

THEATRE FORWARD Application

In addition to celebrating excellence in Cincinnati theatre, Acclaim is dedicated to expanding opportunities for theatre artists in our area. To that end, Cincinnati Arts Association, partnering with Acclaim and The League of Cincinnati Theatres again offer THEATRE FORWARD, a collaborative grant and production opportunity for all Greater Cincinnati theater artists – individual, groups and companies. It is generously sponsored by the Otto M. Budig Family Foundation.

THEATRE FORWARD invites established and emerging artists and companies to bring their best ideas forward for support. Theatre Forward will culminate in two weekends of public performances at the Aronoff Center's Fifth Third Bank Theater in the Spring of 2009.

The grant winner will receive:

- \$3,000 in seed money from the Otto M. Budig Family Foundation
- Two-week use of the Aronoff Center's Fifth Third Bank Theater (including front of house expenses)
- \$100 per performance to help cover additional expenses (e.g. stagehands) provided by the Theatre Artist Projects (TAP) Fund
- Net box office receipts

The grant winner will be responsible for marketing the production; however, Theatre Forward will be included in CAA 2007-08 Season marketing materials, such as news releases, brochures, posters, and Web site presence.

Theatre Forward grant applications/project proposals are available online at www.CincinnatiArts.ORG (Cincinnati Arts Association), www.cincinnati.com/acclaim and www.leagueofcincytheatres.com (League of Cincinnati Theatres).

(1) All applicants must submit five copies of all submission materials. No exceptions.

(2) The panel is specifically looking for two things in the submissions:

- (A) A proposal for an exciting project that best embodies the phrase "Theatre Forward" for Cincinnati.
- (B) A proposal that shows/explains the ability to self-produce the project.

Proposals should be mailed to:

Cincinnati Arts Association, 650 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, ATTN: Van Ackerman.

The deadline for submitting proposals is March 30, 2008.

Applying artists or companies must be residents of Greater Cincinnati. There are no restrictions in theatrical form for the proposals. In support of the detailed written proposal, artists will be interviewed (and may be asked for a 10-minute presentation) by a panel of judges in April.

Theatre Forward's panel of distinguished judges includes **Ed Stern**, producing artistic director, Playhouse in the Park; **Terrell Finney**, chair, OMDA division, College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati; **Ken Jones**, chair, department of Theatre & Dance, Northern Kentucky University; and **Joseph McDonough**, playwright.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PANELIST JOSEPH McDONOUGH at JoeMcDon5@aol.com

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please describe your project in narrative form on a separate sheet. Be as specific as possible. Please also answer: What do you want/plan to do, why does it excite you, how does this reflect on your growth as an artist?:

Please include a resume or a brief biographical statement.

Tell us about yourself and any relevant experience that comments on your ability to complete THEATRE FORWARD.

If your project is a performance of original material, please attach 10 pages with your application.

Please be prepared for an interview and presentation of a 10-minute scene representative of your THEATRE FORWARD project for the grant panel in April.

Mail completed applications to:

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c/o VAN ACKERMAN
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