

To all Sections of
ASSITEJ International

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange 2 - 9 June 2019 in Berlin (Germany)

Dear colleagues,

Theatre for young audiences (TYA) needs professionals and ASSITEJ Germany is proud to host **DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange**. Since 1976, this exchange, known globally as the “International Directors’ Seminar” takes place every other year. It addresses directors as independent artists in the field of TYA. It is about learning from each other and about individuals from all over the world creating and contributing to a global artistic network.

We invite every ASSITEJ center in the world to nominate one director for the participation in the exchange. ASSITEJ Germany will then select 20 participants from all over the world and 5 participants from German speaking countries.

In 2019 **DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange** will take place from June 2-9 at Theater STRAHL Berlin (www.theater-strahl.de), one of the most

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renowned independent theatre companies in Germany with its own venue in Berlin and a repertory of shows that includes dance, mask theatre and drama.

It was a revolutionary moment when the Berlin Wall between East and West came down in 1989 after the people of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) had demonstrated peacefully against a regime that suppressed its people and denied them basic human rights. This moment – 30 years ago – will be the starting point for an exchange about **“WALLS”**.

Walls exist everywhere in the world. They create barriers, they are meant to keep people out or in. Walls, fences and trenches create borders and they stand symbolically for what some people believe is right – those who have the power to build them.

Walls exist also in our minds and in our hearts. They can be helpful and give structure, organize and distinguish thoughts, ideas and emotions. These walls do both: They separate and connect individuals and groups of people.

Walls and borders stimulate curiosity: What’s beyond this wall? What will I discover? Will I be able to return? Would it be better to cross it or to stay where I am?

These questions are children’s questions and – at the same time – artistic questions. What choices do we have? Which walls are ours to cross and which limits do we challenge?

We will welcome all participants to bring their ideas and experience and enter into an exchange on how walls inspire them as a topic or a reality in their TYA practice. The participants will work in small groups which will allow for a multitude of ideas and perspectives as well as directing approaches to be developed and tested by a diverse group of participants.

Theatre performances by the host theatre and other companies in Berlin as well as leisure activities will complete the week's schedule.

We are looking forward to an inspiring exchange!

DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange wishes to address directors of children's and young people's theatre who have recently given new impulses and set new standards. The working language of the seminar is English.

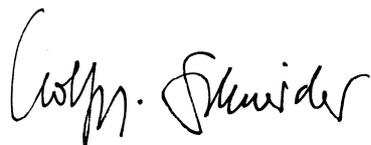
If you wish to find out if someone from your country has already participated in this exchange, please consult the [list of all participants on assitej.de](#) and feel free to ask an alumni about their experience.

ASSITEJ Germany and Theater STRAHL will bear the costs for accommodation, catering, theatre tickets and leisure activities for all participants. In general, we will assume that travel costs will be paid either by the participants themselves or by their respective national centre of ASSITEJ. Nonetheless we are willing to help in particular cases, as far as we are able to do.

Every ASSITEJ-Center is invited to nominate one director from their respective country to take part in DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange. Please send in their application including the signed application form, a current concise curriculum vitae and a letter of motivation by e-mail to ASSITEJ Germany (m.fechner@kjtz.de) no later than **October 1st 2018**.

For more details do not hesitate to contact Ms Meike Fechner (m.fechner@kjtz.de) who is in charge of DIRECTORS IN TYA for ASSITEJ Germany.

With best regards,



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Schneider
Chairman of ASSITEJ Germany

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