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## Theatre Fellowship 2017-2018



**Proposal Due:** July 31, 2017

**Residency Period:** September 2017 - February 2018, part time per production schedule

**Production:** February 14-17, 2018

**Description:** This fellowship program will give an emerging theatre practitioner an opportunity to develop their directorial practice with a focus on a community-responsive theatre production. The selected fellow will direct a full length production for the Yuma Art Center's annual dinner theatre production in February 2018. This competitive program will provide the selected fellow with a stipend, temporary housing (if needed), technical production needs and administrative support. As a part time residency, the fellow is required to be available to conduct regular rehearsals and must be available for the entire week prior to and the week of performance.

### Support

- \$2,000 stipend
- Temporary housing assistance (if needed)
- Administrative support to include marketing, ticketing, production royalties and scripts.
- Technical production support to include lighting, sound, set, properties and costumes.

In return, the fellow will:

- Direct a full length play to be presented for four performances on February 14 -17, 2018 as the Yuma Art Center's annual dinner theatre production.
- Engage the local community with additional workshops and educational opportunities.
- Support local schools cultural organizations with classroom visits.
- Assist with programming related to performance
- Attend staff and production meetings
- Attend additional Yuma Art Center functions
- Lead community workshops and conduct classroom visits to area schools.

### Qualifications

- Minimum of 2 years professional theater experience
- Bachelor's degree in directing, theatre, performance studies or related field
- Knowledge of contemporary theatre, theatre education and dinner theatre practices
- Willingness to engage and work with area and regional artists



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- Ability to work independently and with staff, volunteers and representatives of local organizations
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and public presentations
- Ability to develop and direct a full length production under the guidance of the Division of Arts and Culture
- Ability to meet deadlines

### **About the Yuma Art Center**

The Yuma Art Center's vision is for all Yuma community members to live creative lives by being a part of the arts. The Yuma Art Center advances the arts by providing distinct opportunities for community participation and artistic growth. With over 100,000 visitors each year, the Yuma Art Center annually produces two full length theatre productions, two youth theatre productions, over twenty visual art exhibitions, holds nearly fifty unique performing and visual arts classes, facilitates the annual summer mural program, screens dozens of films, supports the North End Artists CoOp, coordinates festivals and signature events and advances public art throughout Yuma. The Yuma Art Center is owned and managed by the City of Yuma's Parks and Recreation Department and is home to the Division of Arts and Culture.

### **How to Apply**

Applicants must submit a proposal in the form of a one page document by July 31, 2017 to Arts@YumaAz.gov with the subject line of "Theatre Fellowship Application." The proposal should include and a brief description of the production the applicant desires to direct and a brief description of the applicant's specific direction and design for the production. Along with the proposal, applicants must submit an artistic resume with 3 professional references. Selection will be made by the Division of Arts and Culture in early August with initial production meetings to begin in September and rehearsals to begin in October.

Please take into consideration the production preference is a comedy, melodrama, mystery or related genre to fit within the nature of a dinner theatre setting. Also note that the cast will be comprised of volunteer performers from throughout the Yuma community and the rehearsal schedule will be set based on the availability of the director and cast selected. Because of this, shows with small cast sizes are preferred.

The production will take place in the Yuma Art Center's Central Gallery which will have a temporary stage built with custom lighting and set design. Depending on the staging needs, the gallery will comfortably seat 120 audience members per performance who will have dinner prior to the production and dessert and coffee during intermission.

The City of Yuma's Art Center is an equal opportunity employer and has a policy of nondiscrimination for all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and disability.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the City of Yuma does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services.

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