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## The 10<sup>th</sup> Theatre Night in the Czech Republic. This year's topic is Heroes.

*Saturday 19 November will see the annual 10<sup>th</sup> Theatre Night with the underlying theme of Heroes. More than 80 theatre companies, theatres, and institutions from 30 towns in the Czech Republic have prepared their program. The biggest theatre festival will offer tours, theatre workshops, discussions with the authors, shows, and performances for free or with a low-price admission fee. Visitors to the Theatre Night who have not planned their program in advance can go to the ATI main building (Celetná 17, Prague 1) from 2 to 8 p.m. You can find the program of the event on [www.nocdivadel.cz](http://www.nocdivadel.cz).*

### Theatre Night 2022 | Heroes

The night of open theatres and extraordinary experiences has presented theatre creatively in a non-traditional form on the third Saturday in November for ten years. The topic of this year's Theatre Night is Heroes. Visitors can learn about the heroes of the plays and work, as well as the backstage. The current social issues reflected in theatre stages will be featured in the topic, too.

The topic of this year's Theatre Night brought together the organizers and the **Paměť národa/Memory of Nations** project, which documents and promotes 20<sup>th</sup>-century history. "Many theatres will participate in the collection on the occasion of Veterans Day, which takes place in November all around the Czech Republic. Visitors to the Theatre Night can pay their homage to the heroes by buying the poppy flower. The proceeds will be allocated to directly assist the witnesses and documentation of their stories. The ATI building will also host the accompanying program, which has been prepared in association with the Memory of Nations instructors," explains Martina Pecková Černá from the Arts and Theatre Institute (ATI) which has coordinated the Theatre Night in the Czech Republic since 2013.

### The 10<sup>th</sup> night of open theatres and extraordinary experiences

On Saturday 19 November, the theatres in the Czech Republic will present an extensive program full of games, tours, theatre workshops, discussions with authors, and performances. The **Puppet Theatre Ostrava** will feature the program with and about heroes. The output of the creative workshop will be light puppets and puppet lanterns. There will be the opening of the exhibition and the program **Heroes are Coming to Life** will be located outside the theatre building. The visitors will see giant puppets, an astronomical clock, light effects, and a sausage barbecue. The **East Bohemian Theatre Pardubice** has prepared an adventurous journey through the theatre, full of competitions in many acting disciplines. Trying the theatre for yourself – this is the main topic of the evening. The **Petr Bezruč Theatre Ostrava** will support "their" heroes – medical staff from the University Hospital Ostrava and the Department of Occupational and Preventive Care, which provides outpatient care for Ukrainian refugees. The **Drak Theatre** in Hradec Králové allows visitors to see places that are not accessible to the public. The **Municipal Theatre in Prague** will be involved through its Theatre and Film Department which celebrates 80 years since its foundation. The **South Bohemian Theatre**

prepared the program called “SBT’s Invisible Heroes” – the discussion with theatre employees who are usually not visible during the performance. The **National Theatre in Prague** has prepared an extensive program in State Opera. The interactive “fighting game” will take the participants to parts of the building that are not open to the public, the underground, rehearsal rooms, and backstage. You can find the complete program of all participating theatres on [www.nocdivadel.cz](http://www.nocdivadel.cz).

## Prague Theatre Night Information Centre in the ATI building

The **Arts and Theatre Institute (ATI)**, the coordinator of the Theatre Night in the Czech Republic, opens its headquarters as the main information center of the festival. The visitors to the Theatre Night who have not planned their program in advance can go to the ATI main building (Celetná 17, Prague 1) on 19 November from 2 to 8 p.m. It will be the first time during the Theatre Night that visitors have had the chance to see the recently opened ATI building in Nekázanka 16. The people can find out more about developing the memory of Czech theatre in the Information and Documentation Department from 3 to 6 p.m. The Memory of Nations instructors will help them reveal more about the lives of theatre figures and forgotten heroes of the past. Families with children can traditionally participate in action fight games, quizzes, and other interactive activities.

The Theatre Night is part of the international project European Theatre Night, which started in Croatia in 2008 by Noc Kazališta. The idea of a shared theatre holiday has spread among more than ten European countries. Over 50 thousand people in the Czech Republic find their way to the theatre every third Saturday in November. The Czech Theatre Night is thus the biggest project of the European Theatre Night.

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