



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ITs FESTIVAL AMSTERDAM 2012

Deadline of this call for applications is 1st of October 2011

Thank you for your interest in the ITs festival Amsterdam! In this letter you'll find the details of the festival 2010 and the way to apply for participation. If you have any questions after reading this document and the F.A.Q. online, please feel free to contact the international coordinator of the ITs festival at jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com or by phone 0031-(0)20-5305562.

What is ITs Festival Amsterdam?

The ITs Festival Amsterdam is the biggest European festival where you can scout over 200 theatre talents in more than 60 unique productions. The artistic directors of the ITs festival are Theu Boermans (theatre) and Tim Persent (dance).

ITs is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of how the performing arts will look in the coming years. Already 22 editions, at the end of June, the latest crop of performing artists yearly flood the multi-cultural city of Amsterdam. During these nine festival days, students and professionals come together to see the new graduates make their first appearance on a professional stage. Alongside the productions, the festival program is filled with inspiring debates, workshops and talk shows, ending every day with the famous ITs after party.

The performances represent specifically those academies that train the students to become theatre practitioners (i.e. actors, dancers) and/or theatre makers (i.e. directors, choreographers) and presents the following theatre disciplines: drama, cabaret, mime, musical theatre, opera, modern dance, classical ballet and jazz dance.

ITs' main objective is to bridge a gap between the educational school years and the professional world. To achieve this boost to the careers of young talent, ITs invites not only performing artists to show their work at the festival, but also invites numerous international scouts, impresarios, directors, programmers and other professionals to come watch, discuss, work, eat and party together with this new crop of talent. ITs is the breeding ground to start an international career!

This year's festival will be held from **Tuesday 21st to Wednesday 28th of June 2012.**

Who can participate?

1. You are a graduate student of an accredited theatre and dance academy or you are one year out of the academy and apply with your graduating performance.
2. You are trained to become a theatre practitioner (i.e. actor, dancer) or theatre maker (i.e. director, choreographer)
3. You can pay for your own travel between your home country and the ITs Festival Amsterdam

You CANNOT apply when:

1. You are a performing arts professional who has been graduated more than a year
2. You study something else other than performing arts and practice theatre on the side. This also includes university students who practice theatre with a theatre group, but who are not becoming professional artists after they graduate.
3. You're an amateur or an amateur group

What kind of performances are we looking for?

ITs programmes productions that are of high quality, innovative and strongly performed. As we curate a complete international programme we are especially looking for productions that complement our

Dutch programming in a their artistic view, the concept or the implementation. We programme the following kind of performances:

- 1. Group graduate performances - Theatre**
The ITs Festival programmes group graduate performances initiated by the school and created by or in co-operation with established theatre directors. Maximum length is 2 hours.
- 2. Group graduate performances - Dance**
The ITs Festival programmes group graduate dance performances which usually consist of several choreographies. The performances are initiated by the school and are created by or in co-operation with established choreographers. The maximum length of a performance in this category is 50 to 60 minutes.
- 3. Directing performances – theatre**
The ITs Festival programmes performances from graduating directors and/or theatre makers. The production is applicable for presentation at the festival if the following conditions apply: the student has worked with (semi)-professional actors, he or she is not a part of the actors ensemble and the student graduates with the specific goal of becoming a director. Maximum length is 2 hours.
- 4. Students' work – performance**
The ITs Festival programmes work (within the discipline theatre) created by (3rd and) 4th year students from the acting schools and theatre making schools. This can include performances in which the director takes part in the production as well as directs it. The maximum length of a performance in this category is 30 to 40 minutes.

What are the conditions?

1. Your academy is financially responsible for the production of the performance. This includes copyrights, transportation costs, translation costs, technical support and other production related costs.
2. You are responsible to bring your own décor and props, but ITs can assist you if you have difficulties with getting those to the Netherlands.
3. You are responsible to bring a technician that knows your performance well to assist you.
4. The ITs Festival is financially responsible for a professional presentation of the performances at the festival. This includes rent of the venue, technical support at the venue and ticket service.
5. The ITs Festival provides the general publicity of the festival. The participant is responsible for providing the ITs Festival with correct information on the performance in time.
6. The ITs Festival provides participants from abroad accommodation and food for a maximum of two nights.

Please take notice that ITs does NOT cover your travel costs and doesn't provide a fee!!!!

How to apply?

We prefer an online application. Please send the application form together with a link of a registration of your complete performance on vimeo and the requested appendixes to Janneke Robers (international coordinator) jrobers@itsfestivalamsterdam.com

If you don't have an online registration, you can send your signed and completed application form together with the requested appendixes to:

ITs Festival Amsterdam / International programme
Oudezijds Achterburgwal 188
1012 DX Amsterdam
The Netherlands

The deadline for this call for applications is 1st of October. There will not be an extension because we have to send in our final line up to the government as well. The performances that are selected will be announced by e-mail before the 1st of December 2011.