

DRAMA AT THE DEPOT: A POP-UP Festival hosted by The Battery Factory

Application: Drama at the Depot -- Grants and Performance Opportunity for Artists

THE BATTERY FACTORY (TBF), in collaboration with the *South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center* (SMPAC), is offering micro-grants to create and perform theater at the historic South Milwaukee Railroad Depot. *South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center celebrates its 10th anniversary during this year's South Milwaukee Heritage Days Festival, July 24th – 26th.*

TBF invites you to join in and celebrate the history of South Milwaukee and the atmospheric location of the South Milwaukee Railroad Depot. Built in 1893, and in operation through the 1950s, the depot was the heart of bustling South Milwaukee. We seek 4 performance works, up to 20 minutes in length to be performed at the depot.

Venue and Dates:

The performance venue is the South Milwaukee Train Depot Platform. The restored station provides an atmospheric backdrop and contained space for an outdoor performance for an audience of 40-60 people, seated. Taking place the evenings of July 24, 25 and 26, performances commence at 7:30PM each night, with one 10-minute intermission between the second and third pieces. Successful applicants must appear at each performance.

Application:

Submit application as a Word® document or PDF to: depot@thebatteryfactory.org

Application must include:

- Name, mailing address, email address and telephone number
- A paragraph explaining your performance, outlining content and intention. **Theater, Music, Dance or other performance art is acceptable.** Your piece should be suitable for all ages. The South Milwaukee community is excited to have performance that engages its history. We invite you to go to [this link](#) to learn more about the depot and its history for inspiration.
- The pitch paragraph cannot exceed 400 words and should include:
 - Subject matter and source
 - Anticipated duration (10 to 20 minutes maximum)
 - Personnel (number of actors/performers)
 - Description of any props, costumes or other technical issues

- Pieces may be original or adapted for the venue, but pieces which engage the location and provide a clear artistic point of view are encouraged. Think both “outside the box” and “within” this unique space.
- Applicants must provide an “about you” paragraph of no more than 200 words. If applying on behalf of an organization or group, tell us about both the group *and* yourself. Include information on potential collaborators that are known at time of application.
- Complete the application with the following affidavit:

I affirm that I am over 18 years of age: _____

Print name _____

Sign name _____

The Commission and The Pop-up Festival:

The Battery Factory is offering \$200 microgrants to support the development of these pieces. Grantees will meet twice to develop a collaborative plan for the event. The Battery Factory will provide rehearsal space during the week prior to the festival as available.

The Battery Factory and the SMPAC will handle all interfaces with the venue and provide press and other marketing support for the festival. As the pieces selected are designed to take advantage of the venue, only hand props will be used. Sound or music may be available on a per need basis.

TBF will provide informal dressing room and storage space for the event. There will be one dress rehearsal at the venue.

The Pop-up Festival will play for three nights at the venue. TBF will interface with local restaurants, vendors and community organizations in support of the festival.

Submission Information and Important Dates:

All submissions must be made in writing and sent to TBF, via email, to depot@thebatteryfactory.org
 Submissions must be emailed no later than June 27, 2014.

Inquiries may be made to via email (above) or phone at 414-944-0026.

Selection of acts will be completed by July 1, 2014, after which successful applicants will be notified and the first of two all-personnel meetings will be scheduled. A second such meeting will be scheduled during this first meeting.

Grant awards will be made at the Depot, after the final performance.