



The Sheri and Les BILLER FAMILY FOUNDATION

Theatre Enrichment Grants

Upcoming Deadline: March 11, 2016 by 8 PM (PST)

Overview

The Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation's theatre enrichment work fosters the art form by expanding access to inspiring productions and immersive educational experiences. We endeavor to support excellent artistic content that promotes important conversations around timely social issues. Further, we believe that active engagement before and after performances provides additional access points that are welcoming to new and underserved audiences.

Recognizing that theatre has the power to address pertinent and sometimes provocative issues and to engage the individuals and communities affected by these, we look to support shows that take on relevant social issues, with preference given to musical theatre productions. Theatre enrichment grants can cover artistic, production and overhead staff expenses for one production. Grant amounts will be determined in proportion to budget size of the production and the organization.

Theatre enrichment grants will be made in two cycles each year; organizations may apply to both cycles, but can only receive one grant in the calendar year.

Interested organizations based in one of two regions, Los Angeles County or Washington state, may complete the Initial Application for one production that will occur in that region between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. From this applicant pool, select organizations will be invited to submit a full application.

There must be at least six fully-produced public performances during this time period, but preparatory work can happen during the grant period as well. It is acceptable to apply for a production that has not yet been publicly announced. Please note that funds will need to be returned if the production does not come to fruition.

Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must be:

- A non-profit organization domiciled in Los Angeles County **OR** Washington state with IRS-determined 501 (c)(3) status; if the organization does not have 501(c)(3) status, we can accept an application **only** if the organization has an existing relationship with a fiscal sponsor based in their region
- An organization whose only mission is to produce or present theatre **OR** a theatre program that is integral to the mission of a larger organization (e.g. performing arts centers, educational institutions or other community agencies)

- An organization with a history of at least two consecutive years of bringing theatre to its community

Timeline

- **March 1:** Twitter Q&A with [@BillerFamFdn](#) to answer questions from 3-4 PM
- **March 11:** Initial Applications due by 8 PM (PST)
- **April 4:** Selected organizations will be invited to submit a Full Application by this date
- **April 27:** Full Applications due by 8 PM (PST)
- **May 13:** Recipients announced

Initial Application

Your initial application must be submitted through the Foundation's online portal, which can be accessed [here](#). The following information will be requested:

1. Legal Name of Organization and Tax ID Number
2. Website and Organization Mailing Address
3. Geographical Region: Los Angeles County or Washington state
4. Primary Contact for this Application: Name, Title, Phone Number and Email Address
5. Executive Officer Contact for the Organization (if not the Primary Contact for this Application)
6. Mission Statement: Please include your mission statement and, if available, include your vision statement and core values too. *Character limit: 1,000*
7. Artistic Activity: Identify one production that your organization will produce/present between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 for which you are requesting support. Provide a brief synopsis of the plot and key themes. *Character limit: 3,000*
8. Social Issues: What relevant issues does the production address? *Character limit: 1,500*
9. Audience Engagement: What is the potential number served by this show and what production choices have been made to invite a broad cross-section of audience members? *Character limit: 2,000*
10. Partnerships: Who are your key partners in the community who you will work with in conjunction with this production? *Character limit: 1,500*
11. Facebook Page (if active)
12. Twitter Handle (if active)

Questions?

- Participate in an interactive Twitter Q&A on March 1 from 3-4 PM
- Email inquiries@billerfamilyfoundation.org or consult www.billerfamilyfoundation.org