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Registration Now Open for ISPA 2025 New York Congress *Leading with Creativity* January 14 – 16, 2025

New York, NY, USA (September 3, 2024) – Registration is now open for the **ISPA 2025 New York Congress, *Leading with Creativity***. Welcoming all cultures, regions, genres, and disciplines within the performing arts field, more than 500 delegates from 60 regions around the world are expected to attend in-person.

“Under the leadership of co-chairs, **Shoshana Polanco** of FES Iztacala UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) and **Josephine Ridge** of Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, [the 2025 Planning Committee](#) thoughtfully offers a dialogue that is relevant and timely given the current global environment.” said CEO David Baile.

Congress Theme: *Leading with Creativity*

Join us as leadership takes center stage. The international performing arts community faces new realities including global conflicts, changing workplace culture, divisions around social issues, AI, and the climate emergency. At ISPA's 2025 New York Congress, we'll explore innovative approaches and leadership models that leverage creativity to inspire and lead with impact. Whether you're an artist, presenter, manager, administrator, or cultural advocate, join us as we navigate the unique challenges and opportunities of arts leadership in today's rapidly shifting, often polarized world.

The Congress theme will be explored through a variety of sub-topics presented in various formats ensuring a highly interactive discussion. Popular programs promoting global exchange of the arts, including Pitch New Works and ProEx (Professional Exchange) will once again be held. The annual ISPA awards will be presented honoring some of the sector's top leaders and innovations/initiatives. The Congress will be returning to the Gerald W. Lynch Theater (John Jay College) and the iconic Times Center.

Online registration is open through January 3th. Early Bird period ends October 25th. For more information on the ISPA 2025 New York Congress, visit https://www.ispa.org/page/congress_ny25.

About ISPA: The International Society for the Performing Arts (ISPA) is a global association of more than 500 arts management leaders from 60 regions, who come together with the shared goal of strengthening and developing the arts internationally. We achieve this by building leadership ability, by recognizing and discussing field-wide trends and new developments, and by deepening global exchange through the arts. ISPA members include presenters, performing arts organizations, artist managers, competitions, funders, consultants and other professionals working in the performing arts. Founded in 1948, 2024 marks ISPA's 75th anniversary.

About ISPA Congresses: ISPA Congresses bring together performing arts leaders to discover the next great idea, strengthen relationships, and rejuvenate their passion for the arts. Programming is geared toward administrators, presenters, managers, agents, artists and government/cultural leaders.

ISPA holds two Congresses annually, one every January in New York City and a second Congress in a different region of the world. Recent International Congress locations include Montréal, Canada (2017), Leeuwarden-Friesland, Netherlands (2018), Guadalajara, Mexico (2019), Hong Kong, China (2022), UK (2023), Australia (2024). With upcoming Congresses in Lugano, Switzerland (2025), Singapore (2026), and Uppsala (2027). For more information about ISPA congresses, visit https://www.ispa.org/page/congress_landing.

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