



E.T.E.R.I.A. – Enhance Transborder Experiences, Rebuild Interactions of Artists

“E.T.E.R.I.A. – Enhance Transborder Experiences, Rebuild Interactions of Artists” is a project co-financed by the Creative Europe program of the European Union, led by the Italian Centre of International Theatre Institute in partnership with ITI - North Macedonia, Teatro Tsi Zakynthos (Greece), National History and Archaeology Museum of Constanta (Romania), Augmented and Virtual Reality Lab of the Department of Engineering for Innovation of University of Salento (Italy), and in cooperation with Astràgali Teatro.



E.T.E.R.I.A. develops innovative models in the field of social and community theatre and conflict transformation through the arts by fostering citizen involvement, and joint and shared work between artists, digital technology experts, and cultural and social workers.

After the International Artist Residencies in Romania and Greece, the project reaches its final phase in Italy with a third International Artist Residency, **Conflict and Migrations**, from April 14 to 28, considering migration a consequence of high and low intensity conflicts and of colonial exploitations. The residency is carried out in Lecce, an area in the South of Italy, a land of migration. During the residency, there will be full-immersion rehearsals, involving an international group of theatre artists, some of whom also have a personal history of migration. The residency also includes: three online masterclasses; Inter-community Labs activities focused on Social and Community Theatre addressed to local communities, artists, students, and refugees; coworking sessions with artistic augmented reality and video





interventions for the performance. In the end, there will be the final version of the international co-production **COMBAT! Lamentation for the body of the slain enemy**.

Main events:

- Mon Apr 15, 6 p.m., Distilleria De Giorgi (San Cesario di Lecce): **Roots and Wings – Community Telling**, a demonstration of the workshop held by Luca Fusi and Hamado Tiemtoré with refugee and asylum seeker guests of the SAI - DS reception project in Cavallino run by Arci Lecce Solidarietà;
- Tue Apr 16, 5 p.m., Distilleria De Giorgi (San Cesario di Lecce): **Through The Generations - Iqbal and 250 Million Stories**, staging of the theatrical demonstration resulting from the workshop curated by pedagogue and actor Cosimo Guarini of Astràgali Teatro, involving boys and girls from the Primary School of the Istituto Comprensivo di San Cesario di Lecce;
- Wed Apr 17, 8 p.m., Astràgali Teatro (Lecce): public meeting for the official presentation of the E.T.E.R.I.A. project with Fabio Tolledi, president of ITI - Italy, the representatives of the various partners and the artists involved in the scheduled events;
- Thu Apr 25, 8:30 p.m., Distilleria De Giorgi (San Cesario di Lecce): **Resist - Singing Memories**, remembrance and interpretation of songs of struggle and resistance, on Italy's Liberation Day from Nazi-fascism, performed by "Cavallo" Giagnotti and Anna Cinzia Villani, together with the Astràgali theater company;
- Sun Apr 28, 8:30 p.m., Cavallino Archaeological Museum: **COMBAT! Lamentation for the body of the slain enemy**, final performance directed by Fabio Tolledi. With the participation of actors and actresses from Italy, Romania, Greece, North Macedonia, Turkey, Tunisia, Albania, Burkina Faso, and Spain, the show questions the tearing conflicts of the present. The artistic group will work intensively during the two-week residency to create this version of the play, developing what was achieved in Romania and Greece. The performance will be site-specific, with digital installations resulting from a long research conducted in synergy between the project's artistic team and experts in digital technologies from the Virtual and Augmented Reality Laboratory of the Department of Engineering for Innovation at the University of Salento. On stage, you will see Filareta Atanasova, Ermelinda Bircaj, Georgia Givetsi, Lopez Carla Mazarrota, Matteo Mele, Natasha Petrovick, Roberta Quarta, Simonetta Rotundo, Simone Spirovska, Khouloud Thabet, Hamado Tiemtoré, Sanna Toivanen, Onur Uysal, and Anna Cinzia Villani.

All the events are free to attend. Please find more info at <https://www.eteriaproject.eu/>, www.iti-italy.it/, www.astragali.it, WhatsApp +39 389 2105991

