

Il Direttore

To the kind attention of
The Director of ITI UNESCO
Mr Tobias Biancone

And to ITI UNESCO Board Members

Milan, March 9th 2020

Dear Tobias Biancone,

I know that you and your team have been in contact with my collaborators in these days and you are aware of the serious situation we are unfortunately living in Italy and especially in Milan.

News are getting worse, day after day. Our theatres are closed to the audience since February 22nd, at least for the next month (until April 3rd). It is most likely that these restrictive measures will be extended. We had to cancel several shows we had scheduled both in Milan and on international tour (Spain, France). Consequence of these measures is also the stop at every activity of the theatre including the preparation of performances and activities foreseen to open after the mentioned period.

In this unpredictable situation, without any certitude of our next future, I do believe it is my duty to take the decision to cancel our International Student Festival in Milan scheduled for next summer.

It is impossible to know now what we are going to face in the next weeks, news are quite pessimists. It's our responsibility to protect our work and our collaborators and all the people involved in this project.

It is very hard for me, for my collaborators and for you, who spent already a lot of energy in this project, but I do not see any other responsible decision.

I confirm our willing to work on future possibilities to reschedule our Festival another year as soon as we will return to a more relaxed situation.

I deeply hope we will all have the opportunity to do it soon, convinced that the international collaboration, especially directed to young people, is even more important on the occasion of such calamities.

My collaborators Alberto Benedetto and Nathalie Martinelli are at your disposal for preparing the due communications to inform the selected schools about this unpleasant situation, due to cause of force majeure.

The Director
Sergio Escobar



Piccolo **Teatro Strehler**
largo Greppi
(M2 Lanza)



Piccolo **Teatro Grassi**
via Rovello 2
(M1 Cordusio)



Piccolo **Teatro Studio**
via Rivoli 6
(M2 Lanza)



Scuola di Teatro del "Piccolo"
via degli Angeli 3
(M2 Lanza)