

## ***General questions***

### **Why is there an International Theatre School Festival in Amsterdam?**

To present young talent to visitors of the festival and to professionals working in the field of theatre. We want to show the latest crop of graduating students, which is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of how the performing arts will look in the coming years. The ITs Festival Amsterdam wants to let the Dutch students get in touch with foreign students and professionals and stimulate their mutual cooperation. This will give them other perspectives on their own work and their education.

### **What are the dates for the 2012 festival?**

The 23rd edition will take place from 21 – 28 June 2012.

### **When will the programme of ITs be published on the website?**

Yearly the programme is published on the website in May.

### **How many events are there?**

ITs Festival contains more than 70 unique productions of the disciplines dance, theatre, directing, music theatre and film.

### **How many people attend the ITs Festival?**

Last year we had 11.000 visitors.

## ***Participation national***

### **How can I take part in ITs Festival Amsterdam?**

To participate in the national program of ITs Festival you need to be a third or fourth year student from a theatre or dance school. Only Dutch and Flemish students can participate in the national programme. Contact your school about the possibilities for participating at ITs Festival.

### **How can I send in an application for the ITs?**

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### **Do I receive a fee when I am participating at ITs Festival?**

No, performers do not receive fees for their performance at ITs Festival Amsterdam. They also do not receive ticket sales as this all goes to the paying of the theatres.

### **When do I receive lunch and dinner coupons?**

On the day of your first performance at ITs, you receive your lunch and dinner coupons.

## ***Participation international***

### **How can I take part in ITs Festival Amsterdam?**

Yearly the call for applications is send out to school and students around the beginning of June and published on the website. This call is for the festival that will be organised the year after the call has gone out. The deadline for the applications is in the beginning of October. It takes a while to curate the whole international programme. If you are selected you'll receive word in the beginning of December.

### **When is the deadline for the call for applications?**

Download the call for applications, read the FAQ sheet, fill in the application form and send in your completed and signed application form before 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2011. The artistic directors of the ITs Festival Amsterdam, Theu Boermans (theatre) and Tim Persent (dance), will assess the applications. More information is found here: <http://www.itsfestivalamsterdam.com/about-its/participate>

### **I'm selected to participate at ITs Festival. Who covers the travel costs, accommodation and production costs?**

Your travelling costs and production costs are for your own expense. The costs for two nights of

accommodation and food are only paid by ITs Festival when you participate in the international program.

**Can I participate at ITs festival, even when I'm not a theatre school student?**

ITs Festival is only for theatre and dance school students and students who have graduated in the year before, if you're not studying to become a professional in the performing arts you can't participate. Young theatre or dance groups, with already graduated people, can't participate either.

**In which file type must the videos of the performance be converted?**

The videos for the application of a performance must be converted in a file type that is compatible with Windows Media Player. (like AVI) or place on a website like vimeo.

**When do I receive lunch and dinner coupons?**

On the day of your first performance at ITs or when you arrive in Amsterdam, you receive your lunch and dinner coupons.

**I'm Dutch, but studying abroad can I still send in my graduate performance for the international programme?**

Yes you can for the international programme.

**Can you suggest any funding possibilities for our travel costs once my performance is selected?**

If your schools is not helping out with the travel costs, check out your countries embassy in the Netherlands. They are here to promote your culture in the Netherlands and might be of assistance. Also try the cultural institutes like Goethe Institute (German), Alliance Francaise (France), Pro Helvetica (Switzerland), British Council (UK) or Cervantes (Spain). There's probably a cultural institute for your country as well. If not try these websites [www.culture.info](http://www.culture.info) and [www.eurocult.eu.org](http://www.eurocult.eu.org) or try with the European Culture Foundation.

**I have not been selected for your festival, but like to visit the festival anyways. Is this possible?**

That's great! Take a look at our visitors programme on the Participate- page if you want to book a package deal, join our student visitors programme or the INSTED programme. But it is also possible to just come and buy tickets at the ticket office.

**I need a visa to enter the Netherlands. Could you send me an invitation?**

We only send invitations to official guests of the festival, like performers, programmers, participants of the students visitors' programme or school directors. Please send an email to [jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com](mailto:jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com) for a request.

If you're not linked to the festival, we unfortunately cannot send you an invitation.

**We are a university group. Can we send in our performance?**

No. The ITs Festival Amsterdam only programmes graduate theatre performances of people who are studying to become a professional actor/ director / dancer / choreographer after they have been graduated.

**But our university group is supported by the theatre and drama group of the school.**

Well that is great, but still the conditions are that the director and the performers have to study drama and become professional actors after graduating. So no, also university groups that are supported by theatre and drama groups cannot participate.

**Do all of the team members have to be students?**

No. If the director is a student he can apply with professional actors. If the director is a professional then all the performers have to be students.

**Your website says the deadline is closed, but the festival is not until the summer. How come you have such an early closing date and could I still send something in?**

Unfortunately we have to send in our governmental funding application for our international programme in a very early stage. That's way the deadline for our programme is early as well. And no, if it says the deadline is closed, it is really closed.

**Can I also send in a clip version of my performance or only pictures?**

No. To get a real sense of your performance it is necessary to see the whole production on video. It doesn't have to be a slick video. Just a recording of your whole performance. Attaching pictures and a short clip is always very handy, but not without the complete version of the performance.

**My performance is not ready yet or the recording of my performance is not ready yet. Can I still apply?**

No. we really need to see your production on video. If the deadline is too early for you, try again next year we your production is completed. Excuses like "my camera/ laptop got stolen", "the post office is on strike", "the video man is sick or taking too much time" we have all heard before. Please only send in your application if you have your things in order!

**I have send in my application but haven't heard from you yet. Has it arrived?**

If this is the case please send an email to the international coordinator. See contact for the details. And somebody will reply you as soon as possible.

**Can I apply with a personal project which is not part of the school curriculum?**

If you are a student and your teacher will sign of on the general condition paper, sure. We love to see your work.

**Do you accept applications from the puppetry department?**

Yes, but only if it is puppetry made by theatre students and if the performance is mend for adults. Children's performances will not be accepted.

**I have a video of my performance but it has not been subtitled yet. Can I still send it in?**

Yes, but you have to give a short English version of each scene with the video otherwise obviously we cannot understand it. If you are selected we do need a complete translation for the subtitling at least a month before the festival.

**Can you send me the application form?**

Please download it from the website. Everything is on there!  
<http://www.itsfestivalamsterdam.com/about-its/participate>

**I have special needs for my food. Can this be arranged?**

If you are a vegetarian / vegan / lactose intolerant / sugar free / allergic to one or two ingredients kind of person the restaurant can take care of it and you don't need to tell us in advance. Just tell us when you arrive. Do you have a real special need, contact the international coordinator about it and we'll try to fix it for you.

***Visitors festival***

**How and where do I get tickets?**

The ticket sales for the entire program starts a month before the ITs Festival starts. You can then order your tickets by following the box office links on [www.itsfestivalamsterdam.com](http://www.itsfestivalamsterdam.com)

**Are there any extra events except for the performances I can attend? And are they in English?**

Yes, there are! You can attend the ACT Café, debates, discussions, meet & greets with actors and directors and of course you can enjoy the famous after party each night. Check out side programme for visitors for up to date information! The program will be online in the beginning of May.

***Student Visitors' Programme***

**I want to join the Student Visitors' Programme. What does this cost me?**

Please check the general information on the website under participate. I will cost you the amount of the package deal and the travel costs to Amsterdam.

**Is it possible to come to ITs with less than 6 students from one school?**

We prefer groups of at least 6 people, but we can make exceptions. Please contact the international

coordinator about specific conditions. [jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com](mailto:jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com)

**I don't speak English. Can I still join?**

Well, if you can't speak English, you won't be able to read this. But no, it will be rather difficult for you to understand if you don't speak or read English. But if you don't mind watching performances without understanding the words then it's fine. But all the side programming will be in English or Dutch.

**Some of our group want package deal A and other package deal C. Is this possible?**

Yes, just be clear on your application who wants which deal.

**Our school doesn't want to pay for it, but we still want to come. Is this possible?**

Yes, it is possible but you still will have to pay for your own travel and the deal you choose.

**We want package A. can you suggest a good hotel for us?**

Yes. Take a look at these websites.

- [www.flyingpig.nl](http://www.flyingpig.nl) loads of backpackers stay here, so it's loud and crowded
- [www.Hans-brinker.com](http://www.Hans-brinker.com) really close by
- [www.Bobyouthotel.nl](http://www.Bobyouthotel.nl)
- [www.stayokay.nl](http://www.stayokay.nl) The Vondelpark location is great and big, but the one on the Kloveniersburgwal is very close to the theatres. Early bookings get cheaper price
- [www.botel.com](http://www.botel.com) expensive, but on a ship just across the IJ canal in a shipping yard with loads of cultural activities
- [www.slaapschepen.nl](http://www.slaapschepen.nl) for larger groups on ships

***INSTED for young directors***

**What are the costs of the INSTED for young directors programme?**

Travel costs to and from the festival and the participation fee of € 100,- per student are at the expense of your theatre or dance school.