



## Theatre on the Left Bank Kyiv

The theatre, young (est. 1970) by comparison with other State venues, has focused on modern drama and emerging artists throughout its history. Though located far from Kyiv’s “traditional” theatrical district, its 400-seat main stage and 50-150 chamber stage are among the most popular in the city.

Since 2018, the theatre has been headed by co-artistic directors Stas Zhirkov and Tamara Trunova. The venue features exclusively both foreign and domestic *contemporary* drama and has made use of a combination of traditional forms as well as physical theatre, animation and *commedia dell’arte* in its productions. A recent treatment of Ukrainian playwright Natalia Vorozhbyt’s ***Bad Roads***, a work which saw its world premiere at London’s Royal Court, was awarded the National Festival GRA prize.

The Theatre on the Left Bank focuses on a strong directorial role, contemporary texts and socially relevant themes. The theatre also serves as a type of “teaching theatre”, offering training for actors and audience discussions. The Left Bank has hosted guest directors from Italy, Belarus and Poland, but it is actively committed to broadening its — and its audience’s — exposure to international craft and vision for theatre.