

1ST MITSIKOURI INTERNATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

The official programme of the 1st Mitsikouri Performing Arts Festival for Children and Young People was announced on Tuesday, September 10th. The Festival, organized by ASSITEJ Cyprus, will feature 11 theatre, dance and music productions for children from 10 different countries: The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ireland, United Kingdom, Greece, Iceland and Finland. The programme includes performances for all ages of children, from 0 to 18 years old.

The Festival's aim is to introduce the Cypriot public to contemporary trends in the field of performing arts for children internationally, as well as to offer moments of emotion, magic and laughter for the whole family. With inclusion as the theme of this first edition, most of the productions will be non-verbal, making them accessible to every child.

The performances will be presented in seven different venues in Nicosia, Limassol and Lefkara.

The Festival will also feature a rich parallel programme with workshops, discussions and lectures. The parallel activities will be targeted towards children, parents, professionals, as well as teachers and will be officially presented in the coming days.

The logo of the event has been designed by the distinguished Cypriot artist George Tsangaris.

The opening ceremony of the Festival will take place on October 25th, at 18:00, at the New Town Hall of Nicosia Square, in the presence of the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Cyprus.

The performances featured in the Festival's programme are:



1. Hermit

Simone de Jong Company The Netherlands



Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 Wherehaus 612, Nicosia

Sunday, October 27th, 10:00 Wherehaus 612, Nicosia

Genre: Physical Theatre **Language:** Non-verbal



2. FALL and FLOAT

Mónica Muñoz Dance Ireland



Saturday, October 26th, 15:00 & 18:00 Dance House Lefkosia, Nicosia

Genre: Dance

Language: Non-verbal

The performances are held under the auspices of the Embassy of Ireland in Cyprus.



3. Early Weaves

Ascension Dance United Kingdom



Ascension Dance | Ages: 1-4 | 35 mins. (+15 mins playtime)



Sunday, October 27th, 11:00Dance House Lefkosia, Nicosia

Sunday, October 27th, 16:00 Lefkara Primary School Courtyard*

Genre: Dance Theatre **Language:** Non-verbal

*The show is offered free of charge by the Municipality of Lefkara.



4. Kish Kush

Teatrodistinto Italy



Teatrodistinto | Ages: 3+ | 50 mins.



Sunday, October 27th, 15:00 & 17:00

Dance House Lefkosia, Nicosia

Genre: Physical Theatre **Language:** Non-verbal

The performances are held under the auspices of the Embassy of Italy in Cyprus.



5. LIFE a Mudpie 10 FINGERS Iceland



Sunday, October 27th, 18:30 Wherehaus 612, Nicosia

Genre: Physical Theatre **Language:** Non-verbal



6. Famiglie

La Baracca - Testoni Ragazzi Italy



La Baracca - Testoni Ragazzi | Ages: 2-5 | 35 mins.

Mits/kouti

Saturday, November 2nd, 11:00

Rialto Theatre, Limassol

Sunday, November 3rd, 11:00

The Studio – CYENS (Polis Theatre), Nicosia

Genre: Theatre & Object Theatre

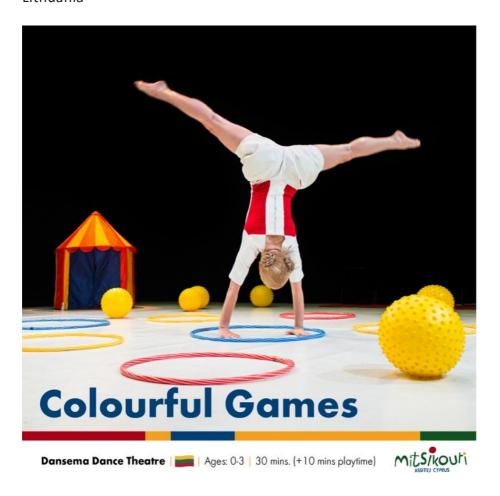
Language: Non-verbal

The performances are held under the auspices of the Embassy of Italy in Cyprus.



7. Colourful Games

Dansema Dance Theatre Lithuania



Saturday, November 2nd, 12:00

The Studio - CYENS (Polis Theatre), Nicosia

Genre: Dance

Language: Non-verbal

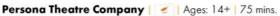
The performance is sponsored and is held under the auspices of the Embassy of Lithuania in Greece, Cyprus and Albania.



8. Ola ta yperoha pragmata (Every brilliant thing)

Persona Theatre Company Cyprus







Saturday, October 26th, 16:00 Yfantourgeio TheWorkplace, Nicosia*

Sunday, November 3rd, 19:00 Marikkou pou ta Lefkara, Lefkara**

Genre: Theatre Language: Greek

*A discussion will follow.

**The show is offered free of charge by the Youth Centre of Lefkara.

The performances are presented in collaboration with the National Betting Authority.



9. CIUDADES II - Arquitecturas en movimiento

Milímetro Spain



Saturday, November 2nd, 18:00

Rialto Theatre, Limassol

Genre: Dance Theatre **Language:** Non-verbal

The performance is sponsored by and is held under the auspices of the Embassy of Spain in Cyprus and the Cervantes Institute Nicosia.



10. Muualla

Ilmatila Finland



Ilmatila | Ages: 4+ | 15 mins. (+45 mins workshop)



Saturday, November 2nd, 18:00

The Studio – CYENS (Polis Theatre), Nicosia

Sunday, November 3rd, 12:00

Rialto Theatre, Limassol

Genre: Contemporary Circus

Language: Non-verbal



11. Zoologikos ihos (The ZOO sound)

Giorgis Christodoulou Greece







Sunday, November 3rd, 17:00 Rialto Theatre, Limassol

Genre: Music Language: Greek

The performance is held under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece in Cyprus.



The Festival is sponsored by the **KYPRIA** programme of the Deputy Ministry of Culture.

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