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**ATI canceled participation of the Russian national exposition at PQ 2023**

**Based on the recent events, Arts and Theatre Institute and Prague Quadrennial have stopped negotiations with the representatives of the Russian national exposition.**

Arts and Theatre Institute (ATI) and Prague Quadrennial decided to react to the Russian aggression in Ukraine. The PQ 2023 team will not include the Russian representation in their main exhibition entries (Exhibition of Countries and Regions, Student Exhibition and Fragments).

All the other open calls remain open for Russian individual artists and artistic collectives and they can participate on PQ 2023 via the remaining curated projects.

ATI, a significant cultural institution, unanimously condemns the violation of international law and Ukraine's sovereignty and appeals to Russia to cease all military activities. We express our support for colleagues and all the Ukrainians.

Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space (PQ) is the biggest festival of its kind in the world. The festival was founded in 1967 as an international exhibition of the best theatre design artworks (scenography, costume design, light and sound design). PQ monitors contemporary trends and not only recently, they focus on new and innovative methods of set design in the broadest sense of the word, from traditional theatre to site-specific projects, from traditional materials and methods to modern technology and revolutionary approaches surpassing the limits of the discipline. The 15th edition of Prague Quadrennial will take place on 8-18 June 2023.

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