodation and meals: The organiser provides two overnight stays with breakfast for the actual number of actors appearing on stage, the director, the group leader, and up to two technical staff members (lighting/sound).

Technical support: The organiser provides the venue and basic technical conditions (lighting and sound). All specific props and stage design must be provided by the participants themselves.

4. DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted no later than 31 March 2026, exclusively via email to: kazaliste@hrsk.hr

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Announcement of results:

The Selecting Body's decision on the selected productions will be announced no later than 30 April 2026. The Selecting Body's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

By signing the application form, the association confirms its acceptance of the Festival Rules and grants permission for the use of personal data, photographs, and video materials for Festival promotion purposes.

Performances will be presented in their original language, with mandatory subtitles where required. Selected groups must confirm their participation within 10 days. In the event of

withdrawal after confirmation, the organiser reserves the right to invite a replacement production.

For additional information, please contact Lara Mitraković via email at kazaliste@hrsk.hr or by phone at +385 95 4556 879 or +385 1 4556 879.

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We look forward to your applications and participation, and we wish you the best of luck in the selection process!

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