April 30, 2023

“Belt and Road” Traditional Performing Arts Festival and International Symposium
By Shanghai Theatre Academy and ITI/UNESCO Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative. Shanghai Theatre Academy (STA), as one of the founding members of ITI/UNESCO Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts, will make use of the “Network” platform to endorse cultural interactions, performance exchanges, and explore the possibilities in talent cultivation and discipline construction among the Belt and Road countries.

STA invites your school to apply for participation in the “Belt and Road” Traditional Performing Arts Festival and International Symposium, which will be held from October 16 to 21, 2023. The activities will include student performances of traditional performing arts and an international symposium themed "Traditional Performing Arts in the Digital Age" to explore the development of traditional performing arts in this digital age. The event is co-hosted by Shanghai Theatre Academy and the International Theatre Institute.

1. Traditional Performing Arts Festival
To apply, you should submit your application to stafestival@163.com before June 30. (The length of the performance should be about 60 minutes.)
Application materials:
1) A completed application form
2) Three stage photos (high definition)
3) Performance video (no larger than 2G)
STA will send formal invitations to the selected schools, and cover the accommodation, meals and transportation from/to the airport for maximum 8 members from each member school. Other expenses will be borne by the participating institutions. The selected schools are required to submit English subtitles to STA before August 30, 2023. STA will translate the scripts into Chinese and provide both Chinese and English subtitles for the performances.

2. International Symposium
Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Theme: Traditional Performing Arts in the Digital Age
(Simultaneous translation is provided in both Chinese and English.)

Applicants should submit application materials to staconference@163.com, by August 30, 2023.

1) A completed application form
2) Speech Summary in English (500-800 words)
3) A portrait photo

Shanghai Theatre Academy will bear the accommodation, meals and transportation from/to the airport for the invited guests and other expenses will be borne by the participants themselves.

3. Contact information
Address: 630 Huashan Road, Shanghai, China
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E-mail: stafestival@163.com (Performance Application)
staconference@163.com (Symposium Application)
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Sincerely,

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