

THE JOURNEY TO THE WONDERLAND



SLOVAK THEATRES TO CHILDREN

GILRS AND BOYS, DO YOU KNOW THE WONDERLAND? DON ´T YOU? BUT YOU VISIT IT SO OFTEN.

IT IS FULL OF UNBELIEVABLE STORIES AND FANTASTIC CHARACTERS.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THIS WONDERFUL LAND IS?

IT IS IN YOUR DREAMS, IT IS WHEN YOU GO TO BED IN THE EVENING, IT IS WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND START DREAMING.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN CHANGE DREAMS INTO REALITY.

YOU ONLY HAVE TO GO TO THE THEATRE. OR EVEN TO THE EXHIBITION WHERE THESE STORIES AND CHARACTERS LIVE THEIR LIVES FURTHER ON. DO ONLY ONE THING. COVER YOUR EYES WITH YOUR HANDS. HAVE YOU DONE IT?

AND NOW UNCOVER THEM SLOWLY – LIKE THE CURTAIN IN THE THEATRE.

BEHIND IT, THERE LIES THE WONDERLAND.

LOOK CAREFULLY AROUND IF YOU CAN FIND IN IT THE FAMILIAR STORIES AND CHARACTERS FROM YOUR DREAMS AND FROM THEATRE PRODUCTIONS.

The exhibition presents the work of Slovak professional puppet theatres and independent groups and productions of drama, opera and ballet ensembles dedicated to children.

In Slovakia, there work five professional puppet theatres which were founded gradually from early 1950s. After 1990 there have been founded various independent and private groups playing for children. Some drama theatres present productions for children on regular basis. The rest of theatres, including the Slovak National Theatre in Bratislava, occasionally include in their repertoire dramatic, operatic or ballet performances for children. Theatres of national minorities play in the Hungarian, Ruthenian and Roma language.

At the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava there is the Puppetry Department where puppetry, directing and dramaturgy and stage design are taught.

From 1977 in Banská Bystrica the festival of Slovak professional puppet theatres is held biennially, called the BĀBKARSKĀ BYSTRICA. In 1992 it changed its status and became the international festival.

STRETNUTIE, SETKÁNÍ, SPOTKANIE, TALÁLKOZÁS – it is the annual showcase of theatres and theatre schools of the V4 countries, which has been held since 1999 in Nitra.

From 2005 the FESTIVAL OF BRATISLAVA PUPPET THEATRE is held annually in Bratislava.

From 2008 the festival of professional puppet theatres, BĀBKOVĀ ŽILINA, is held in Žilina.

In summer months, BIBIANA, the international art house for children, organizes from 2001 the international festival of small groups of alternative and puppet theatre, HRÁME PRE VÁS, and it focuses mostly on the youngest audience.

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