

INVITATION TO ALL NORDIC UNIMA CENTRES

Nordic Puppeteers Network Meeting Point Finland 2019

UNIMA FINLAND hereby invites all Nordic UNIMA Centres to participate in the very first joint project within NORDPU, Nordic Puppeteer Directory/Nordisk bank för dockteaterkonstnärer in 2019!



We have received a basic funding for the project from Nordic Culture Point, which enables us to start the project **Nordic Puppeteers Network Meeting Point Finland 2019**.

Nordic puppeteers will gather in Finland during 2019 in order to work under **NordPu** (Nordic Puppeteers Directory network) in the project Meeting Point Finland. The project includes joint **artists meetings, workshops and creation of a multicultural community artwork and street carnival procession in August 2019 in Helsinki**. Puppeteers from Cuba specialized in community art and street theatre will join the project. Number of participants shall be **appr. 15 - 17 artists** all together + 30-40 inhabitants of a multicultural suburb.

Leaders of the project are: **Aapo Repo**, chairperson of UNIMA Finland and **Maria Bari**, leader of Maria Bari Company and community theatre Kulttuurimylly (Cultural Mill) in Helsinki.

Please contact as soon as possible UNIMA FINLAND and confirm the preliminary participation of your UNIMA Centre in this project. We shall provide you with further information in February regarding invitations to artists, covering the travel costs etc.

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Meeting Point Finland 2019 - Nordic and international puppetry project

Meeting Point Finland is the first joint project within

NORDPU, Nordic Puppeteer Directory/Nordisk bank för

dockteaterkonstnärer, which was started as a network in 2016 - 2017.

Nordic puppeteers will gather in Finland during 2019 in order to work in the project Meeting Point Finland, which includes joint **artists meetings, workshops and creation of a multicultural community artwork** in Helsinki. **Puppeteers from Cuba** specialized in community art and street theatre will join the project. **Music** and instruments are also an essential part of the community artwork. The project will end in **August 2019** in a **street carnival procession** in Helsinki and Vantaa.

Meeting Point Finland 2019 is a **multinational and multicultural** art project, in which Nordic puppeteers enhance and change the knowhow of puppetry and street theatre aiming at the **equality of all artistic and suburban participants**.

Number of participants: approximately **15 -17 artists** all together from Nordic countries and Cuba + **30- 40 inhabitants** of the suburb (from children to elderly people, with lesser living standard or possibilities in cultural activities).

The project and its artistic/community results will be shared as a concept for future artistic joint projects in other Nordic countries.

Leaders of the project are: **Aapo Repo**, chairperson of UNIMA Finland, puppeteer, working in Finland in Nukkereaktori and in Denmark in Teater Refleksjon; **Maria Bari** , multidisciplinary artist touring around the world with Maria Bari Company (Finland), which maintains a new community theatre Kulttuurimylly (Cultural Mill) in the suburb of Myllypuro in Helsinki.

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