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## Beyond Front@: Bridging Periphery OPEN CALL: Sissi Autumn Dance Week 2023 in Hungary

Beyond Front@: Bridging Periphery is a new Creative Europe project created by Central Europe Dance Theatre (Hungary), Bunker (Slovenia), HIPPI (Croatia), Krakow Dance Theatre (Poland), M Studio (Romania) and Vitlycke - Centre for Performing Arts (Sweden) to foster local development of the contemporary dance fields. The project is announcing an Open Call for participation in the festival *Sissi Autumn Dance Week 2023* organised by Central Europe Dance Theatre (CEDT).



**Sissi Autumn Dance Week:** Every year since 2012, the Sissi Autumn Dance Week has been organised by the Central Europe Dance Theatre with the professional collaboration of the Bethlen Square Theatre. The permanent venue of the event is located in the heart of the 7th district – or Elisabethtown of Budapest. The district's namesake, Queen Elizabeth – popularly known as Sissi – was born 185 years ago last year, and the week-long dance festival traditionally organised around her name day. Bethlen Square Theatre, which has



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been the home of contemporary dance for the previous 15 years, has contributed to the celebration of the district's birthday with this festival, which will feature performances by 7 different companies over 7 days. The festival attracts dance companies from the countryside and beyond, and CEDT, as the host of the weekly programme, always performs at the festival.

The festival was launched with the aim of creating a tradition, and the invited artists are established members of the young generation of choreographers, whose works are fresh and topical, communicating with the contemporary community and socially sensitive.

This year, thanks to the Beyond Front@ project, international productions will also be on show on the following three days: 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## Central Europe Dance Theatre

The Central Europe Dance Theatre (CEDT) has a long history: the first contemporary dance theatre in Hungary, it is one of the best known in Hungary and abroad. As its name suggests, it is committed to a specific geographical region, to defining itself within it, to programmatically exploring and interpreting the fate of the Carpathian Basin and its region, encoded in the world of movement. The CEDT is a company in which everyone, from children to students, from young adults to families, can find a common experience, offered to them by several programmes. Since its foundation, the company has performed in 47 cities in 24 countries, with nearly 170 premieres by more than 80 artists.

## Who can apply

The application is open to professional dancers, choreographers and companies in the fields of contemporary dance and performing arts active **only** in Beyond Front@: Bridging Periphery partner countries: Croatia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Sweden. This call is addressed to them.

## Expenses

The festival will cover the following expenses for participants:

- Professional fees (established by the Festival\*)
- Accommodation



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- Per diem
- Travel costs

\* Professional fees paid by the Festival to each company or dance group will be agreed upon beforehand, according to the format of the work.

## Application

Deadline for applications is midnight 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We suggest sending proposals at your earliest convenience. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Send your application merged in **one** PDF file to [farkas.kristof@cedt.hu](mailto:farkas.kristof@cedt.hu). If the size of the application is too large, use Wetransfer to transfer the attached documents.

The application must include:

- Video link of the performance (total duration, not a trailer)
- Brief description of the performance
- Brief bio of choreographer/company
- Technical requirements (stage and light plan)
- Number of people on tour
- Economic expectation for professional fees
- Preference will be given to productions with few and/or easily movable set elements and/or short installation times.

## Selection

The selection will be made by the qualified programming team of the festival *Sissi Autumn Dance Week*. The results from the selection will be sent by email to all the applicants.

For further inquiries please email: [farkas.kristof@cedt.hu](mailto:farkas.kristof@cedt.hu)

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