

On Saturday 21st July, in Węgajty, there starts – already for the tenth time – the “Theatre Village” Festival. The idea of the festival has since the very beginning lain in opening, transgressing the range of the theatre building. The performances, workshops and meetings take place in an adapted school building, in the open air and in the nearby villages, joining their inhabitants into participation. Every year we extend the Village geography, gaining new spaces for common actions. It is also going to be so this year.

This year we are taking the challenge posed by the phenomena of the crisis of culture and our whole public life, especially the low ecological awareness of Poles. We are also presenting theatre projects from the world, in the context of “climate wars”, the Middle East conflicts and Euro-Asian relations. During the Festival there will also be the culminations of works with local communities, circus pedagogy workshops with children, theatre with the disabled and the seances of the interactive Theatre Forum in the area of work and employment. “Theatre Village” is a festival which extends the area of alternative theatre. As a rule, we combine multiplicity of searches, conventions, experiments and environments. We speak for the culture of participation, understood as a readiness to speak and act in important matters. We wish that the workshops, meetings and festival presentations become a space for creativity and thinking about the future.