2023 Emerging Artist Strand Application Guide

Application Materials

2023 PUP applications will be hosted online on **Submittable** from January 10-31, 2023. Review eligibility requirements on our website **here.**

1. **Basic Online Application Form**
   - **Pre and Main Conference Strand Selection:** Select your first- and second-choice strands, and note that some strands have additional application requirements.
   - **Contact and Demographic Information:** Name, email address, phone number, demographic information, dietary requirements, housing accommodations.

2. **Headshot (JPG) and Resume (PDF)**
   - **Headshot:** Upload a recent photo saved as a JPEG file.
   - **Resume:** A single-page PDF file that includes your **name, current occupation, work history, education,** and **two references who can speak to the quality of your work and character.** Please include your references' full name, job title and organization, contact information, and a brief description of your relationship.

3. **Artistic Statement (PDF)**
   Please answer the following three questions on a single document saved as a PDF file:
   - **Are you a practicing puppeteer?** Please briefly describe your history as a puppeteer, paid or unpaid, and be sure to include the companies with which you have worked. If you have no experience as a puppeteer, please tell us about your interest in puppetry and any personal or professional background that you feel is relevant—including performance and visual artistry.
   - **How do you plan to contribute to the conference?** What do you hope to achieve during your time here?
   - **Mini-manifesto on puppetry (500 words max):** Why would you choose to use a puppet as opposed to an actor? How, ideally, does the puppet relate to other theatrical elements such as scene, sound, narrative, and audience?

4. **Emerging Artist Strand - Additional Materials (PDF)**
   - **Project Title & Description:** Provide 2 -5 sentences that describe or outline the story of your piece.
   - **Draft or Outline of Project:** Upload up to 5 individual files that contain any script drafts, storyboards, imagery, or music that you have at this time. You may also upload one singular PDF with links to these files. If you are providing video samples or links, please ensure they are under 5 minutes in length.
   - **Work Plan & Goals:** Provide a brief outline of your approach to your work and rehearsal process. List any personal, professional, or educational goals that you have for this process.
   - **Puppetry Logistics:** List any puppets that you hope to use—either pre-existing or not—and if you require construction tutelage. Note any equipment that you are unsure of how to source or create.
   - **Musical Accompaniment:** Do you plan to use pre-recorded tracks, live accompaniment, or no music at all?
   - **Where do you hope to present this work in the future?**
   - **How many people do you need to support this work in your rehearsal process?** (ie. Resident Company members)
5. **$25 Admin Fee** This fee covers the costs associated with the administration of the PUP application and review process. If this fee poses a barrier, please **use this link** to request a waiver.

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