



2018 - The Year of ITI



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Open Call for Nominations for the Message Author for World Theatre Day 2018

The **International Theatre Institute ITI**, the world's largest organization for the performing arts, is declaring **2018** to be **the Year of ITI**, as ITI is celebrating its **70th Anniversary**.

Part of this Anniversary is the celebration of **World Theatre Day on 27 March**. Since its beginning, ITI has selected an author to write a message for this day. ITI then publishes the message and its translations, and thereby promotes the message all over the world to inspire the ITI Centres, its affiliated organizations and institutions, as well as any individual who celebrates the day.

In recognition of the nature of ITI being a globally integrated organization and having members from all parts of the world, ITI is approaching the celebration of World Theatre Day for its Anniversary in a **different way**:

1. ITI is doing an **Open Call**, inviting all ITI members and all the members of the partner organizations of ITI, in fact to everybody who is part of the theatre community or is caring for theatre to send in her or his nomination.
2. ITI will select not only one distinguished personality to write the message for World Theatre Day, but **five**: one from *each* of the five ITI regions that are in alignment with the regions of UNESCO: **Africa, the Americas, the Arab Countries, Asia Pacific** and **Europe**.

That is why **is inviting you**, independent of from where you are, independent of what position you have in the theatre world, to send us a proposal of who should write the message for **World Theatre Day** in 2018.

Please consider that the nominated message author:

- should be an outstanding personality for theatre that is not only known in a country but in the region she or he is active;
- should have a high reputation in her or his community for artistic, educational or humanistic achievements and viewpoints;
- could be from your country, your region or your continent or from anywhere in the world – meaning that you can propose someone independent where she or he is living and active;
- should help to strengthen the visibility, importance and value of theatre – all over the world;
- is alive; Persons that passed away cannot be nominated.

A message author can have made her or his name as an ...

Actor, actress, playwright, stage director, politician, UNESCO or UN leader, theatre educator, theatre activist, writer, stateswoman, statesmen.

Please:

- Do not tell the person that you would like to write the message that you have nominated her or him to write the message 2018. If the person is not chosen, it can have a negative effect on you and ITI.
- Send **ONLY** one name that you would like to nominate in the following way:
 - a) Full name of the person you are nominating
 - b) Short biography and/or links with information about the person on the Internet and YouTube, etc.
 - c) Reason why you are proposing the person
- Send this information by email to **info@iti-worldwide.org**. The General Secretariat will send you an acknowledgement when the nomination has been received. If you do not get any acknowledgement, resend or get in touch with the General Secretariat by email or by fax: +86 21 6236 3053.
- **Send the nomination no later than 15 October 2017**. Nominations that are received after this date will be disregarded.

The **five** message authors for World Theatre Day will be selected by the Executive Council. The **five** chosen message authors will be announced over the website of ITI.

ITI will invite the **five** chosen message authors to the main celebration of World Theatre Day, to be held at UNESCO in Paris. Parallel to this event there will be events all over the world.


Those who nominated a message author will be informed per email. There will be no communication about the reasons why your nominated personality has been or has not been chosen.

Attached you find the list of all message authors of World Theatre Day since 1962. More information can be found **www.world-theatre-day.org**.

We appreciate your sending in your proposal and look forward to receive your nomination.

With very best wishes

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