

International Summer School of Documentary Theatre

3rd - 13th July 2025

Stodolio – studio for creation

Dvakačovice

The International Summer School of Documentary Theatre is an intensive theatre course focused on the individual components of theatrical expression and their connection to authentic stories.

The International Summer School has welcomed artists from over 30 countries, including the U.S., Turkey, Israel, Iran, South Korea, and China. It is designed for theatre creators, performers, educators, social workers, and anyone applying theatrical principles in their professional lives.

The program concludes with a public performance.

The language of the Summer School is Czech and English.

Since 2024, the summer school has been held at the Stodolio studio of the Archa Center for Documentary Theatre, located in the village of Dvakačovice in Eastern Bohemia.

The school offers:

- Creative international environment
- Artistic direction & experience of internationally acclaimed theatre professionals
- Professional mentoring
- Training in artistic studios
- Facilities and a technically equipped studio - Stodolio



Main Ateliers:

- Jana Svobodová, Zov Vélez: Viewpoints Technique and Textual Sources for Documentary Theatre
- Pavel Kotlík: Light as a Space for Action
- Jan Sedláček: Sound design for Stage
- Martin Krupa: Video Art and Moving Image for Stage

Complementary atelier:

- Zov Vélez: The Body as a Canvas: crafting movement from personal stories.

Exclusive lectures by Ondřej Hrab:

- Historical roots of social-specific theatre
- Theatre and sociology

[Check out the full bio's of our lecturers here](#)

Screenings of unique theatre productions

Recordings of internationally acclaimed examples of documentary theatre will be shown, followed by a discussion led by Jana Svobodová and Ondřej Hrab.

Structure of the Summer School

The first part of the school takes place in specialised studios.

The second part of the school is dedicated to stage composition.

How to apply?

Please submit a motivation letter and a CV with a photo to the e-mail address stated below. You can also include visual materials showing your work to date.



Tuition: €800. includes

Work in the ateliers under professional guidance, use of Stodolio's technical equipment, study materials, lunch, dinner, and all-day refreshments.

The organisers can arrange affordable accommodation at the Chroustovice Castle.

Please send your application to Merve by **May 5th, 2025**, at:

summerschool@archadoku.cz

The deadline for full payment is **June 15th 2025**.

Early payment discount: If you pay the full amount by May 30th, the reduced fee will be 700€ applicable.

Instalment option: You can pay the full amount of €800 in instalments. Please note that instalments cannot be used for the early payment discount. For more information about payment options, please contact us.



If you have any questions or need an invitation letter, please contact us at:

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Note: The number of participants is limited. Selection of participants will be announced by May 15th, 2025.

[Check out some reflections from past participants here.](#)

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Practical guide by Jana Svobodová - Socially Specific Theatre in Practice

<https://janasvobodova.art/>

