

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply. Applicants must:

- Be a community-based arts organization in BC that presents a series or season of live performing arts events;
- Be a registered not-for-profit society in BC with a minimum of one year of presenting activity;
- Present an artistically diverse program of no less than three eligible performing arts events on an annual basis;
- Compensate artists at professional rates;
- Apply for programming between June 17, 2025, to June 15, 2026;
- Demonstrate, through previous activity, an ability to realize a program of comparable scale and complexity;
- Provide financial statements for the most recently concluded fiscal year;
- Provide safe and respectful working conditions and foster a workplace free from discrimination, harassment and misconduct as per Worksafe BC's Guidelines.
- Where applicable, applicants must have completed and submitted final reports for any outstanding funding assistance.

Exclusions-Applicants

The following are not eligible:

- Applicants or activities based in the municipalities of Vancouver and Victoria;
- Organizations whose primary purpose is to produce/present their own work are not eligible;
- Programming that is focused on creating or commissioning work;
- Festivals that do not present a series/season of live performing arts events;
- Programming presented outside of the eligible activity period;
- Applicants should also review Exclusions: Artists/Performances below.

Exclusions-Artists & Performances

- Performances already supported by BC Arts Council programs or Into the Act;
- Non-Canadian artists;
- Non-professional artists/groups that do not pay artists at professional rates;
- Highly commercial artists who have achieved significant financial success in their careers. They may be well-known to audiences and be in high demand to perform.
- Any/all non-performing presentations (e.g. films, readings, lectures);
- Cover or tribute bands;
- Splits of the door where no guaranteed professional fee is contracted;
- Artists appearing in a series for more than two consecutive years;
- Performances where staff from the applicant organization are being paid to perform;
- Performances that are part of a competition, conference, gala, fundraising event, family or religious celebrations

Applicants are encouraged to discuss eligibility with the Program Manager before applying. Applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be forwarded to the panel for assessment.

First Time Applying?

Please contact the Program Manager before submitting an application.