

**Call to 1st JIGI JIGI INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
OF PERFORMING ARTS- MASHHAD, 22-30 APRIL 2018**

In the memorial of Jigi Jigi, Simorgh Company with collaboration of Municipality and Municipal Council of Mashhad hold the first edition of Jigi Jigi International Festival of Performing Arts to appreciate all artists who make people happy.

Jigi jigi is the pseudonym of an artist who lived in Mashhad about half century ago. Through performing solo puppet shows accompanying playing music, Jigi Jigi made children happy and had an immortal place in children heart.

This festival will be hold under the motto of development of intercultural relationships based on world peace and friendship and its basis is making children happy and connecting people all around the world using performing arts.

❖ Festival programs:

1) Performing solo puppet shows by international artists

- All professional artists from all around the world and Iranians abroad can take part in this part. There is no limitation for performing technique.
- Performing groups should fill the festival application form and upload their show video (YouTube, Vimeo, etc) and send its link.
- After reviewing the works, Festival committee will select and invite 8 groups to participate in the festival.
- Maximum persons in each group is two persons (one puppeteer and one technician)
- The way of paying costs will be informed to participant groups after reviewing the works.

2) Performing solo puppet shows by national artists

- All professional group from all around Iran can take part in this part.

3) Performing solo puppet shows by children and young adults of Mashhad

- All children and young adults who live in Mashhad and have activity in performing groups of their school can take part in this part.

4) International Playwriting Competition for children or teenagers group

- One the most important parts of the festival is playwriting competition for two age-groups of children and teenagers.
- a) Children group including age group of 7-12
- b) Teenage group including age group of 13-18
- Taking in consideration these age groups, each writer can take part in both parts or only one part without any limitation for subject and content.
- Participants should fill the application form and send their play in PDF format via email.
- After reading the works Jury Team select one play for children part and one play for teenage part. The winner of each part will receive 1000USD.
- Select works will be published in Persian and English by Afraz Publication and one edition will be sent to all participants of this part.

5) Puppet making and puppetry Workshops

- Artists from all around the world who are willing to participate in this part should send their biography, a complete description of their workshop and some images.
- It is considered at least two workshops for each participant that should take about 3 hours.
- Participants of performing part who are willing to hold workshop should inform the festival about their interest in holding workshop.
- The way of paying cost will be determined after sending the application form.

❖ Participating Conditions:

- The work must be of high quality and done solo.
- All participants must have insurance during the trip.
- Each participant must perform at least two performances.
- In addition to festival application form, each participant should send play complete script, his/her biography, his/her photo and four image of high quality of the show to be used in the festival book.

- Participants must bear their travel costs (ticket, visa...). Festival will help those groups who can't afford their travel costs but these groups should do more performances or hold workshops.
- Each participant can perform show in his/her language.
- The show must be at least 40 min and maximum 60 min. All shows will be performed in auditoriums.
- Participants can send an English article about their country puppet theater to be published in festival magazine
- Each participant may be invited to participate in a symposium, seminar or TV program to introduce his/her country theater.
- It is festival committee right to record all performances and use them for advertisement and etc.

Festival Facilities:

- Accommodation and meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for five nights
- Free access to all festival programs
- Visiting traditional and historical places
- Local transportation and transportation from airport to hotel and hotel to airport
- Technical supports
- Festival diploma
- Festival present (Iranian souvenirs)
- Festival language is English or Persian. Participants who do not know English and Persian should inform festival to required translator is considered.

Deadline to apply for each part is March 10. Selected groups will be informed March 15.

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