



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

BC BUDS FESTIVAL 2015 CELEBRATES LONGING AND BELONGING

The Firehall Arts Centre will once again open its doors for the 2015 BC Buds Spring Arts Festival May 6 - 10. BC BUDS invites emerging and established theatre, dance, music, interdisciplinary, performance and visual artists from all genres to submit proposals for pieces in unorthodox settings in and around the Firehall Arts Centre using the theme of **'Longing and belonging'**.

Our present cultural moment seems to be marked by fast transformations, which inevitably create challenges in our sense of rootedness. To belong is to feel accepted and protected. It is an internal sensation where we can escape a sense of isolation. Do we long to belong? When do we actually belong? How can we achieve it? And when we achieve it do we long for isolation?

We are looking for proposals that explore the tension between wanting to belong and the longing for isolation from individual to social perspective. We are interested in works which may explore new place that the idea of culture has for the construction of identity and its possible impacts on social connection.

Proposals may use personal, cultural and political stories to inform their work. Applicants are encouraged to think outside the traditional theatre boundaries and create/propose works for non-traditional spaces in and around the Firehall's 107 year old building. Performances can be created for audiences as small as one person or as large as 100 people, and we encourage applicants to propose unique uses of all the nooks and crannies of the building (courtyard included!).

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The BC Buds Spring Arts Festival is Vancouver's longest running multi-disciplinary showcase featuring established and emerging B.C. artists presenting new and experimental work. BC BUDS allows established and emerging artists to present new and experimental work while giving audiences an opportunity to explore and experience the arts in informal and unorthodox settings. All performances are by-donation to provide unlimited access for audiences to experience BC's amazing talent.

The Firehall will pay a fee to all artists for their work and provides travel and accommodation for out-of-town artists. Work with larger casts or those more complex in nature will receive an appropriate fee. A programming committee will work with selected applicants to determine the best location for the proposed work within resource limitations.

What kinds of work are we looking for?

- Work that relates to the theme of **'longing and belonging'**:
 - Migration and Diaspora
 - Relationships/Marriage
 - Ethnic identity
 - Queer identity
 - Gender and Sexuality
 - Language
 - Economy
- Work from all arts disciplines will be considered
- Work from 5 minutes to 30 minutes is ideal
- Work staged in non-traditional settings
- Staged readings of full length plays
- Family friendly programming

Who can apply?

Applicants must be residents of British Columbia and actively pursuing a professional career in their artistic discipline. Individuals, companies and collectives are all eligible to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY MARCH 2, 2015 BY 5PM | APPLICATION RESULTS: MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015

Application Forms are available by request through the Firehall Arts Centre via email: firehall@firehallartscentre.ca or by calling 604-689-0691

**BC BUDS SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL
FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE | MAY 6 -10, 2015
APPLICATION FORM**

Contact Person					
Address			City	Postal Code	
Phone #:		Email Address			
Alternate Contact Person					
Address			City	Postal Code	
Phone #:		Email Address			
Title of Piece					
Playwright		Choreographer			
Composer		Creator(s)			
Length of Piece		Number of Performers:			
Type of Space Requested:					

Family Friendly: Yes / No

CD Provided: Yes / No

DVD Provided: Yes / No

With your application form, please include:

- Detailed synopsis of the work proposed
- CV outlining your professional experience
- CD and/or DVD to help evaluate your work
 - *If you have not been presented at BC BUDS or by the Firehall, please provide the names and contact information for two professional references familiar with your work
- If available, provide high resolution photos (1MB or larger)
- Applicants are required to become members of the Firehall Theatre Society (\$10 membership fee)
 - Membership is only required for one person (per project/per application) and must be renewed yearly in line with the Society's fiscal year. If you have questions about the status of your membership, please contact the Firehall Box Office at 604-689-0926
 - Fees may be paid via cheque, cash or credit card through the Firehall Box Office (604-689-0926)

Please email you complete application to firehall@firehallartscentre.ca or mail or drop off the application package at:

**THE FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE
280 East Cordova St
Vancouver, BC V6A 1L4**

Questions? Info: 604-689-0691 or www.firehallartscentre.ca

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