

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to take part in the next edition of the “Danail Chirpansky” International Student Theatre Festival, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria from 05<sup>th</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

International Student Theatre Festival “Danail Chirpansky” is a five days event (05<sup>th</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> April 2019) during which students from theatre academies from across Europe will showcase their graduate projects and participate in thematic workshops, panel discussions and round tables with experts in the broad field of performative arts. Exhibitions and concerts are also included in the festival program.

**ISTF “Danail Chirpansky”** is an initiative run by young professionals from the fields of theatre and media. It is focused on developing the talents of students in the field of Performing Arts and helping them reach their full potential. Our mission is to provide the students with a platform where they can share knowledge and experience which will help to improve their own creative work. Teachers and tutors from different countries and backgrounds will also receive the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss educational techniques and practices to create future professionals and develop networking.

In 2016 the Festival was one of the eight projects approved for co-funding by the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture of UNESCO. In the first edition (October, 2017), there were over 120 participants from GITIS (**Moscow**), VGIK (**Moscow**), RESAD (**Madrid**), Royal CSSD (**London**), TAFU (**Tbilisi**), NT Drama School (Athens), NATFA (**Sofia**) and the jury consisted of the proclaimed **Kama Ginkas, Maya Pramatarova and Dejan Dukovski**.

The nature of the event is academic - 5 days long platform which provides mutual collaboration between the future professionals and contact with important representatives of the global theater community. The main goal is for the students to witness the artistic achievements of their colleagues, exchange experiences and therefore, we strongly recommend the participants to stay for the whole duration of the festival.

The festival provides:

- The **5 day accommodation** and meals for up to **10 people** (including teachers and staff).
- **Full accreditation** for free attendance to all festival activities
- The **local transportation** of the participants from SOFIA to STARA ZAGORA.
- **Technical staff** for the stage, lights and sound

We are looking forward to collaborate with you.

Best regards,

The team of the Festival