

Theatre Festival 2023 Introduction

We would like to invite you to participate in the Theatre Festival 2023. The date is not yet defined, it will be a one-day Summer Satsang in May or June.

Obviously, we would be happy if all centres and groups, including the children, participate. We feel it is important that theatre takes place as a live event, that is what makes the theatre experience so special. You received inspiration for the art form of theatre from Kishore at the Satsang in Aarau and from various articles in the new Sai Bulletin.

Now to the content: At a brainstorming session in Basel we decided to adapt one of Bruno's wisdom stories for the theatre. Everyone should work on the same story - in the sense of Raymond Queneau's «Exercices de style» - with widely differing means. Of course, the theme of the year «be happy with your role» should also help.

Needless to say, your own experiences with Baba can also be incorporated.

The content of the story can be modified at will: no monks, no abbot, no firewood, no winter, no meteorologist, no North Indian mountains... do have to appear. But what does have to occur is this kind of deception or

confusion of the mind, this «wrong» interpretation of observations, this being caught in a vicious circle.

As all performances take place on one day, the duration of each performance must be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

We want to leave the means of performance up to you. For example, do you play with real actors, with puppets, marionettes, objects, shadows...? You can also use other elements such as stage lighting, set design, costumes, props, music... as you like. You have to bring all of these yourself. We provide an empty stage - the «empty space» of Peter Brook - with white lighting. All genres are welcome: Drama - comedy or tragedy, opera, musical, dance, happening, improvisation... everything should be possible.

We hope that you are already digging in your heels and can't wait to get started. Please report your basic «Yes, we will do something» to Gertraude as soon as possible. She will then follow up from time to time and check on your progress.

So be happy with your roles now,
and best regards from Basel.

Gertraude and Reto