



National Academic Drama Theatre Ivano-Frankivsk

For a theatre that celebrated 80 years in 2019, the National Academic Drama Theatre (Ivano-Frankivsk) boasts a remarkably youthful and energetic troupe and staff — one aching for increased opportunity for innovation.

Over the last decade Rostyslav Derzhypilskiy has served as artistic director of this venue that seats 900 in its large hall, and between 50-150 in its small hall. Theatre repertoire strikes a performance balance, featuring everything from treatments of contemporary Ukrainian popular fiction to a shock operatic production of *Hamlet* to Albert Camus's *Caligula*, staged by French director Jules Audre. Upcoming productions include works by Sophocles, Shakespeare and Chekhov.

The Ivano-Frankivsk Theatre has tirelessly pursued international links, completing tours to the United States, Canada, Italy and Poland. It is currently developing Ukraine's first Shakespeare Festival to feature both domestic and international productions. It has also put together the Theatre Time and multi-disciplinary Porto Franko festivals. This is an experienced and versatile group, one open to international collaboration, creative exchange and which is ready to tour.