

Starstuff

Songwriters 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 invited to...

- Create and perform an original song in response to one of the solo theatre pieces that will be performed at the festival. (You will get a preview of the solo show as soon as possible after you are selected so you may begin your process right away.)
- Create a second original song in response to the Starstuff festival vision.
- 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 songwriters, and tech rehearsal.
- Attend and perform in the festival.

We are looking for...

- Solo singer-songwriters (*no bands or separate accompanists) who can fully perform their own work in any genre (ex. pop, rock, hip-hop, classical, indie, experimental, whatever you got...)
- Emerging artists ages 16+
- Artists who bring emotional honesty and a thoughtful perspective as both writers and performers.

Process/Timeline

- Submissions due 7/13/26
- Selected Artists announced week of 7/20/26
- Orientation call TBD between 8/2 - 8/7
- Check-ins - individually scheduled bi-weekly
- 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 \$350
- 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. A deadline (aka the best creative fuel!).
- Awesome new music that didn't exist before you made it.
- 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 Kerry Hall in Seattle
- Four long-form solo shows
- Original music created and performed by four emerging songwriters (YOU!).
- 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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