

Dear artists,

We have had many discussions internally about how to proceed with the high number of applications from Deaf artists to participate in **'Awakening Deaf Theatre in Canada'**.

**Program to apply to:** After reviewing the proposed activities it was determined that the [Explore and Create: Professional development program](#) was the best fit.

**Who can apply:**

Eligible artists with validated profiles in the Canada Council portal may apply in either of the following ways:

**A. As an individual artist**

Eligibility:

To be eligible as a Deaf or disability artist, you must:

- self-identify as Deaf or as having a disability
- be a professional artist
- have maintained a professional artistic practice for a minimum of 1 year (but not necessarily in 12 consecutive months)
- have created or co-created or performed in a minimum of one art work or production which has been presented professionally by a curator, programmer or programming committee, or which has been published professionally as fiction or literary non-fiction through an editorial selection process. For media and digital artists, it must be an independent art work.
- be paid a professional artist fee or receive an equivalent professional credit for work

OR

**B. As an Ad hoc Deaf and disability arts group (a group of professional artists who come together for a specific event)**

Eligibility:

To be eligible as a Deaf and disability arts group or collective, you must have Canadian Deaf and disability artists as your leaders and core members. Each group member must:

- have sustained a minimum of 1 year of activity as a professional artist (but not necessarily in 12 consecutive months)
- have had at least 1 public presentation in a professional context

OR

**C. As an Arts Professional \* (i.e. arts administrator)**

**EXCEPTION: Arts professionals are encouraged to apply to Arts Across Canada Travel grants – please contact us for more details.**

Eligibility:

To be eligible as a Deaf and disability arts professional, you must:

- self-identify as Deaf or as having a disability
- have maintained a professional practice as arts professional for a minimum of 1 year (but not necessarily in 12 consecutive months)
- be recognized as an arts professional by peers within Deaf and disability arts
- have completed a minimum of 1 significant project within Deaf and disability arts

**IMPORTANT:** Artists must have a validated profile in order to apply and this may take up to 15 business days. If you do not already have a profile – you can [check your eligibility here](#)

**Additional Eligibility:** Activities proposed by someone under 18 years old are not eligible for grants from the Canada Council.

**Deadline Exception:** You can apply anytime, but Explore and Create applications for ‘Awakening Deaf Theatre in Canada’ received by **Wednesday August 29, 2018** for will have results in October 2018.

**Amount:** Maximum request is \$10,000 per application – and group applications may include expenses for all group members.

**Assessment:** Each application will be assessed through an internal committee by:

- Evaluating and comparing each eligible applications against program criteria and objectives;
- Discussing the relative merit of each application.
- Scoring each application against the assessment criteria.

**Results:** The highest ranked applications will be recommended for funding, however there may not be enough funds in the program budget to support all applications submitted.

**Application Assistance:** Deaf artists and Artists with disabilities are eligible for [application assistance](#), however this person may not be involved in the proposed activities – as such Landon Krentz is not an eligible service provider. If you would like suggestions of service providers in your area please contact us.

You can call me via VRS: 613-495- 0325 in ASL or LSQ if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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