

Allegato "B" al n.ro 13596 di raccolta

Europe: Union of Theatre Schools and Academies – E:UTSA

Constitution and title

Article 1

It is hereby founded among members adhering to an association according to the present statutes by the name of:

EUROPE: UNION of THEATRE SCHOOLS and ACADEMIES -E:UTSA

Article 2

Objectives

2.1 E:UTSA aims to participate in the process of creating a united Europe, celebrating the range and diversity of cultural and creative expression. Further, it aspires to redefine the role of the theatre institutions and to be a driver of the development of 21st century practitioners.

Our wish is to bridge the gap between the education of artists who create and perform theatre, and their artistic careers. We shall do this by offering the space and support for students to take responsibility for their own generation's theatre by the creation of student-led work.

2.2 E:UTSA's main goal is the creativity of students, and their ability to collaborate. It does this by creating a forum that helps the new generation develop a language of performance when they make their earliest steps into theatre activity. In turn, this offers them the means to create their own GENERATION'S THEATRE.

2.3 This project responds to the Bologna idea of education.

2.4 E: UTSA also offers a bridge between the students' educational and professional lives and supports the principles of Lifelong Learning offered by

the alma mater.

2.5 developing any other form of activity which may directly or indirectly contribute to the realization of the association's objectives.

Article 3

Headquarters

The legal headquarters are established in Rome

They can be transferred to any other place in Europe upon the proposal of the Board of Directors. This decision must be ratified by the General Assembly.

Article 4

Members

The association is composed of:

4.1 - member Theatre Schools and Academies, legal entities that are theatre schools, academies and universities, represented by their heads (or his / her representative) and a representation of students.

4.2 - personal members, natural persons who are artists or professionals of the European theatre education and scene and who participate in reaching the association's objective;

4.3 - honorary members, personalities significantly contributing to the development, the research and the promotion of the values of theatre education and art in Europe and throughout the world;

4.4 - beneficiary members, the Board of Directors can propose the title of beneficiary member to any natural person or legal entity who contributes financially or substantively to the development of the association.

4.5 - associate members, any other natural person or legal entity, not classifiable under the above mentioned categories and whose activity may contri-

bute in reaching the association's objectives.

Article 5

Voting and majority rules

5.1. The entities with voting rights are:

- the member institutions, for all decisions that are to be taken during General Assemblies. Their vote for one decision counts as two, one for the Head or his/ her representative and one for the students' representative.

- the personal members, for all decisions that are to be taken during General Assemblies. Their vote for one decision counts as one

Entities participating in the discussions without having voting rights:

Honorary members

Beneficiary Members

Associate members and other personalities invited by the Chairman.

5.2 With the exception of particular occasions, which are clearly described in the statutes, the decisions are to be taken in General Assemblies by simple majority of the members with voting rights. In case of a tie, the decision shall rest with the Chairman who has in this case two votes.

The decisions are held by secret ballot.

Article 6

Admission

6.1 Members of the Europe: Union of Theatre Schools and Academies

In order to join the association as a member, the candidate, representing recognized level of theatre education, should address an application with recommendations of two members of E:UTSA to the Chairman .

A decision as to the admission of the candidate, after the approval of the

	Board of Directors, shall be taken by secret vote during the following ordinary General Assembly.	
	The membership is effective immediately.	
	6.2 Personal members	
	In order to become a personal member of the Union, a member school of the association should suggest the candidate. He / she will address an application to the Chairman, transmitted to all members. Decision as to the admission of the candidate shall be taken by secret vote during the following ordinary General Assembly.	
	The membership is effective immediately.	
	The title of personal member is assigned for duration of three years and may be renewed.	
	6.3 Honorary members	
	In order to become an honorary member of the Union, the candidate should be proposed by a member of the association. The following ordinary General Assembly takes a decision as to the admission of the candidate by secret vote. The candidate becomes an honorary member with a qualified majority of two thirds of the present or represented members with voting rights.	
	6.4 Beneficiary members	
	In order to join the association as beneficiary member, the candidate should be proposed by the Board of Directors. A decision as to the admission of the candidate shall be taken by secret vote during the following ordinary General Assembly.	
	The membership is effective immediately for the duration of the financial or industrial contribution to the association.	

6.5 Associate members

In order to join the association as associate member, the candidate should be proposed by the Board of Directors on the basis of a specific project the duration of which is agreed upon by both parties.

The membership is effective immediately for the duration of the artistic project.

Article 7

Resources of the association

7.1 The association's resources are composed of:

- subsidies granted by public authorities (States, cities,...)
- subsidies granted by the European Union;
- contributions from sponsors and beneficiary members;
- any other legally authorized resource.

7.2 member schools agree to pay the real costs of the Association if previously communicated and mutually accepted. Member schools together with personal members may be asked to pay an annual fee of the year to come, proposed by the Board of Directors. The amount of the fee is ratified by the General Assembly.

7.3

Honorary members and associate members are not subject to an annual fee.

7.4

Beneficiary members shall make an annual financial contribution.

Article 8

Loss of membership

If there is a serious concern about a member, then membership of E:UTSA

shall be terminated by agreement of the General Assembly , following a proposal for such termination by the Board of Directors. No such proposal may be made however, unless the Board has asked the member in question to explain why the problem has occurred. The Member must be given the chance to explain and to resolve the problem prior to any proposal for their membership to be terminated.

The General Assembly shall decide by secret vote.

Article 9

Administration of the association

The association is administered by a Board of Directors, which is to report to the General Assembly.

Assembly is the sovereign body of the association.

Article 10

General Assembly, quorums and representation

The General Assembly shall consist of all the members of the association as stipulated in the paragraphs 1-5 of Article 4.

10.1 - The General Assembly meets at least once a year in an ordinary session and can meet in an extraordinary session by invitation of the Board of Directors or upon the request of at least a quarter of the association's Member Institutions.

10.2 - The General Assembly does not have the legal power to take decisions and to hold elections unless the absolute majority of the member schools are present or represented. If the quorum is not achieved, the Assembly is reconvened within 15 days later. The decision that will be taken during this Assembly will be fully valid regardless of the number of present or represented

members.

10.3 - The agenda of the General Assembly is suggested by the Chairman and fixed by the office. The agenda is indicated in the letter of invitation. The letter of invitation including the agenda shall be sent to the members at least 3 weeks before the date of the Assembly. The agenda contains all issues that have been proposed by at least two members.

10.4 - The meetings are minuted. The Chairman signs the reports; they are written down on the special registry. The Chairman and the Board of Directors must look after and assure the timely diffusion of the reports to the other members of the association, both for the General Assemblies as well as for the meetings of the Board of Directors.

10.5 - The Chairman leads the General Assembly and presents the association's situation. He / she may be assisted by the director (if one is appointed) or other members of the Board of Directors.

10.6 - The treasurer presents the financial report and submits the budget to be approved by the Assembly.

Article 11

The Chairman, the Board of Directors

11.1 - The Board of Directors that is led by the association's Chairman directs the association.

The members stated in the paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the present statutes elect the Chairman. He / she is elected by secret vote at the General Assembly on the basis of a work programme that was previously presented to the members.

He / she is elected as the Chairman if he / she reaches the absolute majority

	of the votes of the present or represented School members. If no absolute	
	majority is achieved, a second election round will be carried out where the	
	Chairman will be elected with a relative majority. Between the two rounds,	
	one or more candidates may withdraw from their application.	
	The Chairman of the Board of Directors is also the Head of the office. His /	
	her mandate lasts two years. He /she can be re-elected with a limit of two	
	consecutive mandates. The minimum delay between the end of his / her man-	
	dates and the beginning of a new one is set at one year.	
	Besides the Chairman, the Board of Directors is composed of three members	
	who are being elected by secret vote at the General Assembly for a duration	
	of two years among the member schools' representatives and the personal	
	members and three students members elected by secret vote of the stu-	
	dents-electors at the General Assembly for a duration of one year. Student	
	representative of each School becomes the elector and candidate for the	
	Board of Directors.	
	The members of the Board of Directors can be re-elected with a limit of two	
	consecutive mandates. The minimum delay between the end of (one of) their	
	mandate(s) and the beginning of a new one is set at one year.	
	Among its members, the Board of Directors elects by secret vote three indi-	
	viduals for a two-year-mandate who will form the office of the association	
	together with the Chairman:	
	- a vice-chairman	
	- a general secretary	
	- a treasurer	
	11.2 - In case of vacancies, the Board sees to the temporary replacement of	

its members. Their final replacement is carried out during the following General Assembly. The mandate of such elected members shall end at the time when the mandate of the replaced members was due to be concluded.

Article 12

The Board of Directors

12.1 The Board of Directors meets at least thrice a year by invitation of the Chairman or upon the request of at least a third of its members. The Chairman shall convene the members at least one month before the meeting with an invitation including an agenda and shall also provide them with related documents.

12.2 Decisions are taken with the majority of the votes, each member having one vote. In case of a tie, the decision shall rest with the Chairman.

12.3 The effective presence of at least half of the Board members is required for validating decisions.

12.4 If a member is unable to attend, he / she can give his / her power of vote to another Board member; one member shall not have more than one power of vote.

12.5 The commitment of the Board members is unpaid.

Article 13

Budget

The budget must be voted in balance.

Article 14

Language of communication in E:UTSA is English.

Article 15

Statutes modifications

The statutes can only be modified by an extraordinary General Assembly upon the proposal of the Board of Directors or two thirds of the members of the association.

. The decisions are valid only if two thirds of the member schools are present or represented. Votes are carried out after discussions and the decisions are taken with a majority of two thirds.

The modifications are immediately effective.

Article 16

Dissolution

The dissolution of the association is subject to the same procedure as the modification of the statutes as stipulated in article 15.

In case of dissolution, one or more official receivers are nominated by the Assembly and the assets, if applicable, are transferred to organizations pursuing similar goals who have been active for at least two years at the moment of the association's dissolution, with the exception of any organization including one or more members of the E.UTSA or its staff.

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