

DNARCHIVES

After years in the making, Divadelná Nitra opens its rich archives to the public. Online!

Almost 300 plays, more than 5 000 photographs and about 250 video recordings of productions staged over the course of 27 years of the International Theatre Festival Divadelná Nitra will be available online thanks to our unique project *Open Archives* at www.dnarchivy.sk

[DNArchivy.sk - Instructional video](http://www.dnarchivy.sk)

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Association Divadelná Nitra has systematically archived material since 1992. Our new project *Open Archives of Divadelná Nitra (research → reflection → research)* will make accessible more than 6 000 pieces of documentary materials – listings, photographs, recordings, original scripts, texts on productions and directors, publications, catalogues, yearbooks... Many are unique and cannot be found elsewhere in Slovakia. Some foreign theatrical productions were only staged in Slovakia at Divadelná Nitra, and the Association's archive is an exclusive resource of information about these works in the country.

Association Divadelná Nitra has not only archived material related to the festival but also to its various other activities, such as international conferences and seminars, educational projects, international co-productions and cooperation projects.

These materials are an invaluable source of information for students at institutions such as the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava or the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica, for students of aesthetics and culture studies at various departments, as well as for theatre professionals. They may serve as excellent source material for lecturers at specialised high schools and universities and inspire new theatre productions. They are an important basis for the work of theatre critics, theorists and historians, and for fostering reflection on art and research in the field of performing arts in Slovakia and abroad.

A portion of the archive covering the main programme of the festival from 1992 – 2018 has already been released online (festival catalogues, production listings, materials on theatre-makers, photographic documentation), while a section of the archive has been reserved for educational purposes, for reasons of copyright, and will be made available upon request by form by the archive's visitor (video recordings, original plays).

In the second stage of the Open Archives project, the Association will focus on mapping the most important events in the festival's accompanying programme and its other projects, including *Parallel Lives – 20th Century Through the Eyes of the Secret Police*, *This Is Art, Too*, *V4@Theatre Critics Residency*, *How to Understand Theatre*, *A Tulip for You*. The second stage will also see the finalisation of the digital video archive and other activities. In due time, we will also launch an English version of the DNArchives website.

The *Open Archives of Divadelná Nitra* (research → reflection → research) project is supported by the Slovak Arts Council, the main project partner.

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