## Activities Finnish Centre of ITI (Europe)

World Theatre Day 2015. DuvTeatern, the winners of the Thalia Award 2014 (by TINFO). Photo: Piia Volmari (TINFO)



### Activities 2014–2016

The Centre is a Finnish theatre information centre providing information on a national and international basis, and cooperating with professional theatre artists, directors, producers and festival managers. TINFO facilitates artistic networks by organizing events, seminars, workshops, play readings and showcases in co-operation with different partners in Finland and abroad. TINFO publishes annual Finnish theatre statistics and produces material and advice on international mobility, international networks, artist exchanges and Finnish theatres and artists. TINFO offers drama translation grants which are intended to support younger playwrights as well as translation of Finnish plays which have not been translated to any other languages. TINFO runs international and national projects and produces various publications on the Finnish performing arts. TINFO delivers electronic newsletters in Finnish, Swedish, English and German.

## Selected Projects:

### **Finnish Theatre Database**

The Centre (together with the Theatre Museum) is responsible for the database of all Finnish performances and maintains many other databases (New Plays from Finland, Drama Translation Database, etc)

#### **Theatre Statistics**

The Centre is responsible for statistical information on Finnish performing arts. This statistical information

includesalltheregularlyoperating professional theatres which employ full-time professional staff throughout the year and have regular performance activities. The statistics include income and expenditure statistics, personnel statistics, performance and spectator statistics, statistics on theatres outside the financing law (free groups), dance and circus performance and audience statistics

### Finnish-Russian co-operation

TINFO coordinated a Finnish-Russian theatre project "Zavod–Savotta" 2013–2015, supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland, the Embassy of Finland in Moscow and the participating theatres in both countries. It consisted of two different forms of activity: Finnish partners meeting and organizing guest performances with independent theatre groups from St. Petersburg and Chekhov Moscow Art Theatre's project "Finnish Theatre. First Time in Russian". The continuation, "Savotta-DvA" project started in the year 2016.

### **Celebration of World Theatre Day**

A staged reading of The Maidan Diaries (by Natalia Vorozhbyt) and a panel discussion around the situation in Ukraine were organized in collaboration with The Finnish National Theatre and Finnish PEN. The play reading and the discussion on the artists' responsibility, ethics and freedom of expression were well received and attracted public attention. TINFO Awards 2014 ceremonies were held on the same occasion. The WTD message was read on the stages (both in Finnish and Swedish) all over Finland.

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### Seminars and workshops

- Performance and Ecology: Case Finland (2015), Berlin. Organized by TINFO in cooperation with Theatre Academy of the University of Arts Helsinki
- Performance Design on/at the Edge workshop with European partners in Prag (PQ) and in Helsinki
- The Revolution in the Theatre (together with Lainsuojattomat festival and Finnish Theatre Centre).

### **TINFO Encounter Expert meetings**

TINFO organized expert meetings, networking sessions and expert study trips abroad with international performing artists and their Finnish colleagues.

### #MyTheatre social media campaign

In collaboration with other theatre organisations, TINFO organized this campaign in spring 2016 with theatres, theatre groups and performing artists from across Finland joining audience members to celebrate #MyTheatre on Twitter.

Publications 2015 (also available digitally) TINFO News – Sustainability, Resilience and Performance Utopias TINFO News – Beständigkeit, Nachhaltigkeit und Performance-Utopien Novosti TINFO – мысли и звуки финского театра Theatre Statistics 2014 Amateur Theatre Statistics 2014





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World Theatre Day 2015. Panel discussion around The Maidan Diaries (by Natalia Vorozhbyt) and the situation in Ukraine. In picture (from left to right): Sirpa Kähkönen, author and the chairman of Finnish PEN, Juha Jokela, playwright and director of The Maidan Diaries, Natalia Vorozhbyt, Eero Balk, translator Photo: Piia Volmari (TINFO)

Delegates of the European Network of Information Centres of the Performance Arts (ENICPA) in Helsinki for the annual Round Table Meeting in October 2015. Photo: Lotta Vaulo (CircusInfo Finland)