



MITTELYOUNG

Open Call

*For Theatre, Dance and Music projects
of UNDER-30 artists, companies and collectives
from Central Europe and the Balkans*

9 projects for MittelYoung (24-27 June)

the 3 best projects for Mittelfest (27 August-5 September)

Introduction:

Born from the enthusiasm of the fall of the Iron Curtain, in its first thirty years Mittelfest has transformed Cividale del Friuli into an outpost where Western and Eastern Europe meet. Every summer Mittelfest gives life to a fascinating and important secular rite in the form of theatre, music and dance, by gathering artists and audiences from the central countries of the Old Continent, the same countries that were divided into two blocks during the second half of the 20th century.

Thus, for thirty years Mittelfest has nourished and revived a reunification of languages and cultures that for centuries were used to exchanges and mixtures, but then were forced to mutual isolation and opposition for a handful of decades.

Today, at least one generation after that intuition of the early 1990s, in this brand new 21st century, Mittelfest is faced with a new and unprecedented challenge: to deal with the cultural and emotional geography and sense of the idea of Mitteleuropa. Out of the Habsburg myth and the beautiful era between the 19th and 20th centuries, what does Mitteleuropa mean today? What faces, habits, sounds, places does it evoke? How does it fit into our globalized present and in the near future?

It is in the wake of these questions and the aim to pursue their answers **that MittelYoung** originates: a window - **from 24 to 27 June 2021** - entirely dedicated to theatre, music and dance performances by under-30 Italian, Central European and Balkan artists. With MittelYoung, Mittelfest intends to bring out the visions of a generation who is totally immersed in a new and open century. For this reason, some performances of the end of June event will be selected to be rescheduled during Mittelfest 2021 Eredi (heirs/heiresses) from 27 August to 5 September.

Therefore, the applications submitted with this open call will be **examined by a group of under-30 curators** appointed by Mittelfest in cooperation with a few training institutions of Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

Among the applications submitted, under the coordination of Mittelfest artistic direction, the group of curators will select **9 projects (3 theatre, 3 music, 3 dance) to be showcased from 24 and 27 June 2021 in Cividale del Friuli.**

Afterwards, the same group of curators together with the artistic direction will further select up to **3 projects among those 9 (1 theatre, 1 music, 1 dance) to be re-scheduled during Mittelfest Eredi (heirs/heiresses) from 27 August to 5 September.**

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Art. 1 Eligibility criteria

The call is open to:

- ensembles/companies of artists under the age of 30
- individual artists under the age of 30

Ensembles/companies may count up to a maximum of 6 members and must be based in one of the following countries:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland and Hungary.

All members of the artistic staff must be aged between 18 and 30 at the time of submitting the application. Any technical staff is not subject to age limits.

Individual under-30 artists must be nationals of or permanent residents in one of the above-mentioned countries.

The projects submitted must be in line with the theme "Eredi" (heirs/heiresses) of Mittelfest 2021 edition.

"One is an heir or an heiress not only for the traces that have been settled on each of us by people and customs over time and space, but especially when one chooses what to do with this individual heritage in the present... What choices shall we make? To disown or to pass on? To get better or worse? To take something new or to give up? What freedoms and responsibilities lie within our scope?"

Works unreleased in Friuli Venezia Giulia will be taken in special consideration.

The staging/production of the submitted projects must be in compliance with anti-COVID-19 guidelines, in particular as regards live performances.

Given the current epidemiological situation, it is advisable to plan in advance also a digital format of the project.

Art. 2 Dates and locations

Stage 1: MittelYoung from 24 to 27 June 2021 in Cividale del Friuli (UD), Italy

Stage 2: Mittelfest Eredi (heirs/heiresses) from 27 August to 5 September 2021 in Cividale del Friuli (UD), Italy

Art. 3 Conditions

Associazione Mittelfest is offering to each selected project (stage 1) funding up to EUR 4,000.00, which will be calculated on the basis of the number of people involved and the type of performance.

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Art. 4 Application process

The application form can be downloaded from the website www.mittelfest.org and must be accompanied, under penalty of exclusion, by:

1. A short biography of the artist or company,
2. Personal data (date of birth, tax residence, nationality, role) of all members of the ensemble (artistic and technical staff):

Download personal data form

3. Project description of the show
4. Technical data sheet of the show (itinerant performances that do not require a fixed location will also be taken into consideration)

Download the TECHNICAL DATA SHEET and the photos of MittelYoung LOCATIONS

5. Project summary or script (in Italian or English)
6. Photos and/or videos (links, if available) of the show and/or anything else relevant to the selection
7. For non-unreleased projects, list of repeats performed up to the date of the application submission
8. List of repeats scheduled until September 2021
9. Information sheet of the EU General Data Protection Regulation duly completed

Download General Data Protection Regulation

By signing the present call, the person engaged gives his consent to the processing and distribution of the data provided and also acknowledges that he is fully aware of the content and purposes of this processing, pursuant to the **Decree GDPR 679/2016 UE** (General Data Protection Regulation) and subsequent amendments and/or additions.

Art. 5 Project selection: stage 1 and stage 2

Selection - Stage 1

The submitted projects will be examined and evaluated by an ad-hoc commission of under-30 curators with the coordination of Mittelfest artistic director. For the establishment of this Commission our thanks go to Associazione culturale Arearea, Civica Accademia d'Arte Drammatica Nico Pepe, Conservatorio Statale di Musica Giuseppe Tartini di Trieste, Conservatorio Statale di Musica Jacopo Tomadini di Udine, Fondazione Luigi Bon and, in addition, Associazione giovanile Robida, Convitto Nazionale Paolo Diacono, Teatro Club Udine - Palio Teatrale Studentesco, Scuola di Danza Erica Bront.

The Commission will select up to 3 projects for each sector (theatre, music and dance) for a maximum of 9 projects in total, which will be officially included in the programme of **MittelYoung** (from 24 to 27 June 2021).

The shortlisted individual artists or companies will be notified of the official confirmation via e-mail **by 20 April 2021**.

Selection - Stage 2

During **MittelYoung** event, the Commission will select from 1 to 3 projects (maximum one for each sector) to be included in the programme of **Mittelfest Eredi (heirs/heirresses)**. The selected projects will be scheduled between 1 and 5 September 2021 in Cividale del Friuli.

Each project passing this second selection will be granted at least the same financial support allocated in stage 1.

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The selected projects will be announced by **8 July 2021** on Mittelfest social media channels (<https://www.facebook.com/Mittelfest> and <https://www.instagram.com/mittelfest/>) and on Mittelfest website: www.mittelfest.org

The Commission may request further information on the submitted projects to complete the documentation already provided.

The evaluation criteria of the Selection Commission are unquestionable.

Art. 6 Deadline for applications

Applications must be submitted **by 31 March 2021 at 12.00** to the following e-mail address: selezione@mittelfest.org

For further information please contact: artistica@mittelfest.org

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