



**Freedom. Piece. Justice. Tolerance. Sympathy. Home. Identity. Tradition. Faith. Roots.** Which of these values are essential for you, the most significant one? Which values shouldn't be forgotten and which shouldn't be neglected by us? These are questions, which will be raised during the festival Divadelná Nitra, Slovakia.

## SAVE THE DATE

26th edition of the International Theatre Festival Divadelná Nitra

September 22 – 27 2017

12 productions

6 days on festival

The productions come from Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, USA and those the best from the Slovak theatre on four festival stages plus performances, concerts, exhibitions and discussions on the streets of Nitra.

## Theme: # fundamentals

### FUNDAMENTALS = basis, essence, guiding principle

We are living in the era of devaluation. Such concepts as home, family, faith, devotion, justice, sympathy, beauty, identity, memory are permanently doubted and lose their content. We live in the world of extremes, in the world, in which there is too much desire of success and enjoyment, too much egotism, aggression, xenophobia, and too many words, velocity, noise and smog. But too little justice, respect to the person, humility and love. We live in the era, when it is easy to observe the clash of contrasting interests. Developments in science and technology, commercialization, globalization, strengthening of individualism and, meanwhile, return to traditions, community life, nature and cultural heritage.

What are the fundamental existential and social values? During the Festival Divadelná Nitra we will pay our attention to „other destinies“ – easy and sophisticated lives of people, who show an indomitable will, a strong belief, an effort not to give up, a desire to stand up and go further. Such incredible destinies will be, of course, presented by European and home theatres.

## Visual concept: Word Search of values

„While thinking about the visual concept during a negotiation of our artistic board, we have gathered a great variety of concepts and problems from different spheres of life. And I was definitely curious about the search process. I have tried a variety of Word Search online generators and was interested, how the generator fills the missing quantity of signs in the scheme with a help of a random selection and, moreover, there is an opportunity of the illimitability of the sign system. It is also vital to have a necessity and wish to search for concepts, it is the real interaction with a spectator. And also I want to highlight on the necessity of searching these fundamental values. In other words, everyone knows about their presence, but they are placed in such a chaotic way, that it is difficult to find them. Or we just don't see them?“, describes the creator of this year's visual concept - graphic designer Tomáš Vicen, who has been the author of festival posters for 11 years already.

## The programme of the Festival: Very soon



Despite the fact, that the festival theatre marathon will be held only in four months, we can already inform you about our negotiation with troupes from Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, USA, Slovenia and Russia. And, of course, with troupes from Slovakia. The members of the artistic board, who determine the direction of the main program and select performances, all the year-round visit European and Slovak festivals and theatres. In last weeks they have been attending such festivals: Divadelní Flóra in Olomouc, Festival Stücke in Mülheim, Wiener Festwochen, Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussel or Impulse in Köln.

**Divadelná Nitra will present the preliminary programme in the following weeks and will start it's ticket sales campaign on the 1st August 2017**

All the current information you can find at [www.nitrafest.sk](http://www.nitrafest.sk) [www.facebook.com/divadelna.nitra](https://www.facebook.com/divadelna.nitra)

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