



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**  
**Kuala Lumpur**

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The Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye presents its compliments to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia and has the honour to inform the Ministry that the 25th International Adana Theatre Festival will be held from on 27 March-11 April 2026 in Adana and the 13th International Balkan Countries Theater Festival will be held between 3-12 April 2025 in Bursa, Türkiye.

Detailed information regarding the above-mentioned festivals, as well as the application forms are enclosed herewith.

The Embassy seeks kind assistance of the Ministry in forwarding the attached information to the relevant institutions in Malaysia.

The Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kuala Lumpur, 14 October 2025



Encl.: As stated.

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia  
Putrajaya

*Cc: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia*  
Putrajaya



TURKISH STATE THEATRES, BURSA

13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL BALKAN COUNTRIES THEATER FESTIVAL

"Balkan Breeze"

3 – 12 April 2026

Dear Colleagues,

Each spring, Turkish State Theatres proudly leads the organization of the **Balkan Countries Theatre Festival** in Bursa, bringing together the most distinguished theatre companies from across the Balkans. This festival not only celebrates the rich theatrical heritage of Balkan nations such as Bosnia, Macedonia, Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Greece, and Bulgaria but also opens its stage to renowned theatre groups from around the world.

The spirit of the Balkans transcends borders, flying freely over the lands, uniting us in our shared history. Despite the separations, love, longing, joy, and sorrow experienced by these nations that lived side by side for centuries, our shared cultural and historical past brings us closer together. It is the pulse of those who gaze upon the River Vardar, stroll along the Neretva, cross the bridges of Sarajevo over the Miljacka, bask in the moonlit nights of Skopje, and breathe in the fresh air of Greece's green villages or the romantic towns of Kosovo. This festival seeks to celebrate these common threads, reflecting the unity that history has woven among our people.

We are also reminded of the words of our great leader, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who emphasized that **art is the greatest leap forward for societies seeking to reach the level of contemporary civilization**. Just as numerous festivals across Türkiye have built cultural bridges, the **Bursa International Balkan Countries Theatre Festival** aims to foster strong international relations, contributing to the culture of peace through the power of art.

Bursa, Türkiye's fourth-largest city and a key industrial hub, has long been renowned for its contributions to the automotive and textile industries. However, the city's deep connection to the arts, particularly theatre, has often been overlooked. This festival seeks to rekindle Bursa's rich cultural heritage by aligning the province's economic development with the revival of theatrical art, providing the people of the region with an opportunity to experience the best of contemporary theatre.

We are delighted to extend an invitation to you, our dear friends, to join us in Bursa for this extraordinary celebration of theatre and culture, where together we can further strengthen the ties that unite us.

Sincerely,  
**Tamer KARADAĞLI**  
General & Artistic Director  
Turkish State Theatres



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**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

1. The festival will be organized in Bursa on 3– 12 April 2026.
2. The host of the festival is Bursa State Theater.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 has been decided as the inauguration day of the festival.
4. Each theater group is welcomed to spend 4 nights in Bursa.
5. Each play will be staged twice in Bursa.
6. The festival is not in the form of competition.
7. The groups, wishing to participate in the festival, must fill in the participation form in full and send it to the festival committee no later than **10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.
8. The participants are responsible for all of their international travel costs.
9. The accommodation costs of the participants will be provided by Bursa State Theater on bed and breakfast basis.
10. Each group member will be paid an allowance of Turkish Lira equivalent of € 25 per person for each day of stay in Bursa by Bursa State Theater.
11. The transportation of groups in the city of Bursa will be provided by Bursa State Theater.
12. A contract that stipulates the liabilities of the parties will be signed between the participating group and Bursa State Theater at least 45 days ahead of the performance date.
13. All groups must notify the festival committee their available arrival and departure dates for the duration of the festival. Following the determination of these dates, the presentation dates within the festival program will be decided.
14. The names and passport numbers of the members of the participating groups must be notified at least 2 months before the start of the festival.
15. The room arrangements of the participating groups should be notified at least 2 months before the start of the festival (Only the play director and theater art director will be provided single room, all other group members will be provided with double rooms).
16. The number of artists and technical staff of the participating theater groups should not exceed 25 persons.



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**APPLICATION FORM**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Company Name:  
Company Web Address:  
Country:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
E-mail:  
Contact Person (his/her position):  
Brief Company History (Max. 200 words):

**PERFORMANCE DETAILS**

Performance/Play Name:  
Playwright:  
Director:  
Brief description of the performance (Max 200 words):  
Brief information about the playwright (Max 200 words):  
Primary discipline:  
Target age group:  
Language:  
Duration and number of acts:  
Cast list:  
List of Creative Team (Designers, composer etc. names and duties):  
Total number of the group:  
1. Does your performance have special requirements:  
2. Preferred dates of performance:  
3. Proposed venue/type of venue:  
4. Time required for:  
- Set:

- Lights:
- Sound:
- 5. Size of required acting area:
  - Proscenium:
  - Backstage:
- 6. Technical specifications, stage & lighting plans:
- 7. Please send full video record, filled application form and 10 high resolution photos of the performance through online file sharing websites such as Dropbox, Google Drive etc. to the e-mail address written below. Applications made through the websites that impose time limitations will not be accepted.
- 8. All the above information must be sent to the festival committee no later than 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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