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Theatre Fellowship 2018-2019



Proposal Due: July 13, 2018

Fellowship Timeline: August 2018 to February 2019, part time per production schedule

Production: February 13-17, 2019

Description: Now in its second year, the theatre fellowship program gives a theatre artist an opportunity to develop their directorial practice by directing a full-length performance with technical and administrative support from the Yuma Art Center. The selected fellow will direct a full-length production for the Yuma Art Center's annual dinner theatre production in February 2019. The fellow leads evening and weekend rehearsals from October through January and regular production meetings.

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. Now in its 9th year, the annual dinner theatre production has sold out every performance.

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 three theatre productions, 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.



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Support

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

In return, the fellow will:

- Direct a full-length play
- Lead 3-4 weekly rehearsals starting in October
- Engage the local community with additional workshops and educational opportunities
- Assist with programming related to performance
- Attend staff and production meetings

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a proposal in the form of a one-page document by July 13, 2018 to Arts@YumaAz.gov with the subject line of "Theatre Fellowship Application." The proposal should include a brief description of the production as well as a brief description of the applicant's specific direction and design for the production. Along with the proposal, applicants must submit an artistic resume and two professional references. The Division of Arts and Culture will select the fellowship recipient through the competitive application process.

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.

Preferred 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 local artists
- 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

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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