



International Theatre Institute ITI

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ITI Newsletter



Dear Members and Friends of ITI, dear Readers

It is summer time for most of the members and readers of this Newsletter – time for holidays, for reflections, for travels and for some – also work. In the July edition, the General Secretariat has collected less news. Here is a short overview that may catch your interest.

The Report of the International Dance Day 2023: Feel the enchantment and vibrancy of the International Dance Day Celebration held in Shanghai, with the presence of the charming and extraordinary message author: Yang Liping.

Festival Highlights: International Drama Colony in Grožnjan, Croatia 2023 from the Croatian Centre of ITI, and Call for Entry 21st International Ritual & Traditional Theatre Festival from the Iranian Centre of ITI.

Tribute to the iconic Actor Julian Sands: As you may have read in the news that Julian Sands, a true luminary in the world of acting on stage and on the silver screen has passed away. Members and friends of ITI remember him performing during World Theatre Day 2012 in Paris in a scene that was directed by John Malkovich, the message author of that year.

Thank you for being part of our global community as we continue promoting cultural exchange through the power of theatre and of dance in all their forms!

The General Secretariat wishes you a summer filled with inspiration so that you can recharge your batteries for your life and work. Some of the members in Shanghai and in Paris might be on holidays in July and August, but there will be always someone in the office to receive your information about future events.

With very best regards,



International Dance Day 2023 Report

The General Secretariat is thrilled to present the report on the mesmerizing International Dance Day 2023 event. For those who were unable to witness this extraordinary celebration firsthand, please explore the captivating activities that unfolded in Shanghai, China.

[>>Please click here to look at it.](#)

ITI Centres

Croatian Centre of ITI



International Drama Colony in Grožnjan, Croatia 2023

This year, the International Drama Colony takes place from July 2 to 9 in the organization of the Croatian Centre ITI and in cooperation with the Estonian organization Estonian Theatre Agency and the Estonian Centre ITI and the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Zagreb.

The international drama colony "From text to play" has been held continuously since 1999, organized by the Croatian ITI Center. This seven-day residential program was launched with the aim of verifying and promoting foreign and domestic texts in the form of staged readings that have ambient features because the performances take place in the colorful exteriors of Grožnjan.

[For more detailed information, please click here.](#)

Iranian Centre of ITI



Call for Entry 21st International Ritual & Traditional Theatre Festival Iran

The Iranian Centre of ITI, Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran (DAC) is pleased to inform you that the 21st International Ritual & Traditional Theatre Festival will take place from 28 September to 3 October, 2023 in Iran.

The Iranian Centre highly appreciates if you apply with the new production of your company. The application should reach the Centre no later than **30 August 2023**.

The Festival will be held in two parts:

• **The 9th International Seminar on Ritual & Traditional Performances**

Scholars and interested artists are required to send their articles in the form of a proposal by **22 September 2023**.

For more information, please contact dramatic.artcentre.iran@gmail.com ;
dac.internationalaffairs@theater.ir
Website: www.theatre.ir/en

[>>Please click here to know more about the call for the Festival](#)

[>>Please click here to download Application form of Traditional & Ritual Festival](#)

[>>Please click here to know more about the International Seminar.](#)

In Memoriam



World Theatre Day 2012, UNESCO Hall, Paris / France

From left to right: Tobias BIANCONE, Julian SANDS, Mohamed Saif AL-AFKHAM, John MALKOVICH

Tribute to Julian Sands

4 January 1958 – 13 January 2023

The sudden disappearance of Julian Sands was in the news all over the world. Julian Sands loved to climb mountains and he appreciated to go to his own limits and had no fear when he went hiking in Mount San Antonio, California, in the San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles, in January 2023. Unfortunately, he must have failed to estimate that there was so much snow and icy temperature this winter. His family and friends were worried when there was no sign of life at one point after his departure. The authorities in the region started to search for him - for months. It was only when the warm weather melted the snow that some hikers discovered the dead body on 24 June.

Pinter" at the World Theatre Day Celebration in 2012, a scene that was directed by his friend John Malkovich who was the message author of that year. Behind the scene, at the reception dinner of the US Embassy in Paris, he showed that he is a brilliant narrator, and after the event on 27 March when John Malkovich invited him and members of the General Secretariat and a member of the US delegation to a sandwich and wine at the hotel bar, he continued to entertain all the participants with a mischievous look on his face.

"Dear Julian Sands, on behalf of ITI I am thinking of you with great gratitude and send you a heartfelt farewell." Tobias Biancone

John Malkovich on Julian Sands' Death

John Malkovich said that he and Sands were "the greatest of friends since we met doing the film called *The Killing Fields* in 1983, the first film I ever did. We stayed incredibly close since then. I'll miss him every day of my life, but such is life. You lose a lot along the road until you're lost. And that's the way life ends, I'm afraid. I'm very sad about it, but obviously of course mostly for his children."

Please click the following links to find out more about his life and work:

[>>Wikipedia](#)

[>>Internet Movie Database](#)

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