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## CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR THE 10TH EDITION OF ITF SKUPI FESTIVAL - "PUSHING BOUNDARIES"

The International Theater Festival Skupi Festival is announcing an open call for participation at this year's tenth jubilee edition, which will take place with duration of seven days, beginning the first week of November, on the scene of The Youth Cultural Center in Skopje.

By the title "Pushing Boundaries" this year's open call is encouraging artists to reflect on the current trend of the closing of the European borders but in a wider sense. We would like to question if the borders are necessarily mirroring the emotional boundaries of the European citizens? What are the effects this political decision can have on the mental and emotional landscapes of the future Europe? Are the new high razor walls towards the newcomers also encouraging closing towards new cultural influences? Do we agree on the vision of a closed state of mind? What is "that" which we are afraid to welcome and is progress in any sense possible if we support closure to everything which is new and eventually different?

We encourage you to send us your proposals investigating the "boundaries" from a broader perspective, not only as political phenomena.

ITF Skupi Festival open call for admission will be open for professional theater groups, from 20th of April till 20th of May. All selected participants will be announced by e-mail no later than June 15th, 2016.

To learn more about the festival please visit our website: <a href="http://skupifestival.org.mk/">http://skupifestival.org.mk/</a>

### How to apply

In order to apply the following documents are required:

- Completed application form (download from http://skupifestival.org.mk/apply)
- Video recording of the performance (Vimeo, We transfer or other online video banks)
- Minimum 5 high-resolution photographs of the performance
- Detailed technical rider
- Detailed budget
- Any other support material you find relevant

All documents required should be in electronic form.

# Please send your application together with the required documents not later than 20th of May 2016 to <a href="mailto:skupifestival@yahoo.com">skupifestival@yahoo.com</a>

### **Conditions for participating**

- The festival covers for bed&breakfast accommodation, daily wages and local transport for each of the participants of the festival

- The festival provides full technical support

- The travel expenses, fees, and other possible expenses are a subject of discussion and are covered in exceptional cases. However, the festival encourages the participants to search for local support for those expenses, and can provide an official invitation letter and other support to help the fundraising.

#### Selection criteria

The selections criteria are the artistic quality of the performances as well as correspondence with the current festival's theme "Pushing Boundaries".

The selectors of this year's edition are Senko Velinov and Miliana Lenak. All of the applicants with full application will be considered in the selection process and will be notified by e-mail about the results of the selection.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications.