

# SPACE / TIME

**Durhamhill, Dumfries & Galloway, 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Closing date for applications: 1pm, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Application information**

### **What is Space / Time?**

Space / Time is part of Magnetic North's Artist Development programme. It is a creative retreat for experienced artists from any art form which asks the question "How does an artist keep developing?"

The residency aims to refresh participants through a stimulating examination of creativity. During the residency, we will question what creativity is, how it can be nourished and explore how artists can continue to challenge themselves to develop.

The residency combines facilitated dialogue - built around a series of self-generated questions - with time for individual reflection and work. It will be led by Nicholas Bone and Alice McGrath.

Space/Time will take place at The Coach House in Durhamhill, Dumfries & Galloway.

The aims of the residency are to:

- Create a supportive atmosphere for discussion,
- Stimulate dialogue about creative processes,
- Give space and time for artists to reflect on their own creative practice,
- Make time for individual reflection and thought.

It is hard to describe exactly what happens at Space/Time, but watching this short film may help: <http://www.magneticnorth.org.uk/artist-development/space-time>

Participants will be paid a fee for attendance, and accommodation is provided. We will pay travel expenses within Scotland.

### **Magnetic North's Artist Development programme**

Space / Time is one part of Magnetic North's multi-artform artist and project development programme. The programme has developed out of the company's experience in creating new work and facilitating cross-art form collaborations since its formation in 1999.

There are 4 elements to the programme, providing opportunities for established and emergent artists from all disciplines both to develop their practice and to explore

ideas for new work. All participants are paid a fee for their time, and we actively encourage applications from Deaf and disabled artists.

- **SPACE/TIME** - creative retreat. A 5 day residential retreat for artists from any discipline built around facilitated discussion and individual time for reflection. Previous retreats have taken place at Cove Park, Cromarty Arts Trust and Lyth Arts Centre. Participation in Space/Time is open to experienced artists and selection is through an open call process.
- **ROUGH MIX** - creative lab for early-stage ideas. A two-week practical opportunity for artists to work together, try out new ideas and introduce them to an audience. It brings together a small group of practitioners from different disciplines and gives them time to start developing new projects in a supportive and collaborative atmosphere. The practitioners work together with a group of performers over a two week period before making a work in progress showing at the end. Previous labs have taken place at Dance Base and Summerhall in Edinburgh, and Tramway in Glasgow. Rough Mix is open to both experienced and emergent artists and selection is through an open call process.
- **RE-MIX** - development of new productions. We develop a small number of projects to production through a process of commissioning and development. Projects may arise from partnerships that begin at Rough Mix, from invitations to artists we admire to work with us, or from interesting ideas that are brought to us.
- **NETWORK** - ongoing support. Once you have taken part in our creative development programme, you become part of a network of over 80 artists and performers who have already participated. We continue to offer informal and formal support and advice to participants. We plan to nourish this network in the future through twice-yearly catch-ups — refresher days for talking, sharing and socialising.

The programme has a number of objectives:

- To bring together artists from different disciplines.
- To enable artists to share their working practices and philosophies in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere.
- To demonstrate that collaboration is a philosophical approach as much as a practical one and that it can bring enormous benefits to those involved.
- To develop working relationships between artists that can continue to grow after the programme ends.
- To nurture new creative networks and encourage these to continue after the programme ends.

The programme is curated by Magnetic North's Artistic Director Nicholas Bone, who has developed a distinctive and widely-respected approach to developing new work and creating links between artists and art-forms.

## Application information

Please read this section carefully to make sure you send the right information with your application.

Space / Time will take place at The Coach House, Durhamhill, Dumfries & Galloway from 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 inclusive: participants will arrive late afternoon on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and leave on the morning of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

The residency is only open to experienced artists, by which we mean artists who have a track-record of making work and who have had their work produced, performed or exhibited professionally over a number of years.

You can apply by sending us the following information:

- Your name and contact details (including an email address)
- an outline of your experience to date (no more than 500 words) and a CV
- some examples of your work or links to access them online
- an outline of:
  - why you would like to take part,
  - what you hope to get from the experience
  - why now is the right time for you to take part in the residency.

If you have any access needs, we will discuss these with you if you are successful in your application.

### Selection process and criteria

All applications will be read by Nicholas Bone and Alice McGrath. We will consider these criteria when making decisions:

- All requested material has been submitted
- The potential for the residency to make a difference to the applicant
- The potential of the applicant to make a useful contribution to the group
- The timeliness of the residency in relation to the applicant's current situation

If you are unsure about anything, please email the address below for help.

**Please email your application to [roughmix@magneticnorth.org.uk](mailto:roughmix@magneticnorth.org.uk) by 1.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**You will hear back from us by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

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