



AbOvo theatre company  
Athens, Greece  
[www.abovo.gr](http://www.abovo.gr)

## About us

AbOvo is a creative theatre company, based in Athens Greece.

Since 2004 we develop new and original theatre with contemporary language, philosophy and a sense of humour.



We also organize the annual Bob Theatre Festival in Athens since 2008. The festival collects the best young companies of the country and brings them together, mixing and multiplying their audience.



Our goal is to make theatre accessible and popular with Greece's young audiences. We do this by creating inspiring work of our own and by presenting inspiring work by other Greek or international artists.

## Physical theatre, interactive, site specific, comedy

AbOvo is a physical theatre, LeCoq trained company. Our shows are mainly comedies with a strong physical or grotesque character.



Our themes are usually philosophical and/or political.



We also love to interact with our audience. Since our first production, the interactive aspect of our shows has always been growing. This year we took interaction to a new level with a fully interactive, site-specific show, where the audience has to solve a crime in a 1.100m<sup>2</sup> non theatrical space.

## Bob Theatre Festival

In 2008 AbOvo started Bob Theatre Festival.



Every May for the last 5 years, the best young theatre companies of Greece perform their shows in this 5-7 day festival. Eith a steady audience of more than 3.000 people, Bob Theatre Festival is the Athens' most important theatrical event of the spring.



In 2010 Bob Theatre Festival introduced the “Scratch Night” contest where emerging companies present 15 minute versions of their still-in-progress works. The winning company, as voted by the audience, is awarded 10 rent-free nights to present their complete work the following season. This year the award also includes 1.000€ for production expences.



## Collaboration with AbOvo

AbOvo are a creative team and are looking forward to working in an international level.

The language-free show “The Planet” by AbOvo, is an award-winning production especially created for international audiences and is available for touring.



AbOvo are also available for creative collaboration. We are looking forward to working with international companies and devising new work.



Finally Bob Theatre Festival can invite international companies to Athens and also export exciting young theatre from Greece.

## History

Our first show “Eki, eki stin Kolasi” (There, there to Hell) was a huge success for a new company. It was originally programmed to play for 10 nights and ended up playing for 2,5 years with almost 13.000 people seeing it. The company was awarded with two grants from the ministry of culture, is funded ever since and (actor/director) Yannis Sarakatsanis was nominated for a “New Creator” award by the Greek Theatre Critics Guild.



Since then, nine more productions followed, establishing AbOvo as the most popular, active and acclaimed young theatre company in Greece.

“Me agapi, AbOvo” (With love, AbOvo), 2007, 6 shows – 900 people

“Zelov”, 2007-2008, 57 shows – 3.667 people



“Ellada ise Preza” (Junkie for Greece), 2007-2008, 13 shows – 800 people



“Aftos, Afti ki afta” (He, She and Those), 2008, 16 shows – 600 people

“O Planitis” (The Planet), 2008-2009, 32 shows, 1.000 people

“Mama Ellada” (Mother Greece), 2008-2009, 58 shows – 2.200 people

“Mama Ellada 2” (Mother Greece 2), 2009-2010, 109 shows – 10.000 people



“To Idryma” (The Foundation), 2011-2012, 36 shows – 3.000 people

“Eglima sti Galeri” (Crime at the Gallery), 2013, 46 shows 2.500 people



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