

## Red Stars - chamber exhibition

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*The unknown showgirls in National Széchényi Library!*

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- *What happened to the world famous night clubs of Pest of the 1930s after 1945?*
- *How erotic was a socialist revue?*
- *How were the playgrounds of City Park transformed?*
- *Which actress traded denunciation to the State Protection Authority for a career?*

The better-be-forgotten Stalinist stage shows of the 1950s featured a number of still well-known stars (Hanna Honthy, Alfonso alias József Markos, the Latabár brothers, etc.), as well as performers who were not particularly well-known even then. Some of the performers have later become popular and renowned performers (József Romhányi, György Szilágyi, Iván Szenes, György Klapka, etc.). Political elite of the era regarded theater only as a means of spreading its own propaganda. So they tried to provide the previously “just” entertainment shows with “content”.

The exhibition will present these shows via never before seen original photos and memorabilia, and it will also be shown what course the career of favored and banned actresses, revue stars took in this era.

Curator of the exhibition: Dr. Dániel Molnár

*Venue of the exhibition: National Széchényi Library, H-1014 Budapest, Wing “F” of Buda Royal Palace, Floor 6, Catalog space adjacent to the Theater Collection and the Music Collection.*

*The exhibition will be open from March 19, 2019 until October 12, 2019, Tuesday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.*

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