

PRESS RELEASE

## **Bjcem's board, during a meeting in Turin on 28th and 29th September 2007, has chosen Regione Puglia (Italy) to host the XIII Edition Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean**

The Biennial, at first foreseen in Alexandria of Egypt in 2007, location then cancelled by our Egyptian partners, will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2008, in the region of Puglia.

The Project of Regione Puglia, passionately supported by the President Nichi Vendola and particularly supervised by the Assessorato al Mediterraneo, is going to have, among its characteristics, a network imprint. It will present, in the whole region, the works of about 900 artists, aged from 18 to 30, coming from 48 Euro-Mediterranean countries, and, in the meantime, it will testify a great opening, through the connections with the near Balkans. There will, in fact, be organized a prologue in Bosnia Erzegovina, in Sarajevo, a city which is the symbol of dialogue and coexistence, and a sequel in Skopje, chief town of Macedonia, that will host the XIV Edition of the Biennial in 2009

The Bjcem Association, which gathers 72 members from 21 Euro-Mediterranean countries, Local Bodies, Ministries, Associations and Cultural Institutions, expresses all his satisfaction for this solution, which takes the Biennial to the region called by the Romans « Finis Terrae » (“the border of the Earth”), an area deeply rooted in the Mediterranean, both under a geographical and a cultural point of view..

The one in Puglia is going to be an exceptional Edition, set in a region which is multicultural by definition, and that will host the invasion of different cultures and languages, expressed by more than two thousand works exhibited and almost one hundred among music and theatre performances, fashion shows and literary readings, that will liven this Italian region for 10 days.

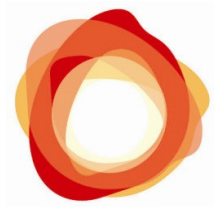
Once again, the Biennial is going to promote the meeting and the intercultural dialogue by using the languages of culture and art, in the most important event dedicated to the emerging creativity of the Mediterranean, and, at the same time, it proves to be a great happening of young talents.

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The theme for the XIII Edition of the Biennial will be « *KAIROS: la nostra diversità creativa* » (“*KAIROS: our cultural diversity*”), where the Greek word Kairos means the time to change, a time in which the cultural diversity, the thousand faces of the young artists and of their works are the drive for a possible change.

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