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To the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania

## RECOMMENDATION TO WIN THE PRIZE OF A YOUNG ARTIST

I have met Marija Simona Šimulynaitė in 2006, when a young and talented ballerina came to dance in Vanemuine theatre. At that time, Marija was studying theatre directing at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre. She was preparing her dissertation in our theatre, which was crucial for her further career. F. Dürrenmatt's play "Physicists" – intriguing psychological mystery story about three physicists, who live in an isolated villa-sanatorium, and who were secret agents, rather than actual patients. Marija looked into traditional mystery story from different perspective, from absolutely unique angle. The drama-dance performance "Physicists" combined modern ballet and classical acting. Particular attention was paid to the harmony of lights and music.

Today, among other young artists, Marija Simona stands out with her bold creative challenges. Her contemporary ballet performances, such as "Arachne", "Diagnosis: a Man", "Other World", "Sunstroke", are unique not only in Lithuania, but also in Europe. Full halls of viewers and the fact that the Department for the Presidency of the European Union under the Ministry of Culture chose to show Marija's work for more than 4000 guests from all over Europe proves the uniqueness of her works.

I recommend the candidacy of Marija Simona Šimulynaitė to win the prize of a young artist. We can compare this young talented artist with professional directors already.

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Sincerely,

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