

BAZAAR | 2019



Request for Proposals

Summary

Bricolage Production Company is seeking proposals for our 2019 fundraiser, BAZAAR, which will prominently feature a diverse array of Pittsburgh-area artists creating distinct audience-centered experiences in unique, contained spaces.

Eligibility: Applicants may include but are not limited to: installation artists, game/escape room designers, writers, performers, musicians, and “experience” makers. Proposals are open to artists of every race, age, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, ability, and background.

Budget: \$300 (for materials, performing artists, experience operators, etc.)

Deadline for proposals: Digital or physical receipt due by 5:00pm on Monday, June 10th, 2019

About Bricolage Production Company

Bricolage is a Pittsburgh-based theater company whose mission is to immerse artists and audiences in adventurous theatrical experiences that foster connections and alter perceptions.

Bricolage envisions theater not as a passive experience, but as a vehicle for heightened involvement for artist and audience alike. The word Bricolage means “making artful use of what is at hand.” Seeking alternatives to more traditional models, the company explores dynamic and deep modes of connectivity, placing each audience member at the center of the experience from which everything else spins. “Immersive” programming especially encapsulates the spirit of Bricolage’s mission in expansive ways. These intimate, layered works often utilize sensual, dreamlike environments to heighten awareness, stir memories, and promote deeper participation among theatregoers.

Read More: [What is Immersive Theater?](#) • [Past Immersive Work](#)

Background

Last fall, Bricolage debuted BAZAAR, a brand new theatrical fundraiser designed to connect audiences to the company’s mission. This magical and sprawling event boasted fire-breathers, acrobats, carnival games, a dunking booth, and a spectacular warehouse full of dynamically designed micro-spaces known as “Podville.” Over 400 guests played, laughed, ate, and drank their way through the night, while being immersed in alternate realities that stimulated and challenged their senses. This fall, Bricolage will remount BAZAAR and is seeking to engage a new crew of collaborators. Click [here](#) to see photos of last year’s event.

The Project

Bricolage will provide selected artists a 12’ X 8’ X 8’ storage pod and a budget of \$300 to design an intimate immersive experience for up to 6 participants lasting no longer than 10 minutes. Artists will have one week to implement their ideas on site. The company is looking for interactive pieces that place the audience as participants engaging with artists, activities, and/or each other. Bricolage aims to include a variety of projects with distinct levels of engagement: beginner, intermediate, advanced, extreme. The encounters can be explicitly timed or feature an open-world framework. The company will select 9 proposals to showcase at this year’s event.

Request for Proposal Details

Experiences should be:

- Participatory/immersive
- Accessible (consider mobility, sensory sensitivity/barriers, hearing, sight, and cognitive differences)

- Able to be experienced by 6 people in a 10(ish)-minute time frame. This can take many forms – for example:
 - 3 people in two 5-minute periods
 - 2 people in five 2-minute periods
 - 1 person every minute
 - an “open world” design for people to enter and exit as they please
- Able to be implemented within a 12’ X 8’ X 8’ storage pod (structural and dimensional details available upon request)
- Able to be executed within a budget of \$300
- If the experience requires people to operate it (doorpersons, performers, crew, game masters, etc.) artists will cast these positions independently. Performer consultation and rehearsal space can be negotiated.

Selections will be based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility
- Quality of previous work
- Strength of proposal as it relates to guidelines
- Accessibility by patrons with disabilities

Timeline

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Notification: Monday, June 24th, 2019

Welcome Kickoff: Monday, July 8th, 2019 (time TBD)

Experience Build Begins: One week prior to event

Dress Rehearsal/Final Runs: Friday night, October 11th, 2019

Bazaar Event Date: Saturday, October 12th 2019, 6pm-11pm

Application Requirements

Submit the following via email or snail mail by 5:00pm on Monday, June 10th, 2019:

- [Completed Proposal Form](#)
- Up to 3 samples of previous work (either jpg images or links to sound or video)

How to Submit:

EMAIL

proposals@bricolagepgh.org

SNAIL MAIL

Attn: BAZAAR

Bricolage Production Company

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Contact

Questions about this Request for Proposals should be sent to our Production Team at proposals@bricolagepgh.org or 412-471-0999