



**Asociácia / Association
Divadelná Nitra**



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OPEN CALL FOR YOUNG THEATRE CRITICS

V4@THEATRE CRITICS RESIDENCY 2026

Creative residency in Nitra during the International Theatre Festival Divadelná
Nitra, Slovakia

NITRA, 25th – 30th SEPTEMBER 2026

V4@Theatre Critics Residency is a unique platform for development and skills improvement in theatre reflection. It offers participants an opportunity to watch and discuss performances of the 35th edition of the International Theatre Festival Divadelná Nitra under the tutelage of international lecturers, to meet theatre professionals from Europe, take part in a specialized workshop, and engage in debates with artists, critics at the festival.

- ☐ **Analytical seminars**
- ☐ **Masterclass**
- ☐ **Specialized workshop**
- ☐ **Discussions with theatre makers**
- ☐ **Slovak and international performances**
- ☐ **Off-programme Festival events**
- ☐ **Post-Festival online lectures related to the programme**

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- ☐ **VISEGRAD GROUP:** Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland
- ☐ **WESTERN BALKANS:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
- ☐ **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova



BENEFITS

- An opportunity to follow the 35th edition of the International Theatre Festival Divadelná Nitra, the key international theatre festival in Slovakia, highly recognized across Central and Eastern Europe;
- Tickets to selected Festival productions within the main programme and access to off-programme events;
- Accommodation during the residency;
- Lunches while at the festival;
- Reimbursement of return travel costs to Nitra (the most economical means of transport);

HOW TO APPLY

Please, submit an application form and attachments in English to the project partner in your country:

- Czech Republic / Czech Cultural Institute / Barbora Formánková / barbora.formankova@nipk.cz
- Hungary / Trafó – House of Contemporary Arts / borcsi@trafo.hu
- North Macedonia / Macedonian Center ITI/PRODUKCIJA / Dr. Ivanka Apostolova / ivankaapostolova@gmail.com
- Moldova / Center for Cultural Projects Azart / Rusanda Curca / cpcazart@gmail.com
- Poland / Zbigniew Raszewski Theatre Institute / Maria Wojciechowska / zrti@instytut-teatralny.pl
- Slovakia / Association Divadelná Nitra / Tamara Vajdíková / tamara.vajdikova@gmail.com
- Other countries (WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine) / Association Divadelná Nitra / Tamara Vajdíková / tamara.vajdikova@gmail.com

Required attachments:

1. Application form
2. Motivation letter (interested to improve his / her presentation skills, critical reflection skills, and analysis of a theatre production)
3. CV



4. Accreditation for writing a review about the Festival in local media (a confirmation from media outlet to publish review has to be attached together with application in English). After the Festival, the participants of the residency in Nitra are requested to publish an article in the form of a review about the ITF Divadelná Nitra productions.



Selection process:

Based on the selection criteria below, the project partners will nominate 2 – 3 applicants from each eligible country to the main organizer, The Association Divadelná Nitra. The Association will then select and announce a maximum of 12 participants. The rest of nominated applicants will be substitutions.

Selection criteria:

1. Professional theatre critics aged up to 35 years (priority will be given to applicants who already pursue their professional carriers, not students);
2. Fluency in English (spoken and written).

Other terms:

Participants will be also asked to write a review in a relevant periodical in their home country and attend post-Festival online lecture.

The convenor, The Association Divadelná Nitra, reserves the right to changes to the project as per current situation.

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: 10 AUGUST 2026

PROJECT COORDINATOR

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