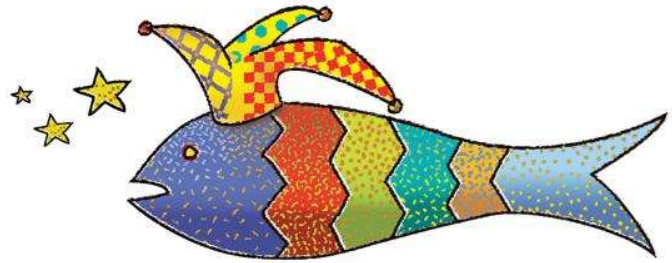


Liverpool International Theatre Festival



LITF 2026 Troupes & Play Descriptions

We're thrilled to welcome an exceptional lineup of 9 competitive international theatre companies to LITF 2026, October 14–18 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Whether they're joining us for the first time or returning to the Astor stage, every troupe is travelling an incredible distance to share their talent, culture, and stories with our community.

For a little fun & perspective, we've included the distance each company is travelling, as the JesterFish swims (or the crow flies).

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Dream Team - Sharjah

Distance Travelled: 11,500 km

Play: A Blind Couple and a Donkey

A lively comedy of misunderstandings, clever schemes and unexpected twists. Set in a medieval town square, it's a funny story with a sharp look at survival and human nature.

EGYPT – Academy of Arts - Alexandria

Distance Travelled: 10,000 km

Play: Summit Match

A young boxer battles family pressure, society and his past as he fights for his future.

SWITZERLAND – Theatre Beloe - Geneva

Distance Travelled: 6,600 km

Play: Break the Silence

A physical theatre exploration of silence, connection and the human need to be heard.

POLAND - Scream Theatre - Maszewo

Distance Travelled: 6,300 km

Play: Hey You

An intimate, energetic exploration of growing up, connection and finding your place.

NETHERLANDS – Hoosh Theater - Amsterdam

Distance Travelled: 4,940 km

Play: NEST

A poetic physical theatre piece about leaving home, independence and taking the first step.

MÉXICO – En Movimiento Teatro - Mexico City

Distance Travelled: 4,700 km

Play: Leyendas (Legends)

Mexican legends come to life as a night at an old tavern blurs the line between myth and reality.

WALES -Players Theatre - Gelligaer

Distance Travelled: 4,500 km

Play: A Kind of Vesuvius

Three unemployed men find humour, friendship and hope in difficult times.

EGYPT/MONTREAL - East Voice For Arts - Alexandria/Montreal

Distance Travelled: 10810 km

Play: Wooza-Albert

Two people wait for a saviour in this darkly comic exploration of hope and absurdity.

ITALY / LONDON - Stage Leftovers - Beckenham, London

Distance Travelled: 1430 km & 4680 km

Play: The Extraordinary Life of a Rat Racer

A single mother and rat racer battles trauma, self-doubt and the determination to keep going.

UGANDA – Ushindi Community Theatre of Kasangati*

Ushindi Community Theatre - Kasangati – Uganda

**Appearing in a Special film presentation. Non competitive*

Play: The Pursuit

Traditional storytelling, dance and movement combine in a story of escape, return, home and belonging.