

# Activities – Project Groups (Committees)

## Music Theatre Committee



Opera Geros Dienos! (Have a Good Day) by Vaiva Grainytė, Lina Lapelytė, Rugilė Barzdžiukaitė and Operomanija - winner of Music Theatre Now Competition 2013

### Report of the Music Theatre Committee MTC

#### Activities 2011

- 26-28 May 2011, Rotterdam, The Netherlands: The board and several members of the committee met during Operdagen Rotterdam. Preparations for the Music Theatre NOW Competition 2012.
- 29-30 November 2011, München, Germany: Board meeting. Invitation by Axel Tangerding. The board that was voted for in Xiamen divided the responsibilities. Outline for future plans.
- 10-13 May 2012, St Petersburg, Russia: The board and several other members of the committee met in St Petersburg. Invitation by ITI Russia and committee member Natalya Zykova. Meetings with stakeholders in Russian music theatre and contemporary Russian composers.

#### Activities 2012

- 10-14 December 2012, Beijing, China: Jury meeting for the Music Theatre NOW Competition. Hosted by ITI China. The competition was funded by ITI Germany and organised by Laura Berman. From over 400 applications from 35 countries, 17 first productions of new works were selected by a jury made up of internationally renowned professionals in music theatre from five continents: Martin Bauer (Argentina), Brett Bailey (South Africa), Beth Morrison (USA), Roland Quitt (Germany) and Danny Yung (China). Operas and music theatre made for large opera houses or works created for tiny venues, which are innovative and reflect new developments in the genre from the various corners of the world, have been chosen.

#### Activities 2013

- 23-25 May 2013, Jönköping, Sweden: Music Theatre NOW Meeting. Hosted by the Swedish Biennial for Performing Arts and funded by ITI Sweden. The 17 winning teams from the Music Theatre NOW Competition exchanged ideas and presented their work in lectures and on video for an audience of curators, academics, artists and presenters. At the meeting four winning productions received invitations to be presented live in other countries: 'Up-close' by composer Michel van der Aa, cellist Sol Gabetta and Amsterdam Sinfonietta was invited to Colón Contemporáneo (Teatro Colón, Buenos Aires); Operadagen Rotterdam will present 'Flyway' by the Australian Elizabeth Dunn in 2014; Shanghai International Contemporary Theatre Festival (ACT Festival) selected the music theatre show 'Geros Dienos' by Operomanija (Lithuania) and Centro de Experimentación y Creación (TACEC) by Teatro Argentina de la Plata in Buenos Aires invited the French composer François Sarhan after having seen his production 'Home Work'.
- 20-22 November 2013, Shanghai, China: Board meeting. Hosted by Nick Yu, board member of the committee and director of Dramatic Arts Centre Shanghai. The board attended the live performance of the winning production 'Geros Dienos' by Operomanija (Lithuania). We presented the work of the committee for an audience of Chinese music theatre makers, students of the Shanghai Conservatory and Theatre school. Evaluation of competition 2012 and meeting 2013.

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Smiller, Redshoes - Haruko Nishimura and Dohee Lee, 5feet Degenerate Art Ensemble Seattle



### Activities 2014

- 12-14 March 2014, Berlin, Germany: Board meeting hosted by ITI Germany and Thomas Engel. Further development of plans for MTNOW Competition 2015 and Music Theatre NOW Meeting in 2016. Christian Grammel will coordinate the next competition and jury meeting.
- 21-22 May 2014, Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Board meeting hosted by Guy Coolen and Operadagen Rotterdam. Christian Grammel attended. Beth Morrison joined the board. Brainstorming on the future structure of the Committee. From Committee to Network. From September 2014 the Music Theatre NOW Network will consist of the subscribers to the Music Theatre NOW newsletter. The network will have three circles: board members, active members and members of the network.

### Coming up

- 1 February - 30 June 2015: Possibility to enter the Competition Music Theatre NOW 26-27-28 May 2016: Music Theatre NOW Meeting in Rotterdam, during Operadagen Rotterdam, NL

### Board Members

Nico Schaafsma, Netherlands, President  
Laura Berman, Germany  
Guy Coolen, Belgium  
Beth Morrison, USA  
Roland Quitt, Germany  
Axel Tangerding, Germany  
Nick Rongjun Yu, China

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