



Call for Expression of Interest: Inspire 2017

A New Arts Presenting Mentorship Program for Arts Councils and Youth Under Age 29

OSAC is now accepting Expressions of Interest to Inspire, a new program designed to help Arts Councils mentor and develop the next generation of visual arts presenters in their communities. Inspire has been created in response to two issues consistently voiced by Arts Councils: youth engagement and succession planning. It aims to engage teens and young adults under age 29 as audiences, participants, and decision-makers and enable them to make an impact in their communities.

How does it work?

Through Inspire, one exhibition per season will be presented by the Inspire Coordinator under the guidance of the Arts Council's Visual Arts Coordinator. Working with a mentor, the Inspire Coordinator will select and present an exhibition which they believe they can market to their peers. Any community or Arts Council member high school age to 29 is eligible as an Inspire Coordinator. Any exhibition is suitable and eligible for the grant. Arts Councils will have the option of including the Inspire exhibition in their Season or market it as a stand-alone exhibition.

OSAC recognizes that for organizations that have operated a certain way for a very long time, such a change may be daunting for various reasons, not the least of which is financial. Through the Inspire Grant, OSAC will relieve some of the risk that the Arts Councils may face for trying something new.

Check out the [INSPIRE](#) webpage for more information and the application!

Grant

The Inspire Grant will cover 100% of the exhibition fee to a maximum of \$157.50 per Arts Council, up to a total cost of \$1100 for OSAC. If OSAC receives more than 6 proposals, the grant will be reduced to cover all applications.

Showcase 2017

It is ideal that Inspire Coordinators attend Showcase 2017 in Regina Oct. 16 – 18 and participate in the selection of the exhibition they will be presenting. In addition to viewing the exhibitions available to tour, Showcase will provide a good introduction to OSAC, arts presenting, and the booking process. There will also be a meeting on Inspire for participating Visual Arts Coordinators, Inspire Coordinators, and anyone interested in learning more. There is a [Showcase Youth Bursary](#) available to cover registration costs.

How to Apply

Once Showcase is over and artists have been selected, the Arts Council Visual Arts Coordinator and Inspire Coordinator will each will complete their respective sections of the application form. The Program Overview includes a guide to the application.

Expression of Interest

To submit your expression of interest, please submit the following information:

Arts Council Name:

Visual Arts Coordinator:

Attending Showcase yes/no:

Inspire Coordinator:

Attending Showcase yes/no:

Please submit your Expression of Interest no later than October 1, 2017.

Contact Us

As this is a new program, we expect there to be adjustments to make as we progress through the initial stages. Any questions or feedback you have on this program is greatly appreciated. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss the program further.

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