The Children's theatre-studio „Chiga-Biga”

The Children's theatre-studio „Chiga-Biga” was created on October 1, 2005 in a village Nizhne Selyshche in Khust district, Transcarpathian Region at the support of the Transcarpathian association of local development, based on the local youth-club and rural school.

The primary objective of our work is to attract village youngsters' attention to the world of culture and to expand their global perspective through dramatic art. Our theatre is like a synthetic art, which consists of different types of arts (music, dancing, painting, oratory, ethics, aesthetics, cinema, folk traditions, ceremonies, etc).

Children are going to know more about different theatre activities:
- Pantomime (classic folk - vertep);
- Free-movement dance;
- Contact improvisation;
- Actor trade;
- Stage fight;
- Stage language;
- Group dynamics and the like.

In time of its existence, the following features have been created:
- presentation „Little prince” after the same name of philosophical fairy-tale of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- etudes on educational subject, which stimulate thoughtfulness about youth related issues for adolescents, such as smoking, alcoholism, relationship between people, homosexuality and other;
- free-movement performance „Bird”;

Thematic evening-parties were also organized: Rock and roll (acquainted young village people with a hippie culture and music of that time), Ukrainian (at this evening-party, one could hear only Ukrainian music, and folk games were played that educated the patriotic spirit of young people).

We plan to organize the child's theatrical festival „Bird”, where it would be possible to conduct training both for children, who will be occupied in theatrical studios, and for the trainers as well; to experience exchange on the activities of child's theatrical groups of different regions and countries; to promote cooperation with different theatrical groups.

Future plans: creation of a mobile theatrical troupe, where the most creative ideas would be realized.
The first International child’s festival of dramatic art "Bird"
is particularly aimed to children with special needs:
Children with physical and mental disorders and social underprivileged children
as well.

Organizers:
- Transcarpathian association of local development (ZAMR) at the assistance of the
  European Civic Forum and network Switzerland - Transcarpathia/Ukraine (NeSTU)

Co-organizers:
- Medical Aid Committee Zakarpattia
- The department of education of Khust district
- KLANZA (Club of animators of fun Lublin, Poland)
- Rivne regional organization YMCA “BIRD”

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School

Festival dates:
April 27 – 29, 2007
Preamble:
Influence of dramatic art on the development of personality
Decline of theatre in Ukraine
International character of the region can absorb experience of different people and mentalities

Aims:
To attract public's attention to the importance and needs of children's theatre as a method of free personality and civil society formation.

Tasks:
- organization of employment for children with special needs.
- organization of a non-competitive festival on children's theatrical groups with the purpose of experience exchanging of studio work in organization, and especially for working with special needs children
- conducting master-classes for the festival participants
- integration of every separate individual achieving a common goal
- acquaintance with different theatrical techniques, that can be used in the process of teaching in general educational establishments
- conducting regional pedagogical seminar on the problem "Elements of theatrical pedagogics at secondary school"
- gaining knowledge on the features of dramatic art among the participants and guests
- acquaintance with the methods of KLANZA (pedagogics of fun)

Participants:
Theater-studio "Chiga-Biga" (Village Nyzhnye Selyshche, Khust district, Transcarpathian region)
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The following activities have been realized within one year:
- presentation „Little prince” based on a philosophical fairy-tale by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry;
- etudes on educational subject, which stimulate thoughtfulness about youth related issues for adolescents, such as smoking, alcoholism, relationship between people, homosexuality, etc;
- plastic performance „Bird”;
The following thematic evening-parties also took place: Rock-n-roll (acquainted the young people of the village with a hippie culture and music of that time), Ukrainian (at this evening-party, one could hear only Ukrainian music, and folk games were played that educated the patriotic spirit of young people).

A theatre-studio “Ne plach” (Zdolbouniv, Rivne region)
The Children's the theater-studio „ Ne plach” was created in 1999 at the Zdolbouniv house for children and young people, like the program of YMCA. (Young Men’s Christian Association).
During the last years, this studio won competitions at several children’s theatre festivals not only in Ukraine, but abroad as well. A group activity takes part in public actions of the city and region.

KLANZA - club of animators of leisure activities (Lublin, Poland)
Street theater (Mukachevo, Transcarpathian region)
Medical Aid Committee Zakarpatty, the Vilshany house of children-invalids
Child's residential boarding school in Vilshany village of Khust district, Transcarpathian region was built in 1961. Nowadays there are 185 children who live and are treated there including patients with oligophrenia, mental disorder, cerebral paralysis, physical disorder. There are mainly children-orphans left by parents here. There are 6 child's workshops operating on the territory of Vilshany boarding school, where 50 children are daily involved in work.
Program:

April 27
10.00 - 11.30 Registration of participants (accommodation)
11.30 - 12.00 Assembly. Devotion
12.00 - 12.59 Dinner (dining-room)
12.59 - 13.00 Intermission
13.00 - 14.00 Opening of festival (club stage)
14.00 - 15.00 Presentation of theatre "Chiga-Biga" (club stage)
15.15 - 17.15 Master-class for the development of KLANZA creativity (club hall)
A district educational seminar on a topic "Elements of a theatrical pedagogy at secondary school" (club stage)
   Watching the film on a theatrical problem (club stage)
17.30 - 18.00 Coffee break
18.00 - 19.00 Presentation of theatre group "Ne plach" (club stage)
19.15 - 20.15 Supper (dining-room)
20.30 - 21.30 Gathering by a fire at the Vulychnyi Theater from Mukachevo
Festive fireworks (area by club)
22.00 Healthy and pleasant sleep

April 28
8.00 Wake up
8.30 - 9.30 Breakfast (dining-room)
9.30 - 10.00 Devotion
10.00 - 12.45 Workshop STORM (techniques of personality growth) (club hall)
Mass walking: body-art, masks made from gypsum, origami, photo-exhibition, games, and merry auction, clowns (at the club)
13.00 - 14.00 Dinner (dining-room)
14.00 - 15.00 Performance by the orphans from Vilshany orphanage (club stage)
15.00 - 17.30 Master-class by theatrical teachers from Lucerne, Switzerland (club hall)
17.30 - 18.00 Coffee-break
18.00 - 19.00 Presentation of child's theatrical group from Switzerland (club stage)
19.00 - 20.00 Delicious, nourishing supper full of vitamins (dining-room)
20.00 - 21.45 Costume evening-party (competitions, games, drawing, etudes) (at the club)
22.00 Merry and interesting sleep

April 29
8.00 Awakening with a smile on the face
8.30 - 9.30 Breakfast (dining-room)
9.30 - 10.00 Devotion (Worship)
10.00 - 11.30 Preparations for the presentation of a general performance of "Bird" (club)
11.30 - 13.00 Closing of festival (club)
13.00 - 14.00 Dinner (dining-room)
14.00 Departure