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The International Jury of EFFE selects 26 Laureates from amongst the 715 EFFE Labelled Festivals.

The EFFE Label is Europe’s recognition of remarkable arts festivals committed to the arts, their communities and Europe.

Just in time of high summer festivals season, the European Festivals Association (EFA) reveals the selection of the EFFE Laureates: 26 festivals are highlighted from amongst the 715 EFFE Labelled Festivals by the EFFE International Jury for their exceptional quality, work, commitment and impact within their contexts and territories. These 26 festivals are in the run for the EFFE Award handed out on 18 September during the Arts Festivals Salon in Brussels, hosted by the [Centre of Fine Arts – BOZAR](#).

In the coming weeks the stories behind these festivals will be revealed one by one on the EFFE website www.effe.eu.

Pawel Potoroczyn, chair of the final EFFE Jury meeting, is “delighted with the result which is representative for the whole EFFE Label list covering 39 countries. The geographical reach, diverse festivals’ scope and diversity in arts disciplines, as well as a strong social engagement, are reflected in these 26 EFFE Laureates celebrating the diverse festivals’ community all over Europe”.

The 26 EFFE Laureates (in alphabetical order) are:

1. [12 Points](#), Ireland
2. [Africtions - captured by Dance](#), Germany
3. [Altofest International Contemporary Live Arts](#), Italy
4. [ASALTO Zaragoza](#), Spain
5. [Athens Digital Arts Festival](#), Greece
6. [Bábkarská Bystrica TOUR - Double impulse](#), Slovakia
7. [Buffer Fringe Performing Arts Festival](#), Cyprus
8. [Edinburgh Festival Fringe](#), UK
9. [Edinburgh International Festival](#), UK
10. [European Film Festival Palic](#), Serbia
11. [Festival of Five Churches](#), Hungary
12. [Festival of Wonder](#), Denmark
13. [FMM Sines - Festival Músicas do Mundo](#), Portugal
14. [Gdansk Shakespeare Festival](#), Poland
15. [Gender Bender](#), Italy
16. [GOGOLFEST - International Annual Multidisciplinary International Festival of Contemporary Art](#), Ukraine
17. [International Theatre Festival - Varna Summer](#), Bulgaria
18. [Les Eurockéennes de Belfort](#), France
19. [Mittelfest](#), Italy
20. [Ravenna festival](#), Italy
21. [Tallinn Architecture Biennale](#), Estonia
22. [Tbilisi International Festival of Theatre](#), Georgia
23. [TANEC PRAHA - The International Festival of Contemporary Dance and Movement Theatre](#), Czech Republic
24. [Theaterfestival Boulevard 's-Hertogenbosch](#), Netherlands
25. [Utrecht Early Music Festival](#), Netherlands
26. [Walk&Talk Azores](#), Portugal

NB: the festivals that received the EFFE Award in 2015 were not considered for nomination in this edition.

The **EFFE International Festival Jury members** are: Sir Jonathan Mills (Chairman EFFE International Jury, composer and former Director Edinburgh International Festival – Australia, UK), Tamar Brüggeman (Co-Director Wonderfeel - Netherlands), Peter Florence (Director Hay Festivals – UK), Keng Sen Ong (Festival Director Singapore International Festival of Arts - Singapore), Haris Pašović (Theater director, Director East West Centre Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina), Pawel Potoroczyn (CEO of University SWPS in Warsaw - Poland), Renato Quaglia (General Manager FOQUS Foundation - Italy), Irene Rossi (Couleur Café - Belgium), Fruzsina Szép (Festival Director Lollapalooza Berlin and Board member Yourope - Hungary).

Find more details about the EFFE International Jury [here](#).



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