

CULTURE SCAPES

Dear colleagues,

Yet again, Europe has a war for almost four months already. Almost 14 million people were forced to flee their homes, many have no homes to come back to anymore. The destruction of civil, cultural, and religious infrastructures, the violence and rape, and the mass killing are enormous. It is what is being announced by Putin: erasing the whole country, a genocide. The world is standing with Ukraine in many ways. Let's hope it will be enough for Ukraine to win the war.

There are many support and solidarity initiatives in the cultural field as well: fellowships, residences, solidarity concerts, and more.

We want to suggest the next step, more personalised one: joining hands and hearts!

It means that we want to connect directly festival to festival: from an EFA member to an endangered festival in Ukraine.

For this reason and in the collaboration with the Ukrainian Cultural Institute, we suggest a list of festivals for you to look at. A match can be found based on shared approaches, discipline, twin-cities initiative, previous collaborations, or any other possible criteria.

We want this to last long, until far after the war is over, when rebuilding of Ukraine will take a lot of effort and time and, as we know, culture will not be in the first place. But we can help exactly there.

We as CULTURESCAPES are in the process already of finding a match and we hope many will follow!

Thanks to EFA and Oleksandr for joining and setting up this initiative as a clear position toward the future of Europe and a peaceful world!

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