



2018 - The Year of ITI



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Open Call for Nominations of the Message Authors for International Dance Day 2018

The **International Theatre Institute ITI**, the world's largest organization for the performing arts, is declaring **2018** to be the **Year of ITI**, as ITI is celebrating its **70th Anniversary**.

Part of this Anniversary is the celebration of **International Dance Day on 29 April**. Since its beginning, ITI in collaboration with its Dance Committee have selected an author to write a message for this day. ITI then publishes the message and its translations, and thereby promotes the message all over the world to inspire the ITI Centres, its affiliated organizations and institutions, as well as any individual who celebrates the day.

In recognition of the nature of ITI being a globally integrated organization, and having members from all parts of the world, ITI is approaching the selection of the message author for International Dance Day for its Anniversary in a **different way**:

1. This is a truly **Open Call**, inviting all ITI members, all the members of its partner organizations, in fact, anybody who is part of the dance community, or cares for dance, to send in their nomination.
2. ITI will select not only one distinguished personality to write the message for International Dance Day, but **five**: one from each of the five ITI regions that are in alignment with the regions of UNESCO: **Africa, the Americas, the Arab Countries, Asia Pacific** and **Europe**.

That is why **ITI is inviting you**, independent of where you are from, independent of what position you have in the dance world, to send us a proposal of who should write the message for **International Dance Day** in 2018.

Consider that the nominated message author:

- should be an outstanding personality for dance that is not only known in a country but in the region she or he is active;
- should have a high reputation in her or his community for artistic, educational or humanistic achievements and viewpoints;
- can be from your country, your region or your continent, or from anywhere in the world – meaning that you can propose someone independent of where the proposed personality is living and active;

- should help to strengthen the visibility, importance and value of dance – all over the world;
- is alive; posthumous nominations will not be considered.

A message author can have made her or his name as an:

Dancer, choreographer, stage designer for dance, politician, UNESCO or UN leader, dance educator, dance activist, stateswoman, statesmen, dance critic, dance researcher, etc.

What we need from you:

- Do not tell the person that you would like to write the message that you have nominated her or him to write the message 2018. If the person is not chosen, it can have a negative effect on you and ITI.
- Send **ONLY** one name that you would like to nominate in the following way:
 - a) Full name of the person you are nominating
 - b) Short biography and/or links with information about the person on the Internet, YouTube, etc.
 - c) Reason why you are proposing the person
- Send this information by email to **info@iti-worldwide.org**. The General Secretariat will send you an acknowledgement when the nomination has been received. If you do not get any acknowledgement, resend or get in touch with the General Secretariat by email or by fax: +86 21 6236 3053.
- **Send the nomination no later than 15 October 2017**. Nominations that are received after this date will be disregarded.

The **five** message authors for International Dance Day will be selected by the Executive Council in collaboration with the Dance Committee of ITI. The **five** chosen message authors will be announced via the ITI website.


ITI will invite the **five** chosen message authors to the main celebration. Where it will happen is under discussion at the moment. Parallel to this event there will be events all over the world.

Those who nominated a message author will be informed per email. There will be no communication about the reasons why your nominated personality has, or has not, been chosen.

Attached you will find the list of all message authors of International Dance Day since 1962. More information can be found **www.international-dance-day.org**.

We appreciate your sending in your proposal and look forward to receiving your nomination.

With very best wishes


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