

Chinese Center of ITI

Report of activities 2023 – 2024

Activities 2023

1. Zhejiang Xiaobaihua Yue Opera Troupe to Iran

Invited by Dramatic Arts Center of Iran (Iran Center), Chinese Center of ITI organized a performing group from Zhejiang Xiaobaihua Yue Opera Troupe to visit the Iranian city of Gorgan, on the event of the 21st International Ritual & Traditional Theatre Festival. The group performed special episodes of classic Yue Opera excerpts ("Burial of Flowers", "Butterfly Lovers: Farewells for Eighteen Miles", "Snow in Summertime: Slaying E").



Zhejiang Xiaobaihua Yue Opera Troupe in Iran, Photo by CTA

2. The 27th BeSeTo Theater Festival

The 27th BeSeTo Theater Festival was held in Shenzhen from November 11 to 30, 2023. Totally 12 plays from China, South Korea, Japan, Georgia, Bulgaria were staged, including: Shanghai Grand Theatre's "Six Chapters of a Floating Life", Greenpig's "Tree Won't Seek for Shoe Store", Credo Theatre's "Daddy's Always Right", IPKOASON's "Story in Asia", Bird Theatre's "Little Eyolf", Beijing People's Art Theatre's "Three Short Comedies by Ding Xilin", Rustaveli National Theatre's "Maria Callas: Master Class", INSIDE-OUT Theatre's "The Only Child", Shenzhen Parthenon Culture's "The Unicorn", Fujian People's Art Theatre's "A Feast", Hiu Kok Drama Association Industry's "Hide & Seek", Hyakkeisha Theatre Company's "The Misunderstanding". A World Theatre Forum themed on "Building a Cross-cultural Bridge through Theatre" was also held during the festival.



"Building a Cross-cultural Bridge through Theatre" World Theatre Forum in Shenzhen, Photo by CTA



"Six Chapters of a Floating Life", photo by CTA

3. The New Era Global Campus Theatre Showcase

Chinese Center organized The New Era Global Campus Theatre Showcase in Beijing from Dec. 19-23, 2023, in cooperation with Beijing Federation of Literary and Art Circles. The event featured a five-day exhibition of six excellent college theater works from The Central Academy of Drama, The "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, The School of Chinese Opera of Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, The Korea National University of Arts, The National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts, Shanghai Theatre Academy. An international Seminar on Campus Theatre in the New Era was also held during the festival.



International Seminar on Campus Theatre in the New Era, photo by CTA



"Those Who Survived" by The "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, photo by CTA

Activities 2024

1. World Theatre Day 2024 Celebration

World Theatre Day 2024 Celebration took place from 27 to 29 March 2024 in Langfang, China, which is jointly organized by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) and Chinese Center of ITI (CTA), hosted by the "Langfang Silk Road International Arts Center". All the events are centered around the World Theatre Day Message titled "Art is Peace", written by Norwegian playwright and Nobel Prize in Literature 2023 laureate Jon FOSSE.

A wide range of artistic events were being organized, including a global theatre practitioners's forum, a Gala Night, workshops, showcase and many more. The event attracted participation from local and international theatre professionals and public. Traditional Chinese operas, contemporary dance, mime, multimedia theater, musicals and a variety of other performances were presented in the Gala Night, including: "Ckuri" by La Huella Teatro, "Adou Ballad" by Liangshan Culture and Tourism Group, "Presenting You a Plum Blossom" by Little Plum Blossom Art Troupe of China Theatre Association, "Memory of a Flower" by The Wild Donkeys, "The Animated Emptiness" by Solo Mime, "Kairos" by Grotowski Institute & Studio WACHOWICZ/FRET, "Mondo" by MiCompañía and Contemporary Dance Company, "The Broken Bridge" by Zhejiang Wu Opera Art Research Institute. The workshops led by artisans from countries including France, Cuba and Poland were also a great success.



The Opening Ceremony of World Theatre Day 2024 Celebration, photo by CTA



Gala Night, photo by CTA

2. The Little Plum Blossom Award Winners Arts Troupe to Georgia

From May 30th to June 7th, the Little Plum Blossom Award Winners Arts Troupe of China Theatre Association led by Li Xiaoqing, Director of the Theatre Art Center of the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles, attended the "2024 Tbilisi Children and Youth International Theatre Festival" in Georgia. The troupe presented "Sending You a Little Plum Blossom" - Featured Performance of Traditional Chinese Xiqu Classics in Tbilisi, Marneuli, and Gori. The performance includes six special traditional Chinese Xiqu episodes: "Baking Pancakes and Parading", "The Celestial Maiden Scattering Flowers", "Letters Delivered by the Swan Goose", "Lin Chong's Night Journey", "Yang Ba Jie - The Eighth Daughter of the Yangs", "Lv Bu's Horse Trial", which involves excellent martial arts, clowning and other unique Chinese Xiqu skills. Hui Minli, a famous Qinqiang performing artist in China, successfully conducted a workshop in Tbilisi for Georgian young audience.



Performance in Tbilisi, photo by CTA



Workshop on Chinese Xiqu Art, photo by CTA