

ESFN call

SHAKESPHERE



*... spherical, like a globe;
I could find out countries in her.*

Comedy of Errors

This is a call for new work, from the world theatre community.

After an enormously successful first season in 2022, when 42 project proposals were received from around the world, we are delighted to announce the call for the **2023 Shakesphere programme**.

The **ESFN (European Shakespeare Festivals Network)** brings together the key festivals across Europe who present Shakespeare from an international perspective. Our mission is to encourage collaboration across the various festivals, and to develop new opportunities and possibilities for theatre and performance makers who want to work with Shakespeare.

The **ESFN** are delighted to announce a world-wide competition call for a for a small-scale production for 2023.

The winner will be invited to six member festivals during the year:

York International Shakespeare Festival (UK) 24 April – 1 May, 2023

Shakespeare Festival im Globe Neuss (Germany) 13 May – 10 June 2023

Itaka Shakespeare Festival (Serbia) 29 June – 6 July 2023

Gdansk Shakespeare Festival (Poland) 28 July – 6 August 2023

The Verona Shakespeare Festival and Fringe (Italy) 24 August – 31 August 2023

Craiova International Shakespeare Festival (Romania) presentation will be part of the usual season between 20 April – 30 April 2023

There may also be an opportunity to be part of the **Shakespeare Festival at Hamlet's Castle** (Denmark) 3 August – 13 August 2023

To apply, you must be available to perform at all six festivals.

- WHAT DO WE EXPECT?**
- A piece derived from Shakespeare's plays or reworking of his text.
 - Around 60-80 minutes in length.
 - Maximum of 5 in the total touring company and at least 2 actors.
 - No touring set - all props and costumes should be able to travel with the actors as standard luggage

- WHAT DO WE OFFER?**
- Once the chosen performance is announced, there will be an opportunity to discuss these conditions with each festival, and to confirm the fee and other details.

All festivals organisers will provide:

- The festival's regular performance fee for at least two performances
- Accommodation and local transport
- The venue and technical support
- Additional days in residence, meetings with other artists, tickets to performances
- The ESFN will work with the winning company and other partners to try to find funding to cover travel costs

- TO APPLY IS SIMPLE:**
- Please **send us:**
- A cv of your company and your previous achievements
 - A one page statement of your idea for this performance.
 - A two minute video in English, of you speaking to camera about your piece
 - Supporting material: links to online material, photographs, and films of previous productions

- SCHEDULE:**
- The call for applications** is open until midnight on **30 December, 2022**, and we will announce the successful production on **January 20, 2023**.

You can find out more information about our organisation and the full conditions of the call at www.esfn.eu.