



39th INTERNATIONAL THEATRICAL FESTIVAL VALISE

25 - 28 June 2026, Łomża (Poland)

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REGULATIONS

ORGANIZER OF THE FESTIVAL

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The Festival Director is the Director of the Puppet and Actor Theatre in Łomża - Jarosław Antoniuk

DATE AND LOCATION

39th INTERNATIONAL THEATRICAL FESTIVAL VALISE will take place 25 - 28 June 2026 in The Puppet and Actor Theatre in Łomża. The performances will be staged in the auditorium of the theatre as well as in other indoor and outdoor venues in Łomża.

THE AIMS OF THE FESTIVAL

- Review of performances staged by small cast theatres from Poland and abroad.
- Presentation of new trends in the theatre.
- Creating a platform for exchanging ideas and experiences between creators and audience.
- Competition between Polish and foreign theatrical forms.
- Promotion of Polish and foreign theatrical creations through the media, advertising and the participation of guests from abroad.
- Building a structure of partnership, cooperation, openness, tolerance and mutual understanding.

CO-ORGANIZERS

- The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
- The Voivode of Podlasie
- The Marshal of Podlaskie Voivodship
- The President of Łomża
- The Prefect of the County District

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The Festival is an international review open to:

1. Professional institutional and non-institutional theatres.
2. Students of drama schools.

The performances presented at the Festival may feature various styles and techniques of theatrical expression, provided they meet the following conditions:

1. Preference will be given to small cast performances, although it is possible to invite performances with a cast of up to 8 people.

2. The number of participants in each ensemble must not exceed 12 people.
3. The duration of the performance must not exceed 90 minutes.
4. Technical conditions must allow staging the performance on any stage - portative set design.
5. The performance is related to the theatre form.

In order to participate in the Festival, an Application Form, a recording of the submitted performance, information and advertising materials (programme, poster, placard), information about the performance and the theatre as well as 5 photographs of the submitted performance must be sent by 15 January 2026, directly to the following address: dyrektor@teatrlomza.pl. Qualification will be made by the Qualification Board, appointed by the Festival Director.

Organizers provide the performers with:

1. Hotel accommodation for the duration of the Festival, starting from one day prior to the festival.
2. Breakfast, lunch and dinner during the stay in Łomża.
3. Payment of 10.000 PLN net for the performance.
4. Technical support and facilities necessary to stage the performance.
5. Promotional materials.
6. Transfer from the airport and return in case of arrival at Warsaw Chopin or Warsaw Modlin Airport

The cost of travel is covered by the performers.

JURY AND PRIZES

The festival is a competition, the jury appointed by the Festival Director will review the performances and award the following prizes with a total value of 22.000 PLN net:

- Grand Prix – an award for the best performance
- Best Director
- Best Scenography
- Best Music
- 3 equal Best Actor Awards
- Special Award

PARTICIPANT'S COMMITMENTS

Upon qualification, the Participant shall present the submitted performance to be reviewed in the competition. The performance shall be presented only once. The Participant agrees to have the fragments of the performance recorded by the organizers and/or television and to publishing information materials in the press and festival releases free of charge. The Participant shall also delegate their representative to be present at the closing ceremony, and shall settle any and all matters pertaining to copyright fees.

ADDITIONAL RULES

A theatre that has applies to participate in the Festival will receive notification no later than 10 March 2026 of the qualification result. During the Festival, accompanying events and performances are expected to be organized. Participation of observers shall be on the basis of accreditation, including the costs of accommodation and a pass. The amount of accreditation will be determined no later than 20 April 2026. Signing the Application Form constitutes acceptance and obliges the theatre to comply with the provisions of these regulations.

Jarosław Antoniuk
Director of International Theatrical Festival VALISE