

## **The important dates of its history**

**1878** Construction of the Trocadéro Palace for the Universal Exhibition

**1920** Firmin Gémier inaugurated the first national and popular theatre in the world. He remained its director until his death in 1933. He was followed by Paul Abram and Pierre Aldebert.

**1936** Construction of the current Palais de Chaillot (on the foundations of the former Trocadéro Palace) for the Universal Exhibition of 1937.

**1948** Chaillot became the headquarters of the United Nations for three years. It's in the great room that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

**1951** Jean Vilar was named Director of the National Popular Theatre (TNP) by Jeanne Laurent, Director of Arts and Literature of the Ministry of National Education, and he remained as such until 1963.

**1963** Georges Wilson became the new director of the TNP.

**1967** Opening of the Salle Firmin Gémier.

**1972** The acronym TNP was transferred to the Théâtre de la Cité in Villeurbanne. Jack Lang became the director of the Théâtre National de Chaillot, with Antoine Vitez as artistic director. He started the National Theatre of Children and impulsed a radical change of the great room. The work will last two years.

**1974** Nomination of André-Louis Périnetti as director.

**1981** Nomination of Antoine Vitez.

**1988** Nomination of Jérôme Savary.

**2000** Nomination of Ariel Goldenberg, with Dominique Hervieu, in charge of young public, and José Montalvo, director of dance, under his authority.

**2001** Opening of the Studio (a former rehearsal room) called Salle Maurice Béjart.

**2008** Nomination of the choreographer Dominique Hervieu.

**2011** Nomination of the choreographer and dancer Didier Deschamps. José Montalvo becomes the theatre's permanent artist.

**2014** Beginning of the renovation works of the Salle Firmin Gémier.

**2016** The mandate of director Didier Deschamps was renewed for three years. Chaillot became the National Theatre of Dance.

**2017** Inauguration of the new Salle Firmin Gémier on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.