



# UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE

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## NOMINATIONS FOR THE CANDIDACY OF UNIMA MEMBERS OF HONOR (Approved at the Executive Committee meeting of 18-09-2019)

With regard to the statute the appointment of a UNIMA Honorary Member is the greatest recognition of our organization. It is awarded to living people in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the world of puppetry. It should not be granted in a trivial way; otherwise, this honor would lose its value. Therefore, this series of criteria has been designed to facilitate the presentation of the candidacies and guarantee equality when assessing them and to be able to grant the titles of Honorary Member of UNIMA fairly and equitably.

### CRITERIA

- The nominee must be alive. The appointment will not be made posthumously.
- The nominee has made a specific, exceptionally significant contribution to puppetry and to UNIMA, that can be easily described and recognized by UNIMA membership. Illustrative examples of such contributions might include:
  - Unusually strong and effective advocacy of puppetry that has promoted or sustained its growth and acceptance.
  - The application of puppetry in challenging contexts to address pressing social needs and issues within communities.
  - The founding of an institution, school or important festival that makes higher and broader contributions to the practice of puppetry.
  - Internationally recognized “masters of masters”, whose contributions to puppetry are deep and abiding.
  - Highly regarded senior practitioners whose work has sustained traditional puppetry, particularly in challenging circumstances.
  - Researchers, writers, and curators whose work has contributed significantly to the understanding and appreciation of the art of puppetry.
  - The creation of a new technique or performance style, which is broadly adopted or proves highly influential.
  - Innovators who are credited with introducing the art of puppetry into a new country or context.
- Nominations must compellingly portray the candidate’s specific, exceptionally significant contribution using simple, persuasive language. These descriptions should be no longer than 400 words.
- Each nomination should also include curriculum *vitae*, a photograph, and the full address of the candidate.