CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A COLLECTIVE WORK

Title: Jean-Pierre GUINGANE, the man and his work

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June 10 to July 30, 2021
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The year 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the sudden death of Prof. Jean-Pierre Guingané. In order to pay him a deserved tribute and in line with the activities organized over the past ten years, the management of the Ouagadougou International Theater and Puppet Festival (FITMO), is considering the publication of a collective work entitled: "Jean-Pierre GUINGANE, the man and his work".

This collective work will follow the conferences organized during the 14th and 16th editions of FITMO held respectively in 2014 and 2017 under the themes “Theater and cultural development in Africa” and “Theater and sustainable human development”. It will present itself both as the crowning of this decade of reflections and actions around the work of Jean-Pierre Guingané but also as a gateway to the study of the vast artistic and cultural heritage left by the educator, teacher-researcher, popular artist, the man-orchestra Daogo Jean-Pierre Guingané.

This publication project is part of a multi-stakeholder partnership coordinated by FITMO and bringing together academic institutions, cultural organizations and individuals. Thus, institutions such as Joseph Ki-Zerbo University through the LLAES and LADIPA research laboratories of the Doctoral School of Letters,
Human and Social Sciences, the departments of Modern Letters and the Arts, Management and Cultural Administration as well as national and international organizations such as Espace Culturel Gambidi, the Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa (OCPA), the International Theater Institute (ITI) and the ITI-UNESCO Network for Higher Education in performing arts, are stakeholders in this initiative.

The planned work will consist of two parts: a first devoted to scientific research articles and a second dedicated to testimonies and other insights on the man and his work. Researchers, teacher-researchers, intellectuals, artists and cultural activists from all over the world are therefore invited to contribute without discrimination of any kind. The work will be published in French with the prospect of subsequent publications in other languages.

Full professor of dramatic arts, playwright, director, troupe director, founder of a cultural space, director of dramatic arts school, festival director, leader of national and international cultural associations, Jean-Pierre Guingané has strongly marked the artistic and cultural life of his country, Africa and the world for several decades.

He conceptualized and developed the theater-debate, a form of social intervention theater, with which he visited all the regions of Burkina Faso and some neighboring countries to bring messages of hope, peace and commitment to a better well-being for local populations. The practice of theater, for him, was not a coincidence.

As he himself recalled in his speech at the reception of the Grand Prix Afrique du Théâtre Francophone: "I have the weakness of believing that one does not enter the world theater by chance. It's a way of life that implies adherence to a philosophy. One never enters the world of theater only for one's own pleasure. Playwright, director, actor, etc., all the professions of the theater aim to make people and society better known. "

The objective of this work is to capitalize on the sum of the reflections carried out on the work of Jean-Pierre Guingané, since his death in January 2011, by promoting an in-depth analysis of its multiple facets. For us, it is not only a question of fulfilling a duty of memory in recognition of the man who has contributed for half a century to shaping the theatrical landscape in Burkina Faso and beyond national borders, but also to follow a logic of sharing through a work of research and analysis which will allow younger generations to better absorb the intellectual and artistic heritage of this "Monument of culture".
Topics related to his vision of the practice of the arts, his creative process, his work as a trainer (transmission), his commitment as a cultural activist, his infrastructural achievements and his artistic creations will serve as an orientation for expected contributions. To this will be added all the possible reflections on the contributions of theater to sustainable human development.

The proposed lines of thought are as follows:

**Axis 1**: Jean-Pierre Guingané, the cultural, the political and the educational aspect in his life and work

**Axis 2**: Social, political and economic functions of Jean Pierre Guingané's theater

**Axis 3**: Literary and artistic creations by Jean-Pierre Guingané

**Axis 4**: Aesthetics of creation by Jean-Pierre Guingané

**Axis 5**: Sense of the artist's commitment in Jean Pierre Guingané's work

**Axis 6**: Jean-Pierre Guingané, cultural networks and promotion of theater

**Axis 7**: Jean-Pierre Guingané, artistic creation and sustainable human development

The contributions will be the subject of a publication by FITMO and its partners during the year 2021 according to the following calendar:

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