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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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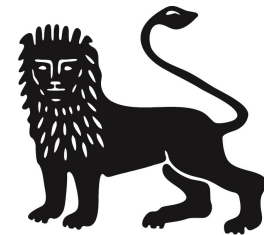
**DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange**  
**20-27 June 2021 in Braunschweig (Germany)**

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 also 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 and ASSITEJ network to nominate one director for participation in the exchange. ASSITEJ Germany and the host theatre will then select 20 participants from all over the world and 5 participants from German speaking countries.

In 2021 **DIRECTORS IN TYA – An International Exchange** will take place from **June 20-27<sup>th</sup> 2021** at **Junges! Staatstheater Braunschweig** (Young State Theatre, Braunschweig) (<https://staatstheater-braunschweig.de/junges-staatstheater/>).



**Staatstheater  
Braunschweig**

In 2021 the idea of “**Planet B**” will be the starting point of our work:

*As humans we make plans and if one plan does not turn out, we come up with another, an alternative, a Plan B. Young people all over the world have recently confronted adults – parents, politicians, business leaders and artists – with a simple truth “There is no Planet B”.*

*As humans we live on one planet, the earth, and, for as long as we can remember, have wondered about other planets and other species or whether we could also live elsewhere in the universe. There have been excursions to the Moon and to Mars and many stories play with the idea of coming from outer space or moving to a new world. But is there a Planet B? And if there was, what would it mean?*

*Today’s young people ask all of us to reconsider our choices. We need to question thoughtless consumption and the unequal distribution of limited resources. We need to make new plans for a better future on our Planet A.*

*We are confronted with universal questions of justice, responsibility and freedom. These questions concern our audiences of all generations as much as they concern us as artists and theatre makers.*

We will welcome all participants to bring their ideas and experience and enter into an exchange on how these discussions inspire them 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 Braunschweig 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.

If you wish to find out more about colleagues from your country who have already participated in this exchange or find out more about participants of the past, you will find a list of all participants here:

[https://www.assitej.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Participants\\_Directors\\_Seminar\\_1976-2019.pdf](https://www.assitej.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Participants_Directors_Seminar_1976-2019.pdf)

Please note: The working language of the seminar is English.

ASSITEJ Germany and Junges! Staatstheater Braunschweig 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 or ASSITEJ-Network is invited to nominate one director 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](mailto:m.fechner@kjtz.de)) no later than **October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

For more details do not hesitate to contact Ms Meike Fechner ([m.fechner@kjtz.de](mailto:m.fechner@kjtz.de)).

Kind regards,

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