Banja Luka, 15.2.2023.

Dear colleagues,

It is an honour to invite you to apply for the official selection of 22nd International Festival of Children’s Theatres - BANJA LUKA 2023. The festival will be held from October 8th to October 14th of 2023.

International Festival of Children's Theatres in Banja Luka is organized by Children's Theatre of the Republic of Srpska since 2002 with the support of Ministry of Education and Culture and city of Banja Luka. Children's Theatre of the Republic of Srpska as the organizer of the International Festival for Children has welcomed more than two hundred theatres for children from around the world.

The International Festival of Children's Theatres in Banja Luka, with its actions promotes faster development of puppetry and theatre arts in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it is considered one of the most important festivals for children in the Balkans.

The aim of the Festival is to strongly promote puppetry, as the most demanding, most attractive and most important format of theatrical expression for children, because the Festival has primarily goals which are affirmation of art of puppetry ..

Children’s Theatre of Republic of Srpska was founded 1955 and its tradition and quality in drama and puppetry production was recognized by many great directors of the former Yugoslavian space, and directors of European countries.

The International Festival of Children's Theatres is a competitive event and performances each year are judged by International jury of eminent puppet theatres experts as former members of the jury were: Professor Henryk Jurkowski (Poland), prof. Dr. Hartmut Lorenz (Germany), prof. Dr. Nikolina Georgijevna (Bulgaria), Dragan Dovlev (Macedonia), distinguished Artist of Russia prof. Dr. Boris Pavlovich Goldovski, prof. Zoran Djeric, theatrologist Miroslav Radonjic, playwright Igor Bojovic (Serbia), director Robert Waltl (Slovenia), Jaroslav Antonjuk (Poland), Nicolai Naumov (Russia), and others.

Festival annually presents awards: Grand Prix - the Best Overall Performance, the Award for the best director, set design, music and five equal acting awards.

Organizer of the Festival invites all professional theatres to apply for the Festival program with their best performance. Deadline for applications is May 15th of 2023.

To participate in the selection of the shows that are to be performed in the official competitive festival program, it is necessary to send:

 Completed application form,

 Video of the show,

 5 photos,

 Summary of the play,

 Technical requirements.

Please, send the applications to the theatre address:

Children's Theatre of Republic of Srpska

Djure Danicica Street, No.1

78000 Banja Luka

Republic of Srpska

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Or to our e-mail: festival.dprs@gmail.com

The Festival organizer covers the full board accommodation costs up to 12 people for two days.

Travel costs are to be covered by the selected theatres.

22nd International Festival of Children's Theatres- BANJA LUKA 2023 is competitive and the shows are evaluated by the members of the International Expert Jury which presents the following awards:

 Grand Prix for the best show

 Award for the best direction,

 Award for the best stage design and costumes,

 Award for the best music,

 Five equal acting awards,

 Special Festival award.

For additional information please call +387 51 232 838 or e-mail to: festival.dprs@gmail.com