

**** CALL TO ARTISTS ****

Now Seeking Submissions for MOTEL and Bird & Stone

Downstage is now seeking submissions for programming the 2012-2013 season in Motel, a flexible 50-seat black-box performance venue located in the **EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts** and **Birds & Stone** a black box space used for rehearsals or intimate performances on 16th Avenue and 1st Street NW. Emerging and established artists and performing arts companies working in all disciplines who are interested in showcasing their work in EPCOR CENTRE's Motel or rehearsing / performing in Birds & Stone are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Unfortunately, as demand for the venues generally exceeds the time available, we will not necessarily be able to program all submissions.

Upon the successful scheduling of a proposal, artists/companies will be contacted to arrange more specific details of the tenancy. A venue usage fee is applicable, however, Downstage is committed to **ensuring Motel and Birds & Stone are highly affordable and accessible for Alberta's arts community**. All work programmed in the venues maintains its autonomy.

We will confirm receipt of your proposals via email. If you do not receive a confirmation from Downstage within a week of your submission please contact us again.

Interested artists/companies are asked to submit **a project proposal about one page in length** describing the work to be presented, the artists involved (if known), the ideal presentation dates (please give more than one option) and why Motel or Birds & Stone is the venue of choice for the project. Proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis until all available dates are filled; however, **tentative scheduling of projects will begin in May 2012** and we anticipate availability to become limited very quickly. We are primarily **seeking proposals for one or two week time slots**, though shorter projects will also be considered. A weekly booking in either space runs Sunday to Saturday, unless otherwise noted.

NEW FOR MOTEL 2012-2013

Companies with a history of producing work in Motel may request to have **two, two-week time slots** in the 2012-13 season along with guaranteed access to four weeks for the following season, renewable on an annual basis. Companies interested in this opportunity should include a letter detailing why a firm commitment to a venue would be useful in their work and continued evolution.

At present, available weeks are as follows:

MOTEL

August 5 th to 11 th 2012	November 11 th to 17 th 2012	February 24 th to March 2 nd 2013
August 12 th to 18 th 2012	November 18 th to 24 th 2012	March 3 rd to 9 th 2013
August 19 th to 25 th 2012	November 25 th to Dec 1 st 2012	March 10 th to 16 th 2013
August 26 th to September 1 st 2012	December 2 nd to 8 th 2012	March 17 th to 23 rd 2013
September 2 nd to 8 th 2012	December 9 th to 15 th 2012	March 24 th to 30 th 2013
September 9 th to 15 th 2012	December 16 th to 22 nd 2012	March 31 st to April 6 th 2013
September 16 th to 22 nd 2012	December 23 rd to 29 th 2012	April 7 th to 13 th 2013
September 23 rd to 29 th 2012	February 5 th to 9 th 2012	April 14 th to 20 th 2013
September 30 th to October 6 th 2012	February 10 th to 16 th 2013	April 21 st to 27 th 2013
October 7 th to 13 th 2012	February 17 th to 23 rd 2013	April 28 th to May 4 th 2013

May 5 th to 11 th 2013
May 12 th to 18 th 2013
May 26 th to June 1 st 2013
June 2 nd to 8 th 2013
June 9 th to 15 th 2013
June 16 th to 22 nd 2013
July 15 th to 20 th 2013
July 21 st to 27 th 2013

BIRDS & STONE

August 5 th to 11 th 2012	November 4 th to 10 th 2012	January 13 th to 19 th 2013
August 12 th to 18 th 2012	November 11 th to 17 th 2012	January 20 th to 26 th 2013
August 19 th to 25 th 2012	November 18 th to 24 th 2012	February 17 th to 23 rd 2013
August 26 th to September 1 st 2012	November 25 th to Dec 1 st 2012	February 24 th to March 2 nd 2013
September 2 nd to 8 th 2012	December 2 nd to 8 th 2012	March 3 rd to 9 th 2013
September 9 th to 15 th 2012	December 9 th to 15 th 2012	March 10 th to 16 th 2013
September 16 th to 22 nd 2012	December 16 th to 22 nd 2012	March 17 th to 23 rd 2013
September 23 rd to 29 th 2012	December 23 rd to 29 th 2012	March 24 th to 30 th 2013
October 21 st to 27 th 2012	December 30 th 2012 to January 5 th 2013	March 31 st to April 6 th 2013
October 28 th to November 3 rd 2012	January 6 th to 12 th 2013	April 7 th to 13 th 2013

April 14 th to 20 th 2013	June 23 rd to 29 th 2013
April 21 st to 27 th 2013	July 30 th to July 6 th 2013
April 28 th to May 4 th 2013	July 7 th to 13 th 2013
May 5 th to 11 th 2013	July 14 th to 20 th 2013
May 12 th to 18 th 2013	July 21 st to 27 th 2013
May 19 th to 25 th 2013	
May 26 th to June 1 st 2012	
June 2 nd to 8 th 2013	
June 9 th to 15 th 2013	
June 16 th to 22 nd 2013	

For more information on EPCOR CENTRE's Motel or Birds & Stone, visit www.downstage.ca.

Please send any questions and **submit proposals by e-mail to Downstage Venue Manager Tuled Giovanazzi at tuled@downstage.ca**. Thank you for your interest.