

**Theatre is Dialogue – Dialogue of Cultures: European networking with Eastern European theatres
APPLICATION FORM**

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME

**Scholarship for a two-weeks-residency at the GOGOLFEST in Kiev
between 1 – 18 September 2017**

Exchange working experience and methods with Ukrainian artists

The GOGOLFEST is a renowned international multidisciplinary festival of contemporary art in Ukraine. It was founded in 2007 by Vlad Troitsky, president and artistic director of DAKH Centre of Contemporary Art, who envisioned the festival as a polyphonic, multicultural celebration of contemporary art. This year's 10th edition of GOGOLFEST, takes the audience again through the most significant achievements in contemporary art both Ukrainian and international. As an educational platform, GOGOLFEST offers learn-on-the-job trainings for culture managers and producers and it proposes an innovative and explicated educative non-academic scheme of residencies, lectures and productions with the participation of young and experienced artists from all over the world. Thus, it provides a wide co-production professional network with a strong educative component, in this way strengthening intercultural, international and interregional dialogue.

Upon recommendation by an ETC member theatre, ETC offers 5 scholarships for stage directors from Germany, Georgia, Belarus and other European countries to participate in a two-weeks-residency program between 1–18 September 2017 in the frame of GOGOLFEST.

The 10th edition of GOGOLFEST is dedicated to the topic of the *Ark*. Read more about it in the attached letter of intent by founder and President Vlad Troitsky.

How is the residency program designed?

- Artists in residency work together with Ukrainian artists on small scale productions and hence participate in a direct exchange of working methods and experiences.
- Participants should bring an artistic project idea they would like to realize.
- After an introduction working session with Vlad Troitsky, president and artistic director of DAKH Centre of Contemporary Art and founder of GOGOLFEST, the participants will divide into several groups and start to work on different small productions (20-30 Minutes) for approximately 10 days.
- A presentation of the project results will take place at the 10th edition of GOGOLFEST in the presence of an international audience

The program is a great possibility for international artists to broaden their own perspective throughout net- and co-working with the Ukrainian artists and to create a valuable context for further artistic exchange.

What does the scholarship offer in addition to the residency program at GOGOLFEST?

- Flight from home city's closest airport to Kiev
- Accommodation during the time of the residency in Kiev
- Contribution to local expenses/per diem

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Who can participate in the residency program?

Young stage directors from Germany, Georgia, Belarus and other European countries...

- from a public theatre or from the independent scene.
- who have English language skills.

How does the application process practically work?

ETC member theatres recommend artists/ theatre makers who are interested in participating in the residency program in Kiev and send in this application form including:

- a letter of recommendation from the ETC member theatre.
- a CV of the artist/theatre maker
- an artistic project idea by the applicant which could be realized during the residency.

Please fill in this application form before June 15, 2017.

1/ Recommending ETC member theatre

Name of institution:

Address:

Contact person (from recommending theatre):

Email:

Phone:

2/ Personal details of the applicant

First name:

Last name:

Gender: Female / Male

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Email:

Mobile phone number (+country code):

2/ Application

What is your working area?

Project idea for the residency program?

Please send all documents together in one file to convention@etc-cte.org by **15th June 2017**.
All applicants will receive notification about the result of the application by the end of June.



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to whom it may concern

LETTER OF INTENT

It is our true pleasure to invite young directors (from ETC network) as a participant of Artistic residency programme for European theatre makers at the GOGOLFEST 2017 that will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine on 7 – 17th September, 2017.

GOGOLFEST is the only Festival of Contemporary Art in Ukraine and we will run its 10th edition in 2017. With time it gets more and more popular not only in Ukraine, but worldwide. The Festival is of a great interest and demand among the public and hosts artists from more than 20 countries. Tens of thousands of people from Ukraine and abroad attend the performances and exhibitions.

This year the main topic of the festival is “ARK”.

Flood. Ark. Noah. Two of every kind. Why should we refer to this concept? It sounds like an old forgotten fairy-tale. However, the ark is a place of salvation where you can retain all that matters to you and wait till the flood is over. The ark is a creation of a new world in the informational flood around us. It saves you from trash and negative news from the outside. Being tossed by overwhelming fears, one tends to find a genuine place where he is at peace and feels protected.

The modern world is congested with anticipation of the catastrophe. And the information about this catastrophe is the flood that swamps our consciousness. We are getting helpless ecstatically awaiting tomorrow and we are not realizing what to do. Where to find strength and place to wait it through? Is there a code of conduct that may unite us and fill with strength? The Ark represents the set of rules, efforts that form our present-day surroundings and prepare premise for our tomorrow, our new world. After you created your own ark and showed what you do to the world, it's crucial to notice others and to find common language with them and learn to trust each other for uniting. The space of the common Ark is not a mere outwaiting, it is rather a creation of a new world. The larger the vessel, the more stable it is - this is a core rule of its structure.



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So, people who chose to create something and united become a new force. Maidan was a massive ark, but it was united by a common “NO” decision against the regime. The Ark is a constructive pattern searching for “yes” and forming the environment where people continue saying “yes”.

Culture is a field coding the future on the one hand and on the other it may act as a visionary. The space of the festival is also a kind of the ark uniting people who trust each other and who are willing to create a new tomorrow. When the right arks unify and share the same code of conduct, then a territory of trust is formed. A territory of trust in a world where the rules “don’t trust”, “Beware: traitors are everywhere” are communicated.

The Ark is neither fleeing nor immigration. It is rather about creating a place where the best human virtues are highly sought. Everyone is welcome to contribute with their little ark and add their own insight not dictated by anyone. GOGOLFEST Ark is a territory of openness. We are building a place where dignity, understanding and respect are key values. GOGOLFEST Ark is our place of strength. It’s here, all around us. It’s up to us to decide where to beat the path and with whom enter the future. Our sails are blown by time. The desire to attain freedom and co-create is our driving force.

We are uniting to build a place where freedom and creativity rule. Here the world is perceived via sound, colour, movement and words. The Ark is the art territory. The Ark is the territory of openness and insights. Here it is around us - our place of strength, our Ark, where we can be free together.

We look forward to the opportunity of seeing you and working with you in Kyiv.

You can find the detailed information on the festival and its programs at gogolfest.org. Otherwise, please don’t hesitate to contact Andrew Palatnyi, GOGOLFEST Theatre Curator at fca.gogolfest@gmail.com should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

President
of
NGO GOGOLFEST
Vladislav Troitskyi

