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Izjemni evropski festivali nagrajeni z znakom EFFE 2017–2018

715 festivalov iz 39 držav je prejelo znak EFFE 2017–2018, tj. znak 'izjemnih festivalov' v Evropi. Dobitnike znaka je 4. maja objavila mednarodna žirija, ki ji predseduje Sir Jonathan Mills. EFFE – *Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe* (Evropa za festivale, festivali za Evropo) – je evropski znak izjemnih festivalov, katerega pobudnik je [Zveza evropskih festivalov](#). Gre za mednarodno festivalsko skupnost, ki povezuje festivale, popolnoma predane umetnosti, umetniškim skupnostim in Evropi. Hkrati širokemu mednarodnemu občinstvu omogoča seznanjanje z raznovrstnimi festivali vseh umetniških zvrsti preko spletne strani www.effe.eu, kjer je objavljen festivalski koledar.

"Mednarodna žirija skuša v festivalsko skupnost vključiti kar najbolj raznovrstne festivale. Med pregledovanjem prijav so žirijo navdušili izjemna kakovost in raznolikost festivalov, njihova predanost vključevanju javnost in želja pritegniti čim širši krog občinstva iz vseh segmentov družbe. Izpostavili so tudi doslednost umetniških vodij festivalov pri izboru tako obetajočih kot uveljavljenih umetnikov." Žirija "vabi imetnike znaka, naj se združijo v skupnem festivalskem gibanju in podprejo solidarnost, umetnost, umetnike in odprt pogovor." (Celotna izjava je dostopna na www.effe.eu).

Po javni objavi natečaja za znak EFFE 2017–2018 je stotine festivalov oddalo prijave in v njih izkazalo svojo odličnost v smislu umetniške predanosti, vpetosti v skupnost in sodelovanja v

strani nacionalnih kontaktnih točk EFFE, ki so svoje ugotovitve predstavili mednarodni žiriji EFFE. Velik vtis je nanje naredila doslednost umetniških vodij festivalov pri izboru tako obetajočih kot uveljavljenih umetnikov, ki se poslužujejo bodisi inovativnih bodisi tradicionalnih pristopov.

"Pri Zvezi evropskih festivalov verjamemo v potencial pobude EFFE, ki je sprejeti in ponotranjiti Evropo kot pojem skupnosti in medsebojnega razumevanja ter odgovornosti do sveta. Zato se veselimo, da bomo ta evropski znak razvijali naprej", pravi Darko Brlek, predsednik Zveze evropskih festivalov.

Prejemniki znaka EFFE 2017–2018 so že vključeni v spletni festivalski koledar. www.effe.eu nudi občinstvu po vsem svetu vpogled v živahno evropsko kulturno-umetniško sceno.

V Evropi do umetnosti vodi najbližji festival!

Press release – Wiesbaden 4 May 2017

Europe's remarkable festivals honored with EFFE Label 2017-2018

715 festivals from 39 countries received the EFFE Label 2017-2018 as 'remarkable festivals' in Europe. On 4 May, the Label 2017-2018 results were announced by the International Jury chaired by Sir Jonathan Mills. EFFE – Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe, is Europe's Label for remarkable festivals initiated by the [European Festivals Association](http://www.effe.eu). It is an international festival community connecting festivals that are deeply committed to the arts, their communities and Europe. At the same time, it serves as a searchable online Festival Calendar on www.effe.eu for all international audiences interested in the arts of all kinds.

"The International Jury is convinced to give the greatest diversity of festivals the opportunity to be part of and strive in this new community of festivals. During its deliberations, the Jury was impressed by the immense quality, diversity, exposure of festivals towards the public and their commitment to access and inclusion of all people in society. They also underlined the consistent artistic choices made by festival makers programming both emerging and established artists." The Jury also "invites the Label holders to join hands for a common movement of festivals stimulating solidarity, the arts, artists, and open conversations." (find the entire statement on www.effe.eu).

Following an open call to apply for the EFFE Label 2017-2018, hundreds of festivals submitted applications to demonstrate their excellence concerning artistic commitment, community involvement and international/European engagement. 95 national experts, appointed by EFFE's national contact points, scored the applications and presented the findings to the EFFE International Jury. They were impressed by the consistent artistic choices made by festival makers, programming both emerging and established artists, taking innovative or regenerative approaches.

"The European Festivals Association is convinced about EFFE's potential: to embrace and breathe Europe as an idea of community and reciprocal understanding and responsibility towards the world. That is why we are looking forward to develop this new European Label further", says Darko Brlek, EFA

The EFFE Label 2017-2018 recipients are now featured in the online European festivals calendar. www.efe.eu offers audiences worldwide a window to Europe's vibrant cultural scene.

In Europe the arts are just a festival away!



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