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CREATIVE INCUBATOR  
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CALL FOR  
ARTISTS

AN ARTIST IN RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITY



# Creative Incubator Initiative

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## CALL FOR ARTISTS

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## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The *Creative Incubator Initiative* is conceived in response to the challenges faced by creatives working in the arts sector as a result of the pandemic. This Initiative seeks to enable artists with access to creation space, technological support and cohort learnings in marketing, branding and communications. Participants will document and live stream their creative output, and explore new ways to distribute their creative practice on digital platforms. We welcome applications from artists working in all artistic disciplines who are seeking to re-emerge and explore new applications, markets or opportunities for their creative practice.

cSPACE gratefully acknowledges the support of the Calgary Foundation in making this initiative possible.

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## DATES (subject to change due to restrictions)

Opening of Applications: February 8th, 2021

Application Deadline: March 12th, 2021

Successful applicants notified by: March 25th, 2021

Artists must be ready to participate by: April 12th, 2021

Incubator completed: May 21st, 2021

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## cSPACE King Edward

cSPACE King Edward is an arts hub located in Mohkinstsis (Calgary). We provide affordable studio, presentation, gallery, and working space for creative entrepreneurs and artists of all disciplines. We foster inclusivity and intersectionality in our vibrant, creative community in order to support opportunities for collaboration and change.

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

*The cSPACE Creative Incubator Initiative* is a short-term Artistic Residency, open to any artistic discipline, taking place over 5 weeks at cSPACE King Edward. The selected Calgary artist will be awarded \$5000, comprising \$4000 in-kind towards 20 hours of theatre space, equipment, professional development and administrative support, and a \$1000 honorarium. The Initiative will foster opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge sharing between members of the cohort and the artistic tenant community that exists at cSPACE.

- Use of the Studio Theatre (approx. 20 hours)
- Internal Marketing Support
  - Featured article in the cSPACE Newsletter
  - Highlighted on cSPACE social media
  - Exhibition of artist works within King Edward space
- Professional Development (occurring for the duration of the entire cohort)
  - Workshops (marketing and branding your art; professional coaching)

- Professional Technical Support
  - Live Stream Event
  - Professional theatre technician support
  - Filmographer to capture and edit work into a short documentary
  - Raw video content for future use
- \$1000 honourarium for time and work

As indicated, we welcome applications from those working in all artistic disciplines including but not limited to: Indigenous arts; craft arts; dance; deaf and disability arts; literature; film and media arts; multidisciplinary practice; music and sound; theatre; visual arts etc.

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## ELIGIBILITY

This initiative is open to professional artists at varying stages of career development - from emerging to established artists.

A professional artist is an artist who:

- Has specialized training in the artistic field (not necessarily in academic institutions)
- Is recognized as a professional by their peers
- Is committed to devoting more time to artistic activity
- Has a history of public presentation or publication (Canada Council for the Arts).

When assessing applications, selection will be determined based on the **IMPACT** that the Incubator will have on the artist's development, growth, and opportunities for advancement.

Impact will be measured by a number of factors:

- The completion of an ongoing artistic project
- A return to artistic practice in order to re-emerge after the pandemic
- Preparation for an upcoming opportunity (ie an upcoming audition)
- Time spent innovating and evolving the artist's practice through new applications, methods, etc.

The impact will be personal and subjective, so tell the assessors what you want to achieve and what that achievement looks like!

cSPACE recognizes that the Covid-19 pandemic has increased the conditions of inequity. As such, artists are encouraged to reach out to our dedicated staff in order to address any barriers facing their application - whether it be language or written communication support, preferring a different mode of application (video/audio etc.), questions of accessibility within the space etc. in advance of the application deadline.

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# APPLICATION: *Creative Incubator* Application CHECKLIST

What to Include in Application for the *Creative Incubator Initiative*

- Contact information
- Resume/CV: Please list experiences related to your creative output, along with any relevant experience and professional development of your practice
- Artistic Practice: Brief description of your artistic practice in terms of how you make your work and what is important to you (100 words max).
- Incubator Project/Work: Describe the project or work (new or ongoing) that you wish to undertake through the Incubator Initiative. How will you use the Studio Theatre? Be specific about your work, your goals, and speak to previous experiences (est. 300 words).
- Impact: Describe how the *Creative Incubator* could lead to significant change in your practice or career? What do you hope will come out of your experience here? (300 words max).
- Support Material. Attach files or links that are related to your practice and will help assessors to gain a sense of your work (to a maximum of three).

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## ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Participants in *The cSPACE Creative Incubator* will be selected by impartial assessors on the basis of their submitted material, artistic merit, and the level of impact expected to the artist's career and practice.

*"Nothing about us, without us, is for us"*: cSPACE King Edward values diverse, unique voices and the assessors evaluating the work will reflect this principle.

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## TIMELINE

Applicants will be notified of their status no later than March 25, 2021.

In order to complete the Incubator, applicants will be assigned and must commit to a weekly 4-hour time slot, beginning the week of April 12, 2021 and ending the week of May 17, 2021 (5 weeks in total - subject to change due to restrictions)

Applicants must be prepared and ready to commence the Incubator program during that time in order to qualify.

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## SUBMISSIONS

Completed applications and questions can be emailed to Program Coordinator, Erin Maclean-Berko at [erin@cspaceprojects.com](mailto:erin@cspaceprojects.com)

Please include the the subject line: SUBMISSION FOR 2021 CREATIVE INCUBATOR INITIATIVE

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## FINE PRINT

cSPACE will review all applications, selecting artists based on quality of the application as a whole. Submissions will be evaluated on quality of past work, artistic merit, qualifications, and ability to execute the project. References may be required on request. Selected artists will be required to sign a Service Contract/Memorandum of Understanding with cSPACE. cSPACE has the right to not recommend any of the applicants if they determine that the submissions are not an appropriate fit for the program. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

cSPACE is committed to ensuring an open, fair, and transparent process with the intent to engage the best ideas from both emerging and established creative minds. Artists and artist teams who have established a diverse practice with a range of media specialties are

encouraged to consider this project. cSPACE is an inclusive workplace. We encourage applications from artists who are culturally and physically diverse.

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## ABOUT US

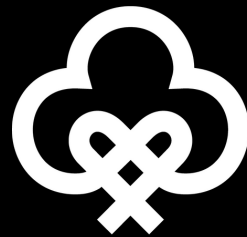
cSPACE is a social enterprise dedicated to supporting communities of artists, non-profits, and entrepreneurs working at the creative edge of change. We believe that diverse communities of artists, designers, musicians and makers can shape our city for the future. Our vision for Calgary is a city where creative enterprise thrives in vibrant communities.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to connect creative people and ideas through places that ignite community, collaboration and change. In delivering on our mission we provide the conditions that diverse communities of creatives need to remain vital, sustainable and innovative while generating dividends for Calgarians across the city:

- Shared Space – Affordable, flexible and inspiring spaces that are responsive to the evolving needs of new artistic practices, missions and enterprises while delivering unique gathering places for all Calgarians.
- Vibrant Community – Diverse and meaningful opportunities to engage with peers and collaborators, amplified through greater connectivity to surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Knowledge Sharing – Specialized workshops, services and peer-to-peer mentorship focused on nurturing creative entrepreneurship, building confidence in artists, designers and makers to generate innovative cultural products and experiences for Calgary and the world.

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