



**APOLLO International Festival for Youth and
Independent Theater
11th edition
02.10.2025-06.10.2025
AlbaIulia, Romania**

Rules of the festival

"In the Greek mythology, the god Apollo is the patron of the arts, healing and prophecy. We decided to give the name of the ancient god Apollo to our festival –we believe that the art can help us discover subtle meanings of reality, that art heals and may be a source of revelations under the mysterious meeting of the artist and the public. We think at this event as a permanent invitation to expression and discovery for all those who are young at hearts. Apollo is not just a festival, is an exploration of the human spirit, a celebration of its creativity and passion"- Skepsis - project team

Considerations:

APOLLO festival is organized by Skepsis Group Association on a social partnership, with the support of local authorities and institutions, media partners and local sponsors. The main goal is to promote youth and independent theater and to promote Alba Iulia as a citadel of arts, as a landmark in the international independent cultural art events.

APOLLO Festival is an invitation for theatre groups and companies (age range of the group: 18 to 39) independent theatre, institutionalized theatres, freelance artists or amateur to come together, learn by experience exchange and perform in Alba Iulia, Romania.

During the festival's days, different performances will be presented for the public – as the invited groups come from different schools and orientations theatre vision, having different backgrounds. Workshops conducted by experts and discussions are to be held also, so that participants will have the chance to improve their abilities and to get a useful feedback - as APOLLO encourages intercultural dialogue.

Each year APOLLO proposes an idea, a concept that represents a symbolic theme of the event. The festival it is not a competition, it's main goal being to offer to the participant groups the chance to present their work and to build bridges, to develop collaboration relationships and to share experiences by exploring together in the artistically spirit of opening and understanding.

APOLLO is not a competition - there are no big prizes, no rewards in money, and no special hierarchy distinctions, participation diplomas and a personalized trophy – original works of art signed by Stefan Balog (Visual Artist).

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- **APOLLO: General Rules**

The organizing committee has concluded to the following guidelines for the festival:

1. Keep the whole event informal as much as possible – Apollo challenges the participants to be open ant to express themselves, make friends, learn and develop new collaborations for the future ;
2. The theme concept for 2025, 11th edition of the festival is “Hands”
3. Apollo encourages respect for the everyone’s work so all participants should attend all parts of the program;
4. The festival is not to be considered in any way a contest –except for overcoming our own artistically limits and winning the public’s heart.
5. Participant groups must not exceed 8 members (Director, Artists, Tech.Pers., Drivers)–all groups will notify the Organizer on extra-members and will assume costs for their food and accommodation (for extra);
6. The age range of the group must be 18 to 39 years old –the age range is directly linked on the group as a whole. You may have persons under 18 or over 39 as long as the group, as a whole, keeps an age range between 18-39;
7. Every group will present a traditional, experimental, classical or modern performance, preferably without an intermission, with duration of max. 60 min. (exceptions may be approved only by the Organization committee). As a general rule, keep in mind that performances will be addressed to an international public – performances that respect this aspect will have priority;
8. Preparations for the performance must not exceed 60 min;
9. Deadline for application forms: **31.05.2025**;
10. The groups will be selected, notified and will confirm their participation no later than **15.06.2025**.
11. The official opening of the event will be on 02.10.2025;
12. The day of arrival will be 02.10.2025 and day of departure will be 06.10.2025 –. Participant groups will notify ahead the Organizer on arrival and departure. In the eventuality of extra-days the participant groups will assume costs for food and accommodation of their members;
13. Each participant group will give the Organizer the right to take photos and to video record the performance and promote all materials on public space;
14. Each participating group will provide its members with health insurance and will take full responsibility for any underage members;
15. Participant groups will take all steps in obtaining necessary copyrights for their performances (if case) and official documents for entering and staying in Romania – the Organizer will assist the legal process within legal frame and will send official invitations to all selected groups.

Expenses/funding:

1. APOLLO festival funds will cover:

–all parts of program

- everyday meal(3 meals/ day) and accommodation (3 star hotel) for all the participants, according to Application Form received, during the festival days only and according to the program - if you have any food limitations, please write it in the application form.

NOTE: Funding and organizing the festival must ensure everyone's needs and a lot of financial decisions have to be made properly. All groups invited will discuss ahead with the Organizer on arrival and departure – once confirmed and fixed, any extra-day (food and accommodation) will be covered by participant groups;

2. Participant Groups

- Participant groups cover their travel expenses to Alba Iulia and back home and the cost for additional members (if there are more than 8 persons).

Selection of performances:

- APOLLO will have a separate dimension for University/College groups from Romania

-APOLLO will select mainly performances that have the ability to reach to an international audience;

-Preparation time for your performance can't be longer than 60 minutes;

-You must send us your technical requirements (audio, sound and props) in the application form so that the Organizer will confirm;

- You can perform in a large, classical theater hall (320 places capacity), a studio hall (60 places capacity) non-conventional location (small art cafe) or in the open-air. Please let us know your option in the Application.

For any questions you might have: teatruskepsis@yahoo.com

We welcome you to Alba Iulia, the most important historical city in Romania, to join APOLLO International Youth Theatre Festival! A young at heart public awaits your performance!

Usefull links for more informations:

- On Alba Iulia:

Short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLXVM4E0Yvk>

About: https://www.facebook.com/visitalbaiulia/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE

- About APOLLO festival, past editions and history:

<https://www.facebook.com/Apollo-International-Youth-Theatre-Festival-Alba-Iulia-515279921909080/>

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