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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL EXPERIMENTAL
THEATRE FESTIVAL, HANOI- 2019**

Warm greetings from the Vietnam Stage Artists Association (VSAA) to international friends and colleagues!

Appointed by the Government, VSAA organizes an International Experimental Theatre Festival every 3 years. In the year 2019, the 4th Festival will be held in Hanoi. It's our honor to invite artistic groups and individuals from all over the world to apply for it.

We hope this will be a good opportunity for us all to share and exchange theatrical experiences, and to renew and strengthen relationships with local and international artists, which should help with professional improvement, culture and art development and international integration.

1. Time and place

- Time: October 2019
- Place: Hanoi, Vietnam.

2. Festival activities

- Official performances at the Festival's main venues in Hanoi.
- Artistic workshops for academic discussions and exchanges after each performance.
- Additional performances in and outside Hanoi for broader audiences and for sightseeing.

3. Candidates

- Any artistic troupes or individuals who find themselves meeting the Festival's requirements could apply for it. You are kindly requested to provide us with the links to your productions, clips of your performance and information of artists and the key creative members, and the drama scripts in English.

4. Criteria of theater productions

- The length of each performance shall be between 70 to 120 minutes including the interval (if any). For puppet and circus multiple-piece performances, the above restriction is applied to the total length of all the pieces.

- Plays to participate in the Festival must contain new artistic discoveries and experimental materials in the areas of play writing, directing, stage design, acting, sound, lighting, phisical skills and other artistic aspects.

- Exprimental elements must have effects on the content and the artistic aspect of the play, and at the same time, must go along with aesthetic customs of the host country, meet with audience's demand and aim to highlight the values of the truth, the kindness and the beauty.

5. Accomodation and transportation

- VSAA shall cover local transportation, accommodation and insurance within Vietnam for maximum 10 members of each troupe. The exceeding members shall pay their own expenses.

- Participants shall cover their own international and local airfares to and from Hanoi.

6. The festival awards

- Production awards: Awards shall not exceed 35% of the total number of productions.

- Actors/actresses' awards: Awards shall not exceed 35% the number of actors and actresses.

- Key creative members' awards: Gold and Silver Medals for the playwright, director, composer, set designer, sound and light designer, etc, who proves unique and out creativity in the festival.

- Troupe awards: Festival Cubs shall be given to outstanding troupes in the Festival.

7. Copyrights

- VSAA reserves the right to record the plays, performances in the festival for TV broadcast without any copyright fee or liability.

- Participating troupes and individuals are responsible for the copyright of their own productions and performances.

8. Timeline

- October 2018: Sending out annoucement and calling for applications.

- November 2018: Opening for applications.

- May 30th 2019: Application deadline.
- July 2019: Official invitations to selected candidates.
- October 2019: Opening ceremony (date to be decided later)

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- VASS office in Ho Chi Minh City;
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- Artistic Troupes all over Vietnam;
- All ITI centers of ITI;
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