

During the Festival, and for the first time, the Ministry of Culture will present the National Prize for Theatrical Staging Direction to one of twelve Colombian works preselected from a total of 20 participants who heeded a nationwide call.

With the street as the main stage and a particular promotional strategy, Manizales prepares itself for the celebration of the thirtieth version of the [International Theater Festival](#). In the words of its organizers, "it will be the best antidote to the pandemics that have the world on edge", thanks to the drama, circus, acrobatics, humor, and music shows that will enliven city streets from September 7 to 13.



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Over 30 companies from Europe, Asia, and Latin America have confirmed their presence at this festival - the oldest scenic event on the continent - for the purpose of showing the world that culture and art abate the impact of crises. Artists from the Dominican Republic, the United Kingdom, Japan, Colombia, Ukraine, Turkey, Switzerland, Argentina, Korea, Spain, France, and Italy will surprise the public with innovating proposals that will take place out of doors in Manizales.

Aside from the public, a jury of international guests will appreciate the stagings to determine the final winner. Similarly, the local young promises of the art will have their own space for the public to admire their proposals, which will include performances on stilts, human statues, story tellers, and other works by students of performing arts from the University of Caldas, among others.

Thanks to the originality exhibited in many of the works, the Manizales International Theater Festival will foster an amusing connection between artists and spectators, who together will turn Manizales into a space characterized by festiveness, creativity, optimism, and good humor.