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Invitation

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Meeting Point Finland 2019

- Invitation to Puppet Theatre Master Class and Seminar with Kulttuurimylyly Festival - International Street Theatre & Puppetry Carnival on 23.9-28.9.2019 in Helsinki Finland

UNIMA Finland and Maria Baric Company are happy to announce this open invitation to all our Nordic colleagues and fellow puppet theatre artists to attend Meeting Point Finland 2019 and Kulttuurimylyly Festival - the first ever international street theatre and puppetry festival in Eastern Helsinki, Finland.

Meeting Point Finland 2019 is a multinational and multicultural art project that calls the Nordic puppet theatre artists to come together and join the Kulttuurimylyly Festival, in which Nordic puppeteers enhance and change the knowhow of puppetry and street theatre - aiming at the equality of all artistic and suburban participants. The project and its artistic results will be shared as a concept for future artistic collaboration projects in other Nordic countries within NORDPU, Nordic Puppeteer Directory. The project has been funded by Nordic Culture Point.

Meeting Point Finland 2019 and Kulttuurimylyly Festival program includes:

- Cuban Puppetry and Street Theatre Master Class,
- Puppet Theatre Seminar,
- Street Theatre & Puppetry Carnival and
- other performances, workshops and events.

Apply for the Meeting Point Finland 2019 Artist Grant* until 12.5.2019

Meeting Point Finland 2019 project enables nordic puppeteers to apply for an artist grant to attend the Kulttuurimylyly Festival. For the chosen artists the grant will cover travels, accomodation, lunches and coffee/tea refreshments, attendance to the Master Class and Seminar as well as all the performances, workshops and other activities of the project during 23.9-28.9.2019. See the attachment for further information and apply online until 12.5.2019.

Approach Finland's capital from a whole new and inspiring perspective, experience Eastern Helsinki like never before and join us in creating something new and unique to this community! Welcome to Helsinki in September!

Sincerely,

Aapo Repo
Chairperson
UNIMA Finland

Maria Baric
Artistic Director
Maria Baric Company

**Please note, that the number of given artist grants is limited. However, in case of not being chosen for the grant, you are still most welcome to join Meeting Point Finland 2019 and the festival at your own expense. In this case, we recommend the Festival Deluxe Package, which enables you for the total cost of 480 € to enjoy the same all-inclusive benefits as the grant artists receive during the festival week, including free lunches and coffee/tea refreshments. The only exception is travels and accommodation expenses, which this festival package does not cover.*



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program

- Mon 23.9. Welcoming Ceremony
Puppet Theatre Seminar, "Art in Suburbs" in Kulttuurimyly (afternoon)
Kick-off dinner
- Tue 24.9. - Thu 26.9.
Cuban Puppetry and Street Theatre Master Class for professionals
- Fri 27.9 "The Helsinki Experience" and preparations for the next day's event
- Sat 28.9. Street Theatre & Puppetry Carnival
Ending Ceremony

Puppet Theatre Seminar "Art in Suburbs"

We will start off the Festival week together with interesting keynotes and case examples on performing puppetry art's impact on suburban areas and wellbeing of communities.

Puppet Theatre Master Class "Cuban Puppetry and Street Theatre"

Cuban puppet master and street theatre artist Adan Rodriguez and Cuban internationally acclaimed musician and theatre composer Raul Valdes with their team of street theatre artists

will host a true Cuban Master Class in Helsinki. They give their insights on street art and puppet theatre especially executed with recycled materials. Master Class will include workshops in building puppets and musical instruments. At the end of the class we will bring some of the local people of diverse backgrounds to work with us. Together we will plan and execute a true nordic-cuban carnival procession that will take over the eastern suburbs of Helsinki and neighbouring city of Vantaa.

The Master Class takes place in a new cultural centre Kulttuurimyly in an area called Myllypuro. Master Class is created in collaboration with both Finnish and Cuban partners and cultural institutions.

Street Theatre & Puppetry Carnival

We invite artists to share their ideas and artistic projects with nordic colleagues and join us in creating a unique street theatre festival that will take over the suburbs of Eastern Helsinki and neighbouring city of Vantaa! The festival is built around the street carnival procession produced during the master class workshops with local people. We hope to create an open space where professional productions and creativity meet international collaboration and community art.



Program updates and more information:

www.kulttuurimyly.com/festival

registration

There are two ways to join us:

Option 1.

Meeting Point Finland 2019 Artist Grant

-Eligible for puppet theatre artists from Nordic countries

Artists from Nordic countries can apply for the grant that includes the whole program for the week, accommodation, travel as well as some meals during Master Class. We are looking for professional artists who are intrigued by unexpected performing environments and community art, who thrive to work in multicultural setting and with different audiences. You don't have to know it all, but you need an open heart and curiosity. Apply on the festival's web page!

Option 2.

Kulttuurimyly Festival Deluxe package 480 €*

- Open for professional artists around the world

Includes: seminar, Master Class, VIP Festival pass including all the festival performances, workshops and other activities, welcoming and ending ceremonies of the festival, kick-off dinner as well as lunches and coffee/tea refreshments in Kulttuurimyly during Master Class.

Register now: www.kulttuurimyly.com/festival

**Price does not include travel & accommodation costs, but if needed, we are happy to help you to apply for other travelling grants etc. from your country by sending you an official invitation letter to the festival. If you have such needs, please contact our festival producer elina@mariabaric.com.*

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grants**

- Eligible for nordic puppet theatre artists
- Artist Grants includes: travel, accommodation, Seminar, Master Class, VIP tickets to all the performances, workshops and other activities of the festival, welcoming and ending ceremonies, kick-off dinner and lunches in Kulttuurimyly during the master class
- No registration fee!
- Apply now until 12.5.2019:
www.kulttuurimyly.com/festival

*** The grant can only be used for this Meeting Point Finland 2019 project on Kulttuurimyly Festival 22.-28.9.2019. Travel and accommodation costs for chosen artists arriving from each nordic country have been pre-calculated and therefore any possible expenses exceeding the grant due to i.ex better accommodation, specific travel arrangements or any kind of upgrade will be paid by the grant receiver.*



Introducing the leaders of Meeting Point Finland 2019

Aapo Repo, chairperson of UNIMA Finland, puppeteer, working in Finland in Nukkereaktori and in Denmark in Teater Refleksjon.

Maria Baric, artistic director of Maria Baric Company (Finland), which is an award winning, internationally acclaimed visual theatre group most known for its scripted fire theatre and puppetry performances accompanied by original music and elements of street theatre, puppetry, circus and dance.

Kulttuurimyly

Kulttuurimyly (Cultural Mill) is a lively cultural centre and the home theatre of Maria Baric Company, located in the vivid suburbs of Myllypuro in Eastern Helsinki. It is a multiartistic cultural space created to bring joy and beautiful art experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. Its unique location in close proximity with public sports hall sparks up exciting and innovative collaboration projects combining arts, sports and wellbeing.



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