



Residency and Creative Development Opportunity

In 2018 the Regional Centre for Culture and Mount Alexander Shire Council will be offering an outstanding opportunity to develop and present new works in the Phee Broadway Theatre, Castlemaine.

The opportunity consists of periods of rent-free time in the Phee which artists can use to focus on developing new works. Several residencies are available in two and four-week periods throughout 2018.

Expressions of Interest reflecting themes of “community connectedness” and “innovation” are sought from community groups, arts organisations, educational initiatives and individuals (see eligibility below). Each residency must offer at least one showing or performance to which the general public can be invited.

All applicants will be offered the opportunity to attend a masterclass to support further development of their practice e.g. a session with a dramaturg for a written or devised performance work.

The Theatre

The Phee Broadway Theatre is a flat-floor stage and raked seating for an audience of up to 230 persons. It was named in honour of Ms Phee Broadway, OAM who was the Castlemaine State Festival Manager for its first 18 years. It offers a unique and intimate theatre experience and can be used in a variety of ways. In the past the Phee has been used for theatre productions, dance performances, films, lectures, seminars, school productions, touring shows and live music. The Castlemaine Library shares the Phee’s foyer space and exhibitions are hung within the foyer throughout the year.

Eligibility

EOI’s must be submitted by a Mount Alexander Shire resident and the majority of participants in the residency should be residents of Mount Alexander Shire.

The residencies will include:

- Exclusive access to the Phee Broadway Theatre for the period of the residency
- Venue hire inclusive of all running costs and use of existing equipment
- MASC supervising technician assistance: initial consultation, bump in and bump out times – business hours only
- Optional peer/mentoring opportunity available subject to applicants’ interest

- Induction for duty warden and designated participants in the residency
- Duty warden training opportunity – to enable group members to be the duty warden whilst using the Phee
- A fee of \$833 a week (+ gst if appropriate) for operational costs
- Assistance with promotion and marketing of the public performance/showing
- Online ticketing system for the public performance/showing
- Public Liability Insurance

Not included in the residencies:

- Extra equipment hire
- Front of House staff for public outcomes
- Front of house expenses (if intending to run a bar i.e. liquor licence and RSA certificate)
- Technician fees for public performances/showing and outside of business hours

How to apply

Submit a completed EOI form along with any supporting material, including examples of current work (max 6 pages). EOI's should include and address all of the items listed in the Expression of Interest Application - Residency Creative Development Opportunity.

We strongly encourage all interested in submitting an EOI to call the Cultural Development Officer on 5471 1700 or email arts@mountalexander.vic.gov.au to discuss your application.

Important Dates

- Applications Open 24 November 2017
- Applications Close 12 January 2018
- Assessment of applications will take place mid-late January 2018 and shortlisted applicants will be invited to meet a selection panel.
- Panel meetings to occur in early February 2018, with decisions announced by end of February 2018
- Residency Period March – December 2018
- Final report and acquittal – one month after residency