

EAG's Open Stage Space Grant

About The Space Grant

Through Open Stage, EAG supports NYC's active, emerging theatre companies by giving them an opportunity to create and present work without the challenges that come with finding and maintaining affordable space.

Two companies are selected to receive a residency in Guild Hall: one in the **Winter (January/February)** and one in the **Summer (July/August)**.

Grantees will receive:

- a \$5,600 credit to be used towards booking up to 80 hours in our historic theatre space at our discounted EAG member rate of \$70/hour during a two-month residency at Guild Hall (1 East 29th Street, NYC 10016),
- \$1,000 from EAG's Teri Black Performance Fund to be used towards performer/director stipends, AND
- limited funding (amount TBD) for some specific line items in their production budgets thanks to NYSCA and NYC's DCLA.

During a grantee's residency, they can use their time booked in Guild Hall to meet, develop, devise, rehearse, tech, and perform the piece of their choosing. Each residency must culminate with 4-8 ticketed public performances in Guild Hall. The gross proceeds from these performances will be split evenly between the grant recipient and the charitable programs of EAG.

About EAG

Founded in 1923, The Episcopal Actors' Guild (EAG) provides emergency aid and support to professional performers of all faiths who are undergoing financial crisis. We are also dedicated to helping emerging artists advance their careers through scholarships, awards, and performance opportunities.

We help qualified performing artists regardless of faith, race, national origin or ethnicity, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, language or political ideology/affiliations.

EAG is also a membership organization and welcomes the participation of anyone interested in celebrating the talent and dedication needed to sustain a career in the performing arts. Throughout the year, we host workshops, plays, concerts, and other exciting benefit performances in an effort to raise financial support and community awareness.

About Guild Hall

Our unique and historic theatre space and office is centrally located on East 29th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on the second floor of the landmarked Church of the Transfiguration (aka the Little Church Around the Corner). Guild Hall is a proscenium-style performance space that functions as our charity's office during business hours.

The air-conditioned space has a maximum occupancy of 65 and includes a kitchenette, green room/dressing room, stage lights, sound system, and projector. There is a one single occupancy restroom.

Guild Hall is accessible only by stairs or a chair lift. There is no elevator. More details at actorsguild.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time are we granted in the space?

Beginning in 2024, grantees will receive a \$5,600 credit to be used towards booking Guild Hall for up to 80 hours at our discounted EAG member rate of \$70/hour.

How can we use our time? Does the granted time include our performances?

Your hours can be used for auditioning, developing, devising, meeting, rehearsing, teching, performing, striking, etc.. Keep in mind that each residency must culminate in 4-8 public performances in Guild Hall and plan accordingly.

Can we schedule our granted hours for any time 24/7?

Granted time may be scheduled during EAG's normal business hours (Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am-6pm), on weeknights (between the hours of 6pm-11pm), or on weekends (9am-11pm).

Will we get a set of keys to Guild Hall?

No. A member of EAG's staff will be on-site for all hours scheduled by the grantee. Our staff will open the space shortly before your scheduled time begins, answer questions as needed, and lock up.

What if the production requires additional time or days?

If any additional time is needed, that time must be rented at our regular hourly rate. Open Stage recipients will receive the EAG member rate of \$70/hour. (Regular price: \$90/hour).

Will EAG handle the box office or house management for our production?

The grantee will be solely responsible for both online and in person ticket sales (pre-sale and day of). A member of EAG's staff will be on-site for all performances and they will help to coordinate opening the house with your house/box office staff.

Will EAG provide a tech person or stage manager?

We are unable to provide stage management or technical assistance for your production.

Does EAG provide marketing assistance?

Absolutely. EAG will promote your production to our members and supporters both online and in our newsletter. However, it is important that you make every effort to promote the final production.

All promotional materials must include the following: "YOUR COMPANY NAME, in partnership with EAG's Open Stage Grant, presents "SHOW TITLE."

What about storage?

We are unable to offer storage for set pieces, props, or costumes until your company loads in for your performances.

How to Apply

Complete and submit our Google Form online application. The button linking to the application can be found at actorsguild.org/open-stage. There is no fee to apply.

Questions & More Information:

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