

Asheville Fringe Arts Festival Mini-grant Program 2006-2007



Application Guidelines

The Asheville Fringe Arts Festival is making funds available for local artists interested in creating site specific performances or performance art in downtown Asheville for the 2006-2007 Asheville Fringe Arts Festival, January 25-28, 2007. These performances must be scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, January 25-27 at times other than Festival, Main-Stage performance (7-10pm). Ideally, each award recipient will schedule multiple performances, utilizing daytime, early evening and/or late night. Performance must be free to the public. Donations can be solicited.

The festival is interested in funding artists whose work embodies one or more tenants of the festival mission:

- (1) **Artists working at "the edge" or their work (i.e., trying something new, experimenting, pushing personal boundaries, etc.)**
- (2) **Artists collaborating across genres (i.e., finding new and interesting collaborations)**
- (3) **Providing new and innovative (non-traditional) works for a culturally adventurous audience**

Additionally, recipients of the award must, utilize a non-traditional performance space in downtown Asheville.

Funds may be used for space rental, artist fees, advertising, publicity, scripts, costumes, sets, props, music, art supplies and equipment rental and purchase. The expenditure of Grassroots money for regular administrative, operating expenses such as salaries, telephone, office supplies, printing, postage, rent, utilities, insurance and equipment rental and purchase.

Funds may not be used for deficit reduction, contingency funds, food or beverages for hospitality or entertainment functions, interest on loans, fines or litigation costs, lobbying expenses, tuition for academic study, indirect cost rate expenses, capital expenditures, or internal school arts instructional costs such as purchase of books, art supplies, or during school artist residencies.

Funds may not support the following performances, unless such artists are working in collaboration with artist not included on the list in a manner that supports the above goals of the Asheville Fringe Arts Festival: acrobatics, magic shows, aerobic dance, martial arts, beauty pageants, mineralogy/gemology, clowning, modeling, comedy, nature presentations, cosmetology, quiz bowls, essay contests, travel presentations, juggling, and fashion shows.

Application Deadline: **Friday, November 10**
Notification of Awards: **Wednesday, November 15**
Distribution of Funds: ***Friday, December 1** (*contingent on the Asheville Fringe Arts Festival receiving funds from the Asheville Area Arts Council)

Award Recipients must notify the Asheville Fringe Arts Festival of its performance schedule by Friday, December 8.

Final Report

The Asheville Fringe Arts Festival requests that a final report on the results of the project be submitted to the Festival by Wednesday, February 28. The report should include a description of the project, who was involved, location, dates and times of performances, number of audience members at each performance, and perceived audience response (quotes from audience members and participants are appreciated)

Project Description: Provide a brief, one page description of your project. Include targeted performance location and dates and times of performances. Describe how your project promotes one or more of the following: non-traditional performance, collaboration across genres, interesting use of a non-traditional performance space, and personal "risk"—working at the "edge" of your work.

Submitting An Application

Proposals, including this form, must not exceed two pages. Limit one application per project. Applicants will be notified of a decision by Nov. 1. If selected, applicants should receive funds within 30 days. Mail or e-mail the application to:

Asheville Fringe Arts Festival
c/o Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre
20 Commerce St.
Asheville, NC 28806

Mini-grant Application Form

Date _____

Artist/Group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Fax _____

Name of Project _____

Contact Name _____

E-mail _____ Amount requested (up to a maximum of \$300) _____