

Call for Applications

15th International children theatre festival "BITOLINO"

Bitola, 03-07 August 2026

International children theatre festival **"BITOLINO"** is announcing an open call for participation in the competitive programme of it's 15th festival edition which is going to be held 03 August – 07 August 2026, in Bitola, North Macedonia. The host of the festival is a **ACA „Babec Theater“ - Bitola**.

We have successfully completed 14 editions of the festival in the period 2011-2025 with 91 played shows, 14 workshops, attendance of 18.158 spectators. On our festival we have welcomed 59 theater companies from 37 countries and 5 continents.

More informations for the previous festival editions could be found on our web page babec.mk

All puppet and children's theatres, as well as all those theatres which have performances for children in their repertoire are invited to send their applications via [Google Forms](#) by **01 March 2026** at the latest. Applications received beyond the stated deadline will not be considered.

How to apply:

All those applying for official selection are under obligation, to complete the application form and provide:

1. full length video recording of the whole performance
2. 5 photographs of the performance
3. short summary of the performance in English (up to 900 characters)
4. cast and production team list (full names and positions)
5. short text about theatre, or CV (up to 900 characters)
6. theatre logo

Without these elements the application will NOT be considered valid and complete. These elements are necessary for the selection.

Selection process:

The basic criteria for the selection of performances is their artistic quality. The quality of the performances applied for competitive programme will be judged by the festival selector. Selection results will be published on the Festival website by 01 April 2026 at the latest. Individual notifications will be send only to those theatres/participants whose performance is chosen to be presented within competitive programme.

Award:

1. Grand Prix of the Festival for the Best Performance

Award is decided by 3-member international jury chosen from among world-renowned theatre artist and theoreticians.

Conditions of participation:

The Festival covers:

- Food and accommodation for (max.) 3 days.
- fee for participation in the festival program - 300 EURO
- Transport from Skopje/Ohrid International Airport to Bitola
- Technical support

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The contact person is **Filip Etmishovski**, director of the Festival (phone: **0038975313304**, e-mail: **babecteatar@gmail.com**)

We look forward to receiving your application. Please accept our cordial and friendly regards. With true appreciation,

Filip Etmishovski

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'F. Etmishovski', written in a cursive style.

Director of the festival