



Starcatchers Commission - New Work for Early Years

Starcatchers would like to commission an artist or group of artists to create a short pop-up performance that can be performed, within current guidelines, for small groups of very young children (aged 0 -3) and their parents/carers.

We are very aware that many of Scotland's youngest children will have missed out on any opportunity to see live performance over the past months.

The finished work should be around 30 minutes and should be able to be performed two or three times in one day. We expect project ideas to be flexible and relatively low-tech and be able to be performed / delivered in keeping with governmental guidelines on social distancing. It is likely that the performances will take place outdoors.

There is a maximum budget of £10,000 available. This fee should cover artist's time, any collaborative artists they want to work with, materials and travel expenses. We expect all artists working on the project to be paid at least industry minimum rates. The commission fee includes at least 3 days of performances of the work, to be arranged. We envisage performances taking place in Edinburgh, Fife and possibly Glasgow or Irvine, during late February / March 2021.

Starcatchers will provide:

- A commissioning fee of £10,000, subject to budget discussion.
- Producing support from Starcatchers' Producer, including support navigating Covid guidelines for rehearsal and performance.
- Marketing support from Starcatchers' Communications and Marketing Manager
- Ongoing support for the project including fundraising and managing ongoing performance opportunities. The intention is that this work would sit within our repertoire for a year, during which time we would manage promotion and bookings of the performance – with a discussion after one year as to ongoing opportunities.

Who can apply: Any artist or group of artists who are resident in Scotland.

Deadline: Sunday 6th December 2020, 5pm

How to Apply:

There will be a two-stage application process.

Stage 1: Please submit a short outline of your proposal (max 2 sides A4 or equivalent). You can include images, drawings and links to recordings. We are also happy to accept video/audio recordings if you prefer (max 5 mins).

Please also include a link to more information about yourself and your practice and/or previous work, or attach a CV. We would also encourage you to tell us if you identify as sharing one or more of the prioritised characteristics we outline below.

Please send this to Jennifer Phillips, Producer, jennifer.phillips@starcatchers.org.uk by 6th December 2020.

Stage 2: All shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online meeting to talk about your project, and to provide more detail on the concept and team, a timeline and a budget breakdown. This meeting is likely to take place during the week beginning 7th December.

Selection:

Applications will be assessed by at least two members of the Starcatchers team, and a freelance early years artist.

We recognise there are barriers to working in performance and that these challenges are experienced more acutely by some people. We are committed to increasing the diversity of artists working in our sector and especially welcome applications from those who identify as having characteristics currently under-represented in our sector. This includes people with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010 across age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation alongside those with chronic illness, neurodiversity, parental/caring responsibilities, experience of the immigration system and people from working-class backgrounds.

Application Support:

If you would like any of this information in a different format or require further support in making an application, please contact us directly. Please also tell us about any access requirements you may have to support you to undertake this project.

Further information:

Please contact Rhona Matheson (rhona.matheson@starcatchers.org.uk) or Jennifer Phillips (jennifer.phillips@starcatchers.org.uk) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your ideas in advance.