

ANA MONRO THEATRE'S  
**ART YARD PROJECT**  
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In Western cultures community arts have existed in different forms for about thirty years. However, only in the first decade of XXI century one has started to delve into it theoretically.

The theatre troupe *Ana Monro* from Ljubljana (Slovenia) boldly, courageously, started delving into this new, unexplored field – community arts, community involvement, cultural decentralization. Their *Art Yard* project covers all aspects of community art – project takes a couple of days that its effect would be deeper and more meaningful, the community is invited to create content for the project, they communicate with the community the entire time, artists professionals who are involved in the project help the community to create better quality content for the project. Activities are open for everyone, from children to adults.

Theatre, circus, stage arts performances are great tools that help strengthen the community, familiarize with each other, get braver through creative activities. The celebration created in the yard of residents encourages pride of their residence, strengthens loyalty of them, increases happiness index.

*Ana Monro's* activities are very necessary and meaningful in this changing, ever-freezing society. Cultural decentralization, when culture itself comes to people's yards is especially needed for people in need and those who cannot afford culture. And getting to know your neighbors is one of the most important aspects to living a full, communal and safe life.

I would like to encourage theatre troupe *Ana Monro* to visit as many yards as possible and with their project bring even more happiness to the people of Ljubljana!

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