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THE BEGINNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FESTIVAL

The Borštnik srečanje (Borštnik Gathering) has its home in the city of Maribor, more precisely in the **Slovene National Theatre Maribor**, where in the year 1965 this Slovene theatre festival set its roots. At first it was a **Week of Slovene dramas**, which was not a competitive event. It was founded by **Fran Žižek**, stage manager and all round theatrical and television creator.

In the year **1970** this annual event became a competitive festival, which was named the Borštnik srečanje (Borštnik Gathering). For this transformation Za to preobrazbo je bil najzaslužnejši The late artistic director of SNG Maribor and stage manager **Branko Gombač** is most merited for this transformation. The festival was named after the actor **Ignacij Borštnik** (1858-1919), founder of the modern Slovene theatre and art of acting.