

Imagine Arts Festival Commissioning Arts Policy

Mission and Vision: At the Imagine Arts Festival, we are committed to fostering creativity, celebrating diversity, and supporting the arts in all their forms. Our commissioning arts policy reflects our dedication to nurturing and showcasing the talents of artists while promoting innovation, collaboration, and the development of new works.

Objectives:

1. **Supporting Emerging and Established Artists:** We aim to provide opportunities for both emerging and established artists to create and present new, ground-breaking work.
2. **Encouraging Innovation:** We encourage artists to take risks and push the boundaries of their artistic practices, leading to the creation of innovative and thought-provoking art.
3. **Celebrating Diversity:** We value diversity in all its forms, including but not limited to cultural, artistic, and thematic diversity. Our commissions will reflect and celebrate this diversity.
4. **Community Engagement:** We seek to engage with our local community and ensure that our commissioned works resonate with our audience's experiences, interests, and concerns.
5. **Promoting Collaboration:** We support collaborations between artists and various creative disciplines, fostering a spirit of cross-pollination and experimentation.
6. **Sustainability:** In all aspects of commissioning and production, we strive to be environmentally and financially sustainable.

Guidelines:

1. **Artistic Excellence:** The Festival will prioritize artistic excellence and originality in its commissioned works.
2. **Open Call:** We will periodically announce open calls for artists to submit proposals for commissioning. Artists will be selected based on the strength of their ideas and their potential to contribute to the festival's objectives.
3. **Funding and Resources:** The Festival will provide financial support, resources, and facilities necessary for the development and presentation of commissioned works. This may include grants, rehearsal spaces, technical support, and marketing assistance.
4. **Creative Freedom:** Artists will be granted creative freedom to explore their ideas without excessive interference, provided that their work aligns with our mission and values.
5. **Audience Engagement:** Artists are encouraged to engage with the local community and incorporate community input into their projects.
6. **Accessibility:** Commissioned works will be designed to be accessible to a wide and diverse audience. This includes considerations for accessibility for people with disabilities.
7. **Documentation and Evaluation:** The Festival will document the commissioning process and evaluate the success of commissioned works in terms of artistic quality, community engagement, and sustainability.

Selection Committee: A selection committee composed of diverse artistic and community representatives will be responsible for evaluating proposals and selecting artists for commissions.

Festival Commitment: The Imagine Arts Festival is committed to supporting commissioned artists throughout the entire creative process, from conception to presentation. We will actively promote and celebrate the commissioned works during the festival.

Review and Revision: This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains relevant and aligned with the Festival's mission and vision. Changes and improvements will be made as necessary.

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By adopting this Commissioning Arts Policy, the Imagine Arts Festival demonstrates its commitment to the arts and its dedication to fostering creativity and innovation. We look forward to working with artists to create inspiring and diverse works that enrich our community and the world of the arts.

Signed: 
Festival Director

Dated: 1st October 2023