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ANNOUNCING:

IOTF: THE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE THEATRE FESTIVAL

April 1- April 30, 2019

TheTheatreTimes.com and Digital Theatre+ are teaming up to launch IOTF: The International Online Theatre Festival.

IOTF is an online theatre festival, showcasing the work of diverse global artists. In the span of one month, **IOTF** will present the work of 30 international theatre artists and companies, from many countries, including **Complicité**, **Frantic Assembly**, **National Theatre of Australia**, **Vakhtangov Theatre** and **Grand Teatre de Liceu**, and such iconic productions like *A Disappearing Number*, **Things I Know To Be True** and **The Blue Bird** trilogy.

IOTF is a celebration of innovative global theatre artists working in diverse mediums and styles. As a collaboration between **TheTheatreTimes.com** and **Digital Theatre+**, **IOTF** strives to showcase the urgent and enticing work being produced on stages across the globe. The viewers will be able to access the shows via the festival page at: **TheTheatreTimes.com/IOTFestival**

In addition, **IOTF** will include the **Open Fringe** programme, presenting the best of contemporary global fringe theatre. The **Open Fringe** invites open submissions from artists and companies across the globe who feel that their work can reach a wider audience. We welcome productions from all theatrical mediums in any language and encourage works that cross disciplinary boundaries or are performed in nonconventional theatrical spaces.

IOTF will be launched online from April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019.

Applications for the **Open Fringe** will be accepted from **March 1**, **2019 to March 20**, **2019.** More information for applicants on submitting for this can found at The Theatre Times.com/IOTFestival

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IOTF: The International Online Theatre Festival is headed by the international team of Co-Artistic Directors: Chris Harris, writer, dramaturg and recent graduate of MA International Dramaturgy at the University of Amsterdam, and Xunnan Li, doctoral candidate at Royal Holloway University of London (RHUL).

Chris Harris & Xunnan Li

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