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Applications for 2023/24 Artists Residencies at Dance Victoria Studios Now Open

What:

Dance Victoria's (DV) proposal call is now open for its annual Artist Residency Program. Independent dance artists and collectives residing in B.C. and interested in a creative residency during the 2023/24 season can apply. The Artist Residency Program includes access to DV's newly-upgraded Quadra Village studios, mentorship, and a direct financial contribution.¹ **Our goal is to enable choreographers from a diversity of backgrounds, experience levels (emerging to established), and disciplines to develop their artistic vision through research/exploration, creation, outreach, and performance.**

Other residency supports may include the professional services of an outside eye/dramaturge and/or a technician (including camera person). Out-of-town artists may also request accommodations and travel support, to be negotiated on a per-contract basis.

New this season: Residency artists are asked to engage in one community outreach activity during the season, to be discussed and mutually-agreed upon with the Executive Director prior to their start date. (This is intended to be flexible. Past activities have included open rehearsals, representing the residency program at a *Night Moves* happy hour, and participating in an artist talk.) Dance Victoria's annual *Dance Days* festival (January 2024) and other performance opportunities throughout the season are curated by Dance Victoria. Finished pieces or works-in-progress developed during an Artist Residency may be considered for future presentation.

Why:

Dance Victoria's mandate is to enhance the appreciation of dance by presenting and developing excellent professional dance; to support emerging dance artists and choreographers; and to engage the community in the celebration of dance.

Our team is committed to supporting a healthy, diverse, and collaborative dance milieu. Dance Victoria's Artist Residency Program provides a responsive framework to support, inspire and sustain local dance artists, while addressing the lack of affordable rehearsal and performance space in Greater Victoria. DV has renewed a ten-year head lease at the Quadra Village studio facilities, which have become a valued community asset. Residency artists have the opportunity to work in professional studios with black box configuration, to experiment, and to develop new work over an extended period of time.

How to Apply:

Please submit a succinct project proposal (no more than two 8.5" x 11" pages, font size 11 points or larger). Proposals must include:

- Name and contact of applicant;
- Name of company and/or collective, if applicable;

¹ Residency fees are based on available funding and project scale, and range from \$1,000-\$5,000.

- Title and brief description of project including current status (i.e., at the beginning of the process, some material has been created, nearing the end of the process, or piece will be finished during the residency);
- Names of artists involved in the residency;
- Desired time period and length for your residency (Please note: Victoria-based dance artists may opt to work at a more leisurely pace over a longer period of time);
- A statement about what you hope to accomplish during your residency; and
- An indication of your interest in 1) working with an outside eye, 2) having your work filmed, and 3) performing a work-in-progress or finished piece during the 2023/24 season. Applicants are encouraged to contact Kiera Shaw (kiera@dancevictoria.com) with questions about the black box configuration and/or specific technical elements in advance of submitting a proposal.

Please send your completed proposal to Gillian Jones, Executive Director at gillian@dancevictoria.com no later than Friday, June 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm PDT.

Applicants may be contacted for additional information during the assessment period. All applicants will be notified about the status of their proposal by July 14, 2023. Please note: The number of available residencies is contingent on pending funding applications. We're proud to have offered residencies consistently to many artists over the past three years, but we cannot guarantee the same number of opportunities will be available in 2023/24.

Eligibility:

Eligible choreographers will have:

- Choreographed a minimum of three different pieces, each of five minutes or more;
- Completed formal training as either a dancer or choreographer;
- Worked in the professional dance milieu; and
- Demonstrated a desire to continue to grow their practice and openness to direction.

This program is open to artists ranging from emerging to established. Dance Victoria encourages applicants from diverse communities. We welcome applications from persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification and advancement of the arts in our community.

Questions:

Questions about the Artist Residency Program may be directed to Gillian Jones, Executive Director at gillian@dancevictoria.com, or Kiera Shaw, Artist Programs & Studio Manager at kiera@dancevictoria.com / 250-595-1829. **Please contact us if you require any accessibility accommodations to complete a proposal, and/or if there are accessibility questions related to your residency.**