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Bradford Festival 2018 - Open Call Out for Creative Commissions

Bradford Council would like to commission in situ out door performance acts, workshops and creative interventions to animate Bradford Festival 2018. We are seeking exciting and vibrant proposals that offer new experiences for our audiences which are spectacular, bold and innovative to create an inviting atmosphere in line with the scale of the festival. We are keen to encourage commissions which demonstrate and celebrate a spirit of innovation, have the ability to attract new audiences and inspire future creative generations.

In 2018 as part of the Great Exhibition of the North Satellite programme, we want to ensure that Bradford's creativity and contribution to innovation is profiled throughout the summer with activities planned within Bradford Literature Festival, The Bradford Science Festival and Bradford Festival to collectively position Bradford as a unique creative force.

Proposals need to be submitted by 5pm Monday 29th January 2018 to rashmi.sudhir@bradford.gov.uk and vanessa.allen@bradford.gov.uk

Successful applicants will be contacted within two weeks after the closing date.

The successful outdoor performances, workshops etc., will be interspersed across the festival site. Support will be provided in the planning and staging of your activity prior and during the festival. If applicable, we will also support you to bring the show to other audiences following the festival.

Bradford Festival 2018 takes place from Friday July 13th - Sunday July 15th 2018.

Outdoor Performance Commissions

In 2018 we aim to commission a number of outdoor performance projects led **by local, regional and national** artists. The projects must be suitable to be performed outdoors and in daylight. The budgets allocated for the commissions range from £1000 - £18000. We are looking to create a balanced programme encompassing different styles and scales of work.



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**1. One Major scale outdoor performance piece.
Budget up to £18,000.**

Brief – The performance must be suitable to be performed in an outdoor space and will be sympathetic to the space in and around the Mirror Pool located in City Park. Bradford Festival is a family event and therefore the performance must reflect this. The piece must be ready to perform a ‘taster’ at Bradford Festival in July 2018 with the final developed piece performed at Bradford Festival 2019. We will expect that there will be three performances taking place on each of the two days. The proposal should show the unique aspect of your performance

This budget will include all research, development and performances. The budget will be paid in instalments which will be discussed once a contract has been signed. This commission will support development of a major scale signature piece for Bradford Festival 2019. We would expect applicants to bring in minimum of 50% match funding through the life of the project. Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be sort. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch their idea in front of a selection panel.

**2. One Large Scale outdoor performance piece.
Budget up to £9,000.**

Brief – The performance must be suitable to be performed in an outdoor space, and will be sympathetic to the space in and around the Mirror Pool located in City Park. Bradford Festival is a family event and therefore the performance must reflect this. The piece must be ready to perform at Bradford Festival in July 2018. We will expect that there will be three performances taking place on the each of the two days. The proposal should show the unique aspect of your performance. We are very keen to support original projects that will reach new audiences and invite artists to create new work with a clear focus on attracting new audiences in general.

This budget will include all research, development and performances. The budget will be paid in instalments which will be discussed once a contract has been signed. This commission will support development of a large scale performance product and we would expect applicants to bring in a minimum of 20% match funding through the life of the project. Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be secured in the application.



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3. Two x Medium Scale outdoor performance piece
Budget up to £4,500.

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This budget will include all research, development and performances. The budget will be paid in instalments which will be discussed once a contract has been signed. Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be sourced.

4. Several small Scale outdoor performance pieces
Budget- up to £1500

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This budget will include all research, development and performances. The budget will be paid in instalments which will be discussed once a contract has been signed. Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be sourced

Participatory Workshop Commissions

In 2018 we aim to commission **6-8 participatory workshop** ideas which can be delivered over two days during the festival. The workshops must be interactive and suitable for families and can take place in a marquee or outdoor space. The workshops should be ideal for a large scale festival. The workshops will be open to the public from 12-6pm on both days. All marquee based workshops must decorate the entrance to their workshop area.



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The budget allocation for workshops ranges from **£250 – £2000** depending on the activity and scale. This will include all research, development and the delivery of the workshop including staff and materials. The budget will be paid in instalments which will be discussed once a contract has been signed. Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be sourced

Eligibility and guidance

Bradford Festival will prioritise and support the development of new work by artists living within the Bradford district. The commissions are open to regional and national artists, organisations outside the Bradford District.

We are looking for work that is innovative and ambitious and challenges the idea of what outdoor arts can be.

How to apply

Application Process

Please read through the FAQ's below then paste this form into your word processing software and when completed, please convert it into a PDF to send to us. If you wish to propose more than one idea please create a separate proposal for each one.

1. In no more than 750 words, please outline your proposed idea/activity that you would like to bring to Bradford Festival 2018.
2. If the idea/activity is already a work in progress please describe in no more than 500 words how far you have got with it and what work has already been done
3. Please highlight to us any major factors in staging your idea/activity e.g. equipment hire, excessive power demand, large scale props or trussing or any other factors that you feel may need special consideration;
4. In no more than 500 words, please give details of any previous relevant experience you have to deliver your idea/activity.
5. Please provide a cost breakdown for the creation/development and production of your idea/activity.
6. Please provide your contact details

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:



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Please submit details of any online presence you wish us to look at (e.g. website, Facebook, YouTube links).

Please ensure that your team is available for the time necessary to fulfil your proposal.

Please send your application in PDF format to rashmi.sudhir@bradford.gov.uk and vanessa.allen@bradford.gov.uk with the title as your surname followed by, application BRADFORDFESTIVAL2017 (e.g SUDHIRBRADFORDFESTIVAL 2017).

If you need to contact us please email the above address.

Marketing

Successful applications will be included in the official Bradford Festival marketing material. When submitting your proposal, can you please consider that we will require a hi-res jpeg image of your activity for our website and printed programme. This will be needed in **February 2018**.

Please note that we are not seeking proposals for main stage acts within this budget. If you have a product to present for the main stage please contact us with relevant information asap.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to include in my budget? Please include all costs related to the rehearsal, development, build, design and creation of your piece, including all artists/creative fees, materials and costs related to rehearsing your project and performance costs including all artists /creative team fees and company costs/overheads if required. Also include details of match fund.

If you are VAT registered please do not include VAT that you can reclaim.

Do I need to include technical costs in my performance fee? Please only include technical costs that you have to bring with your show and that could not be provided by the festival locally. The festival will expect to provide a power supply, PA and technician for you on site. Please specify what is and what is not included in your fee and what the festival will be required to supply.

Can I apply for support to tour an existing outdoor piece? We will consider existing pieces that have not appeared at Bradford Festival but that have already toured in the UK.



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Can I apply for a commission to redevelop an existing piece? Bradford Festival would offer commission investment to redevelop an existing piece. You would need to demonstrate that it was substantially different for us to consider this.

Can I apply for a commission to create an installation or a durational piece?

Yes, please explain how many people can experience the piece in the course of one day / session.

Can I apply to create and tour a piece that requires the involvement of local/community participants at each festival?

Yes, but please be aware that the festival does not have outreach staff, so it can be difficult to support projects that require a lot of investment in terms of recruiting and supporting community involvement. You will need to outline how you propose to involve the community in your project

I have applied for some funding but I don't know yet whether it is confirmed; can I still apply to Bradford Festival for a commission? Yes but please be sure to tell us when the outcome of your application will be known.

Do I need to find additional funding to support my proposal?

We encourage all applicants to find additional match funding. Applicants must show evidence that additional funding has been sorted.

How can I find out more about Bradford Festival? You can look at our website www.bradfordfestival.com

Contact

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or rashmi.sudhir@bradford.gov.uk

Evidence must be shown on how additional funding will be sort.

All The Best Bradford Festival Commission Team.