

MAYWORKS

KJIPUKTUK | HALIFAX

2023 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax is a multi-disciplinary arts festival which aims to build a society that celebrates the history and struggles of working people. The annual festival serves as an extended celebration of International Workers' Day - known also as May Day - and seeks to feature works that speak to struggles for justice across communities and generations.

The festival's interest reaches beyond art that relates directly to labour, work or the workplace, and includes art that speaks to any fight for social, economic or environmental justice.

VISION

Advancing a culture of solidarity at the intersection of labour and art in Mi'kma'ki.

MISSION

To foster the political nature of artistic work and to promote those works that celebrate a diverse and complex working class, while drawing correlations that point toward a better future for all.

MANDATE

- Make all programming and operational decisions informed by self-critical and evolving concepts of justice
- Remain open and responsive to the communities we operate in and with
- Strive to be an accomplice in the decolonisation of the structures we operate in
- Value labour fairly in our own practices
- Be at the forefront of accessibility in the cultural sector
- Lead in the exploration of form and content for artistic presentation
- Maintain a strong local focus while having a broad reach in programming
- Provide a venue for engagement within and between the labour movement and artistic community
- Deliver an annual multidisciplinary arts festival in celebration of May Day as our flagship event
- Bring attention to other commemorations and days of action important to labour and social justice movements throughout the year

Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax's programming is not limited to any medium of artistic expression. The festival has programmed works of music, theatre, film, dance, printmaking, painting, photography, mixed-media, literature and more. Submissions for workshops, panels and lectures are also welcome. We are eager to further diversify our programming.

Mayworks began first in Toronto in 1986. There are now similar festivals in many locations across Canada, including here in Kjiptuk/Halifax. Mayworks Halifax emerged in 2009 as a project of the Halifax-Dartmouth & District Labour Council. It has since evolved into a festival with its own administrative body supported by various Nova Scotia labour organizations and government sponsors. 2023 will mark the 14th annual Mayworks Halifax Festival. You can find out more information at mayworkskjiptukhfx.ca

Eligibility:

Anyone is welcome to submit. We welcome submissions from any art discipline.

Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax seeks proposals that will speak of the working class experience, and of the experiences of oppressed peoples and communities. This can be extremely varied and can examine either contemporary or historical contexts. Both amateur and professional performers may apply.

Submissions need not be directly focused on work, labour or unions. Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax programming includes works of art that address broad themes of social and environmental justice. Any submissions that address issues of inequality and injustice, or give voice to marginalized communities, will be considered.

Under-represented groups and those disadvantaged at work and in society are particularly encouraged to apply. Material is particularly sought from youth, women, people with disabilities, African Nova Scotians, First Nation Communities, urban Indigenous peoples, newcomer (immigrant) populations, 2SLGBTQ+, Acadian or under-represented cultures in Nova Scotia. Proposals must be submitted in English or French for consideration.

Payment:

Artists will be compensated and Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax strives to meet union fee standards in any given discipline. However, Mayworks Halifax is not a funding body for the development of new works and offers remuneration for presentation only.

Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax will gladly help with grant applications and offer resources at our disposal to help see your proposal come to fruition. However, planning must be considered for the financing of project development needed prior to the presentation of a project. Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax acts as a presenter of the project, not a producer.

Guidelines:

All proposals must be received by the Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax Festival no later than September 30th 2022. All events must take place during the 2022 Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax Festival within the two weeks immediately prior or four weeks after May 1st, 2023. Some flexibility may be possible, but contact must be made as soon as possible to inquire about available options.

Your application may be submitted by mail or email.

Mail to: Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax Festival
Suite 211 - 3700 Kempt Rd. Halifax NS B3K 4X8

Email to: sebastien@mayworkskjiptukhfx.ca

You may include samples or other additional material along with the application form. These should arrive by the deadline along with the application form, but flexibility is possible if a request is made. Hand delivery is possible at the Festival office by appointment only as the office is not staffed everyday.

Follow-up and Response to your Application:

Those who have submitted proposals to the Festival will be contacted by phone in mid October or early November to ask for follow up information, finalize details and sign a contract.

NOTE: If you need confirmation from the Festival prior to an earlier funding deadline, please notify us in your submission and deliver your proposal as early as possible to allow us to review it. We will endeavor to review your submission and follow up with you in time for your deadline.

Those who submit applications that are not accepted for next year's festival will receive a letter or email to notify them of our decision.

Successful applicants will be asked to sign a contract with the Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax Festival once a financial commitment has been made from the Festival and presentation details have been confirmed.

Any promotional materials created by the artist for this festival event must mention Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax and be approved by the Festival.

If you have questions prior to the application deadline, please contact Sébastien Labelle at sebastien@mayworkskjiptukhfx.ca or leave a message for Mayworks Kjiptuk/Halifax at: 902-223-8341

This call for submissions is to be sent widely, please feel free to forward this document, along with the guidelines and application. All documents can be found at: mayworkskjiptukhfx.ca

*Struggle, movement and resistance grows from the collective work of artists and activists.
Organizing for change includes producing creative works and carrying out cultural
interventions – works that shift mindsets, jar apathy, shatter myths and inspire
passion.*

*Protest and celebrate - because we need to raise our voices against exploitation and exclusion but we
also need to think creatively about new strategies of solidarity and friendship, of social redistribution
and self-emancipation.*

**AGITATE
EDUCATE
ORGANIZE
CELEBRATE!**

Mayworks Kjipuktuk/Halifax 2023 Submissions Form

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mayworks Kjipuktuk/Halifax Festival
211-3700 Kempt Rd,
Halifax, NS B3K 4X8
sebastien@mayworkskjipuktukhfx.ca
Submission deadline: **Sep 30th, 2022**

NAME OF APPLICANT GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL

NAME OF PROJECT OR PRESENTATION

CONTACT PERSON FOR GROUP

PHONE

ADDRESS CITY/TOWN POSTAL CODE

EMAIL

ARE YOU OR MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT MEMBERS OF AN ARTS UNION? PLEASE SPECIFY (ACTRA, CAEA, AFM, etc.)

IN WHAT ARTS DISCIPLINE ARE YOU PROPOSING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION:

VISUAL ARTS _____ (SPECIFY)

MUSIC _____ (SPECIFY)

DANCE

STORYTELLING

SPOKEN WORD

THEATRE

FILM/VIDEO

INTERDISCIPLINARY _____ (SPECIFY)

ACADEMIC/DISCUSSION PANEL _____ (SPECIFY)

OTHER _____ (SPECIFY)

Your submission must include answers to all questions above.

In addition, submissions must include answers to the questions on the following page in a joint document.

Your submission must include answers to the following questions:

1. Describe the work that you propose to showcase during Mayworks Kijipuktuk/Halifax and describe why the festival is an appropriate venue for your work. Be sure to include information about how your work fits into the festival's mission.
2. Who is your intended audience? What communities do you expect to draw to your event? Do you already have an established following or audience?
3. When was your work created? Has it been previously presented? If so, please specify dates and locations.
4. Who is involved in your proposal? Are any of your artists represented by a union or arts association? Please specify which one(s).
5. Is your event better suited for a full evening/afternoon presentation, or better suited as part of a variety showcase? Are you intending to present/perform over multiple dates? Please specify.
6. Do you have a proposed venue for your event? If not, what are your venue requirements?
7. What are your fees for the presentation? Please specify whether the amount is total or per showing. Please indicate whether or not the fee includes HST. Keep in mind that Mayworks Kijipuktuk/Halifax is not a funding body for the development of work and will pay for presentation only.
8. Do you require that Mayworks Halifax provide any of the following: venue, rehearsal space, technical support, show operator, technical equipment (lighting/sound/etc.), installation, transportation, rentals, food, facilitation, other? Please specify details and costs, if known.
9. **A)** Do you have additional support or project funding for this event? Please specify. Mayworks Kijipuktuk/Halifax receives government funding and we need to ensure we are not duplicating funding applications to the same programs. **B)** If you are applying for additional support, please indicate if you need a response from Mayworks Kijipuktuk/Halifax prior to a funding application deadline. If a speedy response is required, please submit your proposal as early as possible to give us time to review it.
10. Please specify what sample of your work is accompanying this submission and how it will be delivered if not included with the form. Please also include reviews and media clippings if available.

Notes on sample materials:

Samples may be sent in physical form or made available online.

Visual art: please provide images and information about size and materials.

Music/Spoken Word: please provide audio recordings.

Theatre/Dance: please provide video samples and/or production photos.

Film/Video: please provide excerpts or trailers.

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