

FAST FORWARD

EUROPEAN FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG STAGE DIRECTORS

10–13 NOVEMBER 2022



Call for Proposals for Fast Forward European Festival for Young Stage Directors 2022

February 2022

Fast Forward, the European Festival for Young Stage Directors will take place from 10 – 13 November 2022 at Staatsschauspiel Dresden, Germany.

What we're looking for are first theatre productions of young directors, companies or collectives. The production can have been created within the framework of studies at a theatre academy, a theatre or other production site. Important: The piece should have been created matching professional production conditions. It should be the max. 5th production you realised as a director / directing team after graduation. It is at the same time not mandatory that you graduated from a theatre academy.

In order to take the pandemic into account we would like to encourage you to optionally apply with a creation that could be presented online or on other digital media or platforms. The last festival edition had a hybrid format. What the next one will look like remains to be seen.

Fast Forward is considered as a platform for artistic exchange between a young theatre generation and the local and international audience, comprising classical theatre goers, students, instructors, critics, young and experienced theatre makers. The festival aims to foster young talents and to initiate artistic and cultural encounters. A core idea is to show the range of different artistic approaches, forms and narratives of contemporary theatre making.

8 performances in 4 days Initiated by Artistic Director Joachim Klement and conceptualised by Curator Barbara Engelhardt 2011 at Staatstheater Braunschweig, Fast Forward – since 2017 at Staatsschauspiel Dresden – annually in November invites eight European theatre productions from mostly just as many countries. With the concept of an intense 4-days-marathon the festival points out attitudes and questions of today's young generation and opens up a European discourse on theatre-making now and in the future.

The festival award At the end of each edition, **an international expert jury** awards a prize and thus invites one of the young directors or teams to return to Dresden and stage a new piece with the company of the Staatsschauspiel. By doing so, Fast Forward fosters sustainably young talents as well as an international artistic exchange.

In the supporting program students from different European theatre academies are given the opportunity to meet, exchange and discuss during the festival in workshops and together with the artists. What distinguishes the performing arts in Europe? What motivates young artists to make theatre? What kind of audience do they meet? What social role can or do theatre-makers want to play today?

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Criteria for application

We are looking for full-length stage productions of students in the department of directing, theatre/performance making etc. or also other departments *respectively* stage productions that have been realized as the 1st to max. 5th production of young directors, companies or collectives under professional conditions.

The festival covers within the realms of possibility the expenses for guest performances, i.e. performing fee, transport, travel, accommodation, surtitles etc.

Deadline for application: 30 April 2022

We would like to ask for your support by giving us information, performance dates and details of your students' and graduates' stage works or by forwarding this letter to your students or alumni as well as to other artists who might be interested to apply and fit the criteria.

In addition to this it is possible to inform us about productions and performances that will take place after 30 April and till latest July 2022.

Application papers

including a synopsis or concept paper on the project, cast, technical rider, CV of the directors and a complete recording of the production via video link (please not larger than 3.9 GB) please send to:

email: charlotte.orti@staatsschauspiel-dresden.de

or

Staatsschauspiel Dresden

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The website and archive of last year's edition you will find here: www.fastforw.art

Fast Forward & Staatsschauspiel Dresden: www.staatsschauspiel-dresden.de/festivals/fast-forward-2020

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Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have questions or need further information.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Orti von Havranek | Curator