



Call for Applications

6th Tbilisi Biennale of Stage Design – 2026

The **Valerian Gunia Union of Young Theatre Artists – OISTAT National Center of Georgia** is pleased to announce an **open call for national curatorial participation** in the **6th Tbilisi Biennale of Stage Design**, to be held from **6/7 October to 17 October 2026** in Tbilisi, Georgia.

This international event offers a dynamic platform for professional exchange, visibility, and collaboration within the global stage design community.

About the Tbilisi Biennale of Stage Design

Founded in 2016, the Tbilisi Biennale of Stage Design has established itself as a significant international platform supporting emerging and established stage designers. Organized by the Valerian Gunia Union of Young Theatre Artists, the Biennale promotes professional development, cross-cultural dialogue, and international networking through exhibitions, forums, symposia, and educational programs such as **MasterLab**.

Key Activities

1. International exhibition of national expositions
 2. Open forum / symposium
 3. Educational program **MasterLab** (lectures, masterclasses) – *to be confirmed*
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General Information

Tbilisi Biennale of Stage Design 2026 theme is Theater and Fashion

- Biennale dates: **6/7–17 October 2026**
- Each participating country is represented through a **national pavilion**
- Each pavilion is curated and coordinated by a **national curator**, who selects participating artists
- National curators are responsible for organizing their country's exposition

Eligibility Criteria for Participants

- Minimum **3 years of professional experience** in theater, cinema, television, multimedia scenography, or computer games
 - Artists must be **selected by national curators** of their respective countries
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Eligibility Criteria for Works

- Works realized or premiered between **2024–2026**
 - Acceptable formats include (but are not limited to): sketches, photographs, performances, videos, animations, installations, multimedia scenography, costumes, scale models, puppets, etc.
 - Foreign participants are encouraged to present **original sketches**.
If export permits are difficult to obtain, **high-quality prints** will be accepted.
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Selection Procedure

- Participants are selected and represented through **national curators**
 - Each guest country's participation is confirmed upon completion of the contractual process
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Technical Conditions

- Exhibition space is provided by the Georgian organizers
- Each country is allocated **20/25 square meters**
- Installation period: **2 full working days**
- Dismantling period: **1 day**
- Participants are responsible for **travel, transport, and production costs**
- All technical requirements must be agreed upon with the Biennale organizers **in advance**

Registration Fee and Payment Procedure

- The **registration fee is 100 EUR per participating country**
- **Payment is made only after the official contract is signed**
- National curators, on behalf of their respective institutions or organizations, shall sign a **participation agreement** with the **Valerian Gunia Union of Young Theatre Artists**
- The agreement defines the terms, conditions, and procedures of participation in the Biennale
- The **contract template will be sent to selected curators**
- Upon signing the agreement, the registration fee must be transferred to the Union's official bank account

Deadline for contract signing and payment:

1 **31 May 2026**

Application Package

- Completed application form
- Portrait photo
- CV
- Copies of works (minimum **8 high-resolution images** with full catalog information: title, author, director, venue, premiere date, dimensions, materials)
- Digital versions of works must be sent to:
ninogunia@yahoo.com; info@tbilisibiennale.com

Deadlines

- **Application deadline:** 27 March 2026
- **Contract signing & registration fee payment:** 31 May 2026
- **Submission of exposition design and technical drawings:** 10 August 2026
- **Notification of on-site technical works:** no later than **1 September 2026**

Contact & Information

For further information, please visit:

- Tbilisi Biennale Website
- <http://www.tbilisibiennale.com/2024/6162/call-for-applications-6th-tbilisi-biennale-of-stage-design-2026/>