

## Dear colleagues-puppeteers,

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to take part in II Kyiv International festival of puppet theatres "PuppetUP" which is going to be held in Kyiv, Ukraine from 8 till 12 of Septembet 2018 on the stage of Kyiv Academic Puppet Theatre ("Castle on the hill"). Our theatre is one of the oldest professional theaters in Ukraine and Kyiv in particular. Founded in 1927, today our theatre is a unique cultural center with its special aesthetic and artistic handwriting.

The festival will be held for the second time with the support of the Kyiv City State Administration and the Department of Culture. The first edition of the festival took place from 30 of September to 4 of October, 2017. First festival had confirmed the importance of such event for Ukrainian capital. Around the festival events were united over 10,000 spectators (Kyiv inhabitants and guests of the capital), 250 participants of the festival, representing 20 countries of the world, international jury from 4 countries.

The following is the conditions of the festival: participants need to afford their traveling expenses to and from Kyiv, Ukraine and shipping costs of performance facilities. The Organizing Committee will bear the costs of each troupe (no more than 10 people) for meals, accommodations, and transportation within Kyiv including shuttle services to/from airport, as well as festival tickets.

Therefore, if you are interested in our invitation please find in the attachment the application form, fill it and send it back to us (<u>puppettheatre@ukr.net</u>) till 1 of May 2018.

We hope that you and your great team will be able to join us at this year's Festival and look forward to meeting you in Kyiv.

Looking forward to your reply.

with best regards, team of II Kyiv International festival of puppet theatres "PuppetUP"