

## **Horizon**

### **Nova Artist Programme**

*a development opportunity for artists to access international networks and opportunities*

### **Nova Artist Host**

#### **Edinburgh 20-25 August 2023**

Horizon is looking to appoint someone to help support our Nova artist cohort during our showcase week in Edinburgh. There are 8 Nova artists, all from the global majority and with limited experience of Edinburgh's festivals. Ideally the co-ordinator would be someone from the global majority, with some experience in supporting artists' wellbeing, and a good knowledge of the city of Edinburgh.

### **About Horizon**

Horizon focuses on forging new relationships between artists making performance in England and international partners. It delivers a programme of artist support and development which includes artist residencies, artist bursaries and showcasing opportunities.

The Horizon consortium comprises Battersea Arts Centre, FABRIC, Fierce, GIFT, MAYK, and Transform. The consortium works with four associate partners reflecting different specialisms and art form focuses: Kakilang (formerly Chinese Arts Now), Tara Arts, The Cocoa Butter Club and Unlimited, and three Artist Advisors: Natasha Davis, Seeta Patel and Lucy Suggate.

Horizon is commissioned by Arts Council England.

[www.horizonshowcase.uk](http://www.horizonshowcase.uk)

### **About the Nova programme**

The Nova programme is a development opportunity for artists to access international networks and opportunities. A cohort of 8 artists has been selected and will join us for the Horizon showcase in Edinburgh during the last week of August. The cohort will see all 10 showcase performances as part of a programme of networking and development designed to help them access international networks and opportunities.

The Nova cohort was selected by the Horizon Associate partners against the following criteria:

- Artists basing their practice in England
- Who have been making professional performance for a minimum of 5 years
- Who have no or limited international touring experience as a lead artist
- Who are working at a level where they are likely to be ready for international presentation in the next 1-3 years
- Who may face barriers to or have felt reluctant to apply to Horizon through its open call programmes

## **About the Host role**

We are looking for someone to support and co-ordinate the Nova artist cohort during their week in Edinburgh. The host will spend the week with the group, accompanying them to Horizon performances and events, helping them to get to know each other, supporting them to navigate the Edinburgh festivals context, and generally ensuring they have a fantastic time!

We are open to applications from a wide range of people, and you don't need to have worked in exactly this kind of role before. You might be an artist yourself, or have experience of working with groups or of supporting individuals in different contexts. You are not required to be an access support worker, but you will have a good understanding of access requirements. Ideally, we would like to appoint someone from the global majority, to reflect the identities of the artist cohort.

**Dates** Sunday 20 August – Friday 25 August 2023

**Pay** £800 for 40 hours to be worked across the above dates, to be paid on a PAYE contract.

**Schedule** During the week, the host will accompany the Nova artist cohort to 9-10 shows, with start times ranging from 10am to 10pm, 3-4 workshop sessions, and a series of meals and networking events.

It will be a busy week, and the role requires some evening work, but the programme will be planned to include downtime both for the artists and for the host. The host will need to be fully available for the above dates.

## **Nova Host Role Description**

- Be the main point of contact for the Nova artists while in Edinburgh, liaising with the Horizon delivery team as appropriate.
- Accompany the group of Nova artists to Horizon performances, workshops and events, leading on travel arrangements and keeping to schedule.
- Helping the Nova artists to connect as a group and to feel welcome and supported.
- Supporting the Nova artists' access needs. This will include understanding their individual access requirements and ensuring everyone is briefed about upcoming events. One of the artists will bring their own access support worker.
- Supporting the cohort, as global majority artists, to navigate the Edinburgh festivals and city of Edinburgh.

## **Person specification**

### **Essential**

- Well-organised and resourceful
- Sociable, outgoing, and calm
- Sensitive and responsive to the needs of individuals
- Knowledge of the city of Edinburgh and the festivals
- Experience of working with and supporting global majority artists

### **Desirable**

- Experience of supporting artists' well-being
- Experience of working with and supporting disabled, D/deaf and neurodivergent people or artists
- Confidence in listening, offering support if needed and knowledge of where and how to signpost people for further support.
- Experience of setting boundaries in your work

By 'global majority' we include people who identify as Black, from the African diaspora, Caribbean diaspora, East Asian diaspora, South East Asian diaspora, South Asian diaspora, West Asian and Middle East diaspora, Latinx diaspora, Indigenous people, and people whose identities may include any of the above. We understand that language is in flux and many different people choose to use many different terms. We are open to reflecting terms you wish to use.

### **How to apply**

Please complete the form [here](#), where you will be asked to upload a CV and to answer the following questions:

- Why are you interested in this role?
- What previous experience do you have which makes you suitable for the role?

The questions can be answered by a written response or by uploading audio or video files.

**Deadline for applications is midday on Monday 19 June 2023.**

### **Any questions?**

Please email Alex Ward, Horizon's Admin and Producing Assistant, if you have any questions or would like an informal conversation about this role – [admin@horizonshowcase.uk](mailto:admin@horizonshowcase.uk)