

## Short notice invitation

Dear friends,

We hope you will join us at a networking event by THALIA Casting, led by Aleksandra Balmazovic, an award-winning Slovenian actress.

Central and Eastern European film has been the (not so) quiet contender on the festival scene for decades. Since the 1980s, directors and actors from the region have been the recipients of major awards; actors such as Rade Serbedzija and Goran Visnjic have seen global success. The region, however, remains without a structured casting network to represent its film community abroad.

To respond to that need, THALIA Casting has taken the initiative to create a curated database of Central European actors and directors and liaise them with Casting Directors and Agencies.

Aleksandra Balmazovic is a Slovenian actress with sixteen feature film credits, recipient of the 2005 European Shooting Stars Award at the Berlin International Film Festival and four other awards. She studied in Belgrade, Serbia, and has worked with directors throughout the Central and Eastern European region as well as in Germany and Austria. While she is represented in Europe, she has found that the region's film community would welcome better connections with the rest of Europe and the USA. She has spent the past few weeks in London exploring the possibilities of a Central and Eastern European curated casting database and has had very positive feedback.

Aleksandra would be delighted to be able to tap into some of your thinking and understand your requirements further in order to be able to best respond to them and to consider ways of collaborating with the UK film industry (casting directors, agents, productions, directors...)

**The event will be hosted at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, 10 Little College Street, London SW1P 3SH, on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5-7pm.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

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