

Starstuff

Solo Show (Short Form) Submission Info

Starstuff is a festival of solo artists produced by Astro Lab Productions. It's a weekend of powerful personal storytelling, original performance, music, creative workshops, and real connection - Starstuff will return to Seattle this October 23 -25 at Kerry Hall. We are looking for a small constellation of emerging songwriters (ages 16+) to join us.

If selected you'll be asked to...

- Create an original piece (outlined as a talk vs scripted as a performance) reckoning with real questions and issues from your experience to perform one time at the festival.
- Share preview materials and meet with an emerging songwriter who will write a song inspired by your work to be shared after your performance.
- Be an artist ambassador for Starstuff.
- Share your creative process by creating social media content and engaging with the community leading up to the festival.
- Engage in conversations with artists and audiences throughout.
- Commit to a timeline of check in calls, a closed preview party with the other short form artists, and a tech rehearsal.
- Attend the whole festival weekend

We are looking for...

- Generative performing artists from any discipline - ballet, opera, burlesque, clown, cirque, jazz, spoken word... etc...
- Artists who bring vulnerability and clear perspective as both writers and performers, and who are eager to explore questions more than answers and to engage in conversation with other artists and audiences.

Process/Timeline

- Submissions due 7/13/26
- Selected Artists announced week of 7/20/26
- Orientation call TBD between 8/2 - 8/7
- Preview Party 10/9 or 10/10
- Festival Oct 23 - 25 (with tech rehearsals starting early 10/23)



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Selected artists will receive...

- Artist Stipend of \$1500
- Out-of-town travel reimbursement as appropriate
- Full pass +1 to the whole festival including workshops.
- Featured on Astro Lab social media and website.
- Opportunity to meet and connect with working artists and an engaged audience.
- Video capture of performance

We are not only interested in your creation or even your performance - we're excited about your presence. The contribution of your unique voice to the Starstuff conversation and to the ongoing artistic exploration of what it means to be human - alone and together.

About Starstuff

- Oct 23 - 25 at STG @ Kerry Hall in Seattle
- Four long-form solo shows
- Original music created and performed by four emerging songwriters.
- Short-form solo performances by four uniquely talented performing artists across disciplines.
- Immersive and personal theatrical experience featuring a non-theatre artist
- Four creative workshops on using art as a vessel to explore and reckon with all the stuff that's happened to you - from the epic to the intimate. Open to all.
- Parties, conversations, and shared discovery.

Committed to creative exchange, and artistic connection, Starstuff is built to be experienced as a journey - from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon - with all-access passes. Performances are organized into small constellations - each featuring a long form artist, a short form artist, a songwriter, and a seating of an immersive theatrical experience. These take place on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon. The workshops will take place on Saturday morning.

About Astro Lab:

Astro Lab Productions is a theater production company based in Seattle. We build stellar theatrical experiences for audiences worldwide, while supporting original works and emerging artists



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