



Call for Proposals for Fast Forward European Festival for Young Stage Directors 2021

February 2021

Fast Forward, the European Festival for Young Stage Directors takes place from 11 – 14 November 2021 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 the studies at a theatre academy or at a theatre or other production place. Important: The piece should have been realised under professional conditions. It should be your 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.

To take account on the pandemic we would like to encourage you to optionally apply with a creation that could be presented online or on other digital medias or platforms. The last festival edition was a hybrid format. By now we don't know exactly what the upcoming one will look like, but we are working on it.

Fast Forward is considered as a platform for artistic exchange between a young theatre generation and the local and partly international audience, comprising students, instructors, critics, young as experienced theatre makers. The festival aims to foster young talents and to initiate artistic and cultural encounters. One of its core ideas is to present a spectrum of different artistic approaches, forms and narratives of making theatre today.

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 offers a discussion about the theatre and its range of artistic forms now and in the future.

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. How do performing arts differ within Europe? What drives young artists to get enthused about stage work? What kind of audience do they encounter? What role can or want theatre makers play in today's society?



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 2021

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 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 2021.

Application papers

including summary of the project, curriculum vitae of the directing artists and available footage via video link but not bigger than 3,9 GB (or on DVD), cast & if possible technical rider please sent to:

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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.

Looking forward to receiving news from you!

Kind regards,

Charlotte Orti von Havranek | Curator