ROYAL & McPHERSON

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

The Community Opportunities Program provides artists, non-profit organizations, educational organizations, and other community organizers based in the Capital Regional District, access to the McPherson Playhouse and Royal Theatre, by providing in-kind rent. Whether it's to showcase artistic talents, celebrate community, or to fundraise for a recognized charitable agency (philanthropic uses only), this program allows the community to bring their work to centre stage.

The program will prioritize applications that support and further RMTS' commitment to:

- Reconciliation and decolonization, equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Showcasing the wealth of creative talent within the CRD
- Diversifying support and opportunities for the arts and artists
- Provide opportunities for diverse public participation in arts and cultural activities
- Promoting cultural awareness and dialogue
- Community engagement and connection

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include CRD-based artists/collectives/companies, non-profit organizations, educational organizations, and other community organizers.

For-profit organizations are generally not eligible; however, the program may consider applications from for-profit entities only when a clear and demonstrated financial need is present and when the proposed project aligns with the theatre's community and artistic goals.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES & APPLICANTS

- Events where the central focus or theme are not artistic or cultural
- Events that do not meet the RMTS' program goals and eligibility criteria
- Political, religious, or sports organizations or clubs
- Third-party fundraisers

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse will be available for use under the Community Opportunities program for a limited number of engagements per year. Based on demands on the booking calendar, applications for events and projects at the McPherson Playhouse will be prioritized.

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2. Conditions to qualify under the philanthropic-use category are as follows:
    - Use of the funds raised is not to be determined by political, racial or religious boundaries.
    - The sponsoring organization must be a registered charity or recognized community enterprise.
    - A minimum of 80% of returns beyond in-house production costs should be made available to the designate cause or causes.
    - Religious activities are excluded from this program.

3. An applicant may only receive Community Opportunity support once per season (September 1 to August 31, annually). Any additional bookings from successful applicants during the season are treated as regular rentals.

4. Applications will be accepted throughout the season, and treated on a first-come, first-served basis.

5. Should approval be granted, the rental fee for the theatre will be waived. All other event-related costs will be deducted from the gross ticket revenue.

    All applicable expenses are charged at the current rates and may include:
    - Front-of-house staff
    - Technical & production staff
    - Box office staff and ticketing fees
    - Security personnel
    - Any additional event-specific expenses (custodial, equipment rentals, etc.)

6. RMTS reserves the right to review all technical and production-related plans for proposed rentals to ensure that the event falls within the scope and capacity of theatre staff.

7. Upon approval of the application, the Society will issue a letter stating this along with the Society's standard rental agreement. A signed copy of the rental contract and a non-

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refundable deposit will confirm the booking. Please note that no dates will be considered confirmed until both the deposit and the signed contract have been received.

8. Successful applicants will be required to:
    - Acknowledge RMTS support and sponsorship in all promotional materials
    - Provide a short post-event report summarizing attendance, outcomes, and impact
    - Provide RMTS with testimonials and photos from the event

APPLICATION

To apply, please complete the online application form. If you require additional support or accommodations to apply, please contact Caitlin North, Manager, Booking and Community Development at cnorth@rmts.bc.ca.

We strive to review and process all applications within 30 days of submission.

Questions? Please contact:

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