The BA Arts Center is announcing a call for participation in the Alexandria International Festival for Contemporary Theater (First Edition), which will be held from 2–7 May 2015 . This event is a new medium with which the BA can introduce international contemporary theater performances to local audiences. Different theater groups from all over the world are invited to take part in the Festival.

The BA will host 10 contemporary theater performances as well as film screenings about contemporary theater to create more opportunities for communication among artists and between the audience and the artists.

**How to apply**

**Theater Performances (Artists may only submit one application)**

Please send the following along with the completed application form by E-mail:

1. Full length DVD (video recording of the whole performance) or a link to the performance on YouTube or a similar website. The uploaded performance has to be in full, even if that means sending more than one link for the same performance.
2. Three high resolution photos of the performance.
3. Summary of the performance in English or Arabic (maximum 7 lines).
4. Cast and crew list (full names) including their roles.
5. Brief description of the group or theater, or the director’s CV in English or Arabic (maximum 7 lines).
6. Group, company, or theater logo (if available).
7. Technical rider (set, sound, light, etc.).

Please send all of the above to one of the following addresses:

E-mail address: saeed.kabeel@bibalex.org

Mail: Bibliotheca Alexandrina, P.O. Box 138, Chatby 21526, Alexandria, Egypt

(Saeed Kabeel, Arts Center) DVDs should be sent by regular mail or special courier.

Submission deadline is Sunday, 1 March 2015. Applicants will be notified after Saturday, 7 March 2015.

Participants are responsible for travel costs to and from Egypt. The Organizing Committee of the Festival will cover local transportation, accommodation (bed and breakfast) for 3 nights for a of maximum 10 people per theater group, and technical support.

**Selection Criteria**

**Performances**

We are interested in hosting a diverse and daring group of theater artists who present new high quality material.

The duration of each performance should not be less than 45 minutes and should not exceed 75 minutes.

Individual notifications will only be sent out to the selected groups/participants.

**Film Screening**

We are interested in receiving films about contemporary theater for public screening. It could be about a theater performance, documentary, technique, or rehearsal.

Three to five films will be selected based on content and film quality.

The duration of the film should not be less than 20 minutes and should not exceed 60 minutes. If an accepted film is longer than 60 minutes, the film makers must edit the film to fit the required length.

An open discussion with the director or the person who submitted the work will follow each screening.