Prague Quadrennial 2023

What is PQ

The Prague Quadrennial (PQ) was founded in 1967 as an international exhibition of theatre design and architecture. Over the years, it has become a unique platform that connects artists, institutions, professionals, researchers, students and the general public via various projects and activities. Once every four years, it all culminates in a 11-day festival in Prague. It is open not only to official representation of countries and regions within the main exhibitions but also to independent artists and artist collectives, educators and students who can participate in the extensive program of additional projects.

The 14th edition of the largest international festival of theatre and stage design took place from 6th to 16th June 2019 on the Prague Exhibition Grounds premises and elsewhere in Prague. During those 11 days, the PQ locations drew some 70,000 viewers. 8,005 professionals, students and other active participants from 106 countries accredited for the main part of the program consisting of exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and performances.

The Prague Quadrennial is organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and realized by the Arts and Theatre Institute.

How to take part in PQ 2023

The next edition of PQ will take place from 8th to 18th June 2023.

a) Main exhibitions: Exhibition of Countries and Regions, Student Exhibition, Fragments

In the three main exhibitions of PQ – Exhibition of Countries and Regions, Student Exhibition, and Fragments – every country/region can be represented only once. Each country/region appoints its own Curator of Countries and Regions who submits the obligatory application form. Each participating country/region is responsible for the organizational, financial and artistic aspects of their own presentations at PQ. The process of selecting the Curator of Countries and Regions is within the responsibility of each country/region, and can be done via an open call, appointment from the Ministry of Culture, local OISTAT Centre, etc. The Exhibition of Countries and Regions and the Student Exhibition are competitive – the Golden Triga Award for the best presentation is recommended by the International Jury, other exhibitions can be awarded Honorary and/or Special Awards.

b) Other projects: PQ Studio, PQ Performance, Performance Space Exhibition, PQ Talks, Best Publication Award

The Curator of Countries and Regions, or any other independent artist, can apply to participate in any additional curated activities by PQ. For these additional projects, there will be open calls, and the PQ Curators have the right to choose, accept or refuse entries.

Artistic and organizational conditions of participation in the PQ are stated in the Statute and Artistic Concept.

The deadline for Applications for the main exhibitions is on 30th November 2021.

Open calls for the additional curated activities will be published on 31st October 2021.