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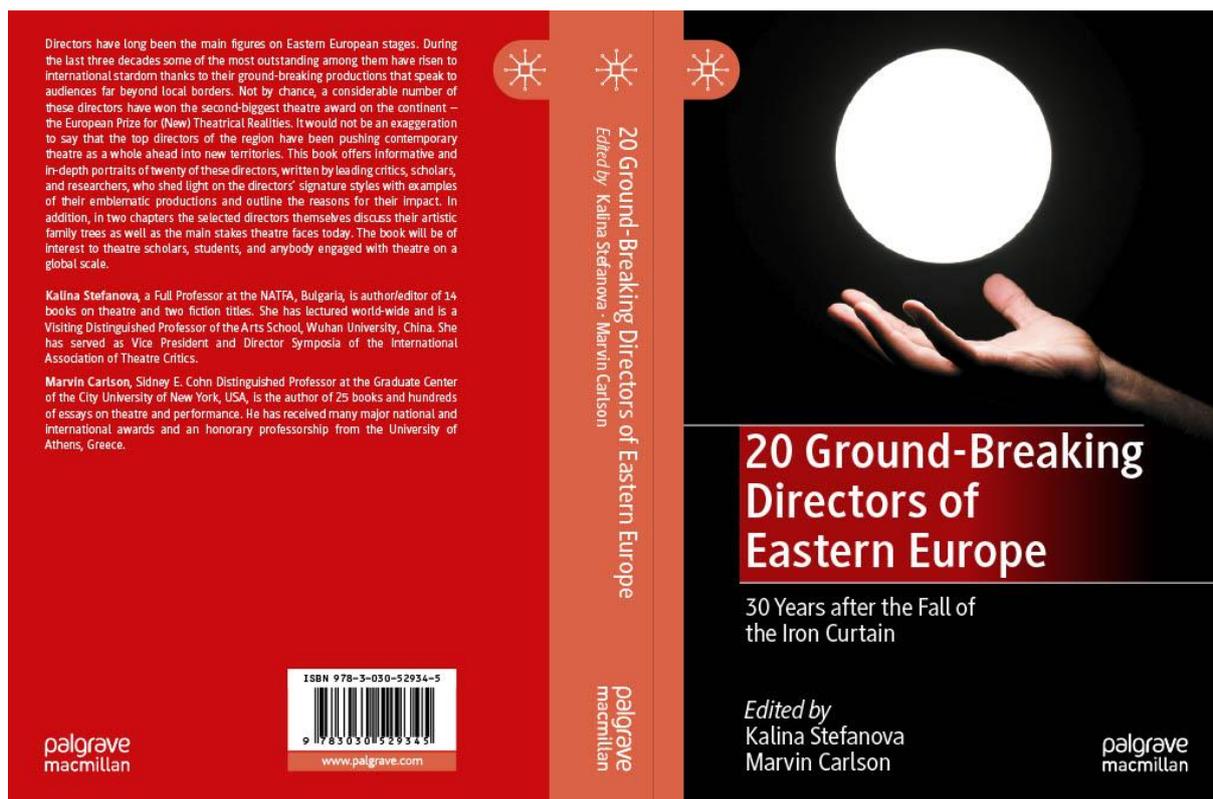
DIRECTORS FROM EASTERN EUROPE: A BOOK LAUNCH

**Tomasz Wiśniewski and Katarzyna Kręglewska in conversation with
KALINA STEFANOVA (Bulgaria) and MARVIN CARLSON (USA)**

Thursday, 13 May 2021, 16.00 (Gdańsk/Paris CEST)

**Guests include: Noémi Herczog (Hungary), Maria Zarnescu (Romania),
Michal Zahálka (Czech Republic), and Octavian Saiu (Romania)**

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Kalina Stefanova is author/editor of 16 books: 14 books on theatre, some of them launched in New York, London, and Wrocław, and two books of fiction, published in nine countries, and in two editions in China. She was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at New York University and has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, Meiji University, Japan, and the Shanghai Theatre Academy, China, among others. In 2016, she was appointed Visiting Distinguished Professor of the Arts School of Wuhan University, China, as well as Distinguished Researcher of the Chinese Arts Criticism Foundation of Wuhan University. She served as IATC's Vice President (2001/2006) and as its Director Symposia (2006-2010). In 2007, she was the dramaturg of the highly acclaimed production of *Pentecost* by David Edgar, directed by Mladen Kiselov, at the Stratford Festival of Canada. Since 2001, she has regularly served as an evaluation expert for cultural and educational programs of the European Commission. Currently she teaches at the National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, Sofia.

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20 GROUND BREAKING DIRECTORS OF EASTERN EUROPE

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Directors have long been the main figures on Eastern European stages. During the last three decades some of the most outstanding among them have risen to international stardom thanks to their ground-breaking productions that speak to audiences far beyond local borders. Not by chance, a considerable number of these directors have won the second-biggest theatre award on the continent – the European Prize for (New)

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Theatrical Realities. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the top directors of the region have been pushing contemporary theatre, as a whole, ahead into new territories. This book offers informative and in-depth portraits of twenty of these directors, written by leading critics, scholars, and researchers, who shed light on the directors' signature styles with examples of their emblematic productions and outline the reasons for their impact. In addition, in two chapters the selected directors themselves discuss their artistic family trees, as well as the main challenges the theatre faces today. The book will be of interest to theatre scholars, students, and anybody engaged with theatre on a global scale.

The directors featured in the book are: Alvis Hermanis (Latvia), Oskaras Korsunovas, Eimuntas Nekrosius, and Rimas Tuminas (Lithuania), Oliver Frlić (Croatia), Arpad Schilling and Bela Pinter (Hungary), Silviu Purcarete, Andrei Serban, and Gianina Carbutariu (Romania), Daniel Spinar, and Jan Mikulasek (the Czech Republic), Alexander Morfov (Bulgaria), Włodzimierz Staniewski, Jan Klata, Grzegorz Bral, Krzysztof Warlikowski, Grzegorz Jarzyna, and Krystian Lupa (Poland), and Jernej Lorenci (Slovenia).

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