

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Official announcement of the winners of XII Europe Theatre Prize and X Europe Prize New Theatrical Realities**

The XII edition of Europe Theatre Prize, created in 1986/87 as a pilot programme by the European Commission and recognised, since 2002, by the European Parliament and Council as a European cultural interest organisation” will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008. The Union of European Theatres and the European Theatre Convention are associate and supporting bodies, while the International Association of Theatre Critics, the Instituto Internacional del Teatro del Mediterraneo and the International Theatre Institute UNESCO are associate bodies. The Greek Ministry of Culture will finance the next edition of Europe Theatre Prize and it has entrusted the organisation to the National Theatre of Northern Greece that will host the Europe Theatre Prize.

The international Jury, which gathered in Thessaloniki on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the Vassiliko Theatre and composed of:

President  
Franco QUADRI  
*Critic for La Repubblica*

Permanent secretary  
Renzo TIAN  
*University of Rome*  
*Extraordinary Commissioner, Italian Theatre Society - 2002*

Georges BANU  
*Honorary President, International Association of Theatre Critics*  
*Institute of Theatre Studies, Paris*

Manfred BEILHARZ  
*President, International Theatre Institute UNESCO*  
*Director, Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden*

Daniel BENOIN  
*Director, Théâtre National de Nice*

Jean Claude BERUTTI  
*President European Theatre Convention*  
*Director, Théâtre National de Saint Etienne*

Alexandru DARIE  
*President, Union of European Theatres*  
*Director, Teatrul Bulandra*

Marina DAVYDOVA  
*Critic for Izvestia-Expert*

Brigitte FÜRLE  
*Director, Spielzeiteuropa*  
*Director, Berliner Festspiele*

Ian HERBERT  
*President, International Association of Theatre Critics*  
*Critic for Theatre Record*

Lydia KONIORDOU  
*Actress*  
*Director*  
*Managing director DESMI – Centre for Ancient Greek Drama- Athens*

Elie MALKA  
*Director, Union of European Theatres*

José MONLEON  
*Director, Instituto Internacional del Teatro del Mediterraneo*  
*Director, Primer Acto*

Milos MISTRİK  
*Critic for Slovenske Divadlo*

Elisabeth SCHWEEGER,  
*Director, Schauspiel Frankfurt*

Arthur SONNEN  
*Artistic Director, Service Centre for International Cultural Activities*

Staffan VALDEMAR HOLM  
*Vice- President, Union of European Theatres*  
*Director, Dramaten*

has unanimously awarded the XII Europe Theatre Prize to Patrice Chéreau

The X Europe Prize New Theatrical Realities to Rimini Protokoll, Sasha Waltz and Krzysztof Warlikowski.

A special mention has been awarded, proposed by Vaclav Havel, Harold Pinter and Tom Stoppard, to Belarus Free Theatre for their opposition against the oppression of Belarusian Government.