

RESIDENT ARTIST PROGRAM at the Chelsea Theatre Works

Thank you for your interest in the Resident Artist Program. Our goal for the BlackBox at the Chelsea Theatre Works is to create a multi-purpose incubation space where artists and companies can collaborate and share resources at every phase of their work. With this program we hope to provide artists with the support and opportunities for collaboration needed to take their work to the next level, and to create a thriving center for arts and innovation in Chelsea Square.

Application Criteria:

Residencies will be offered to performing artists and companies that have a strong record of artistic excellence, and a need for greater resources and support to develop their work. We are seeking a diverse group of artists and projects.

Benefits:

- up to 4 weeks Free rental of the BlackBox Theatre, a 1,000 sq. ft. flexible performance space with a lobby/bar, small shop space with washer/dryer, and a large dressing room with private bath & shower
- Up to 6 weeks Free rental of meeting and rehearsal spaces
- Up to 5 audition sessions
- Access to basement shop space to build sets and props
- Use of our costume, prop, and set stock (rental fees apply for use of stock)
- Full Lighting and Sound Package
- Flexible audience seating risers

Requirements:

- In addition to pursuing their work, residents will be expected to contribute to the community of artists, and to attend bimonthly gatherings to share ideas, brainstorm challenges, and leverage shared resources.
- Residents will be asked to engage with the community of Chelsea. If conditions permit, we will hold an Open House in the fall to introduce the community to our Residents Artists, and artists will be asked to participate in the planning and running of the event, as well as offering a participatory event during the Open House: for example: classes/workshops/open rehearsals.
- Track attendance at performances, workshops, and events, and submit a detailed report
- Each company/artist will also be required to submit a formal report twice during the year on their growth/success in the following areas: Fulfilling their mission • Ability to compensate artists • Marketing efforts • Audience development • Engagement with local residents • What they were able to learn or accomplish with other resident companies, and to provide feedback as to how the program can better support them in their efforts.
- Residents will be asked to dedicate a page in their program to promoting upcoming events at the Chelsea Theatre Works, including Resident Artist Productions, Apollinaire Theatre Company productions, and Apollinaire Play Lab classes.
- Residents will need to sign a standard rental contract, and provide a \$600 damage deposit.

Note: We are currently booking projects through the end of June 2022.

During the transition to safer conditions for in-person performances, we welcome applications for developmental residencies.