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Theatre Night set to take place on 20 November with the underlying theme “Fresh Air”

“Sometimes you just have to take a breather.”

**As tradition goes, the 9th Annual Theatre Night will take place on the third Saturday in November, which this year falls on 20 November 2021. The theme for this year is “Fresh Air.” Participating theatres are set to present brand-new stage productions and theatrical innovations as well as their reflections on the pandemic and the significant impact it has had on the performing arts.** **The Arts and Theatre Institute (ATI) is also set to open its doors as the festival’s primary information centre following a year-long hiatus. The largest theatre festival in Europe will once again offer night tours, theatre workshops, discussion boards with creators, plus shows and performances** – **all either free of charge or for a low entrance fee. The programme for the event will be made public on 1 November at** [**www.nocdivadel.cz**](http://www.nocdivadel.cz)**.**

Every year on the third Saturday in November, more than 50,000 people in the Czech Republic flock to the theatres. Last year for the first time ever, Theatre Night took place entirely in a virtual format. This year, the event’s organisers are looking forward to the return of open theatres as the primary meeting space, just as the event was originally intended. “*For this year's Theatre Night, we’ve chosen ‘Fresh Air’ as our motto. We believe that after more than a year of having to improvise due to COVID restrictions and lockdowns, performance artists and arts organisations are ready to showcase new messages, ideas, and innovations for Theatre Night. We’ve got quite the busy programme in store for you all, which is why we recommend planning for your visit in advance. Most of the programme’s events require advance registration, which will open up on 1 November,”* adds Martina Pecková Černá of the Arts and Theatre Institute (ATI), which has been coordinating Theatre Night since 2013.

The Theatre Night Information Centre will be open in the main ATI building (at 17 Celetná Street in Prague 1) from 2pm to 5pm. In addition to catching a glimpse of the Baroque Manhart Palace, visitors can also look forward to a rich popular-educational programme for those interested in culture, as well as a scavenger hunt for families with children.

Theatre Night forms a part of the international European Theatre Night project, which saw its start in 2008 with Croatia’s Theatre Night “Noc Kazališta.” The idea of a pan-European theatre festival has gradually spread to more than a dozen European countries, with the Czech Republic’s Theatre Night being the largest within the European Theatre Night programme.

**TRAILER for Theatre Night:** [**www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wxx8LSyLiiI**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wxx8LSyLiiI)

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