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Freshworks Spring 2021

Program Guidelines

Freshworks is KST's month-long creative residency for Pittsburgh based artists and collaborators. Freshworks made its debut in 2013 supporting the playful exploration of performance works while encouraging creative risk taking through interdisciplinary collaborations in contemporary dance, theater, music, and multimedia. The program provides artists with studio space, production staff, lighting and sound design, professional development, and encouragement for creative risk taking.

For Spring 2021, Freshworks artists will have the option to spend up to 80 hours of residency time at KST's Alloy Studios with COVID-19 safety protocols in place, or to conduct their residency at home and or virtually with collaborators. Instead of culminating with an in person in-process performance, Freshworks collaborative pairs are required to create a 20 - 30 minute in process video piece. This in-process video performance will be screened on KST's Crowdcast channel followed by a Q & A with the artists and audiences. The KST Programming team will work with selected artists to determine a process of shooting and editing said video piece, which can be made at KST's Alloy Studios, outdoors and or in the homes of collaborating artists.

An info session for Freshworks Spring 2021 with KST Senior Producer Ben Pryor will take place, Tuesday, November 10 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. The info session will talk attendees through the application process and hold time for answering questions from prospective applicants.

Applications open: Thursday, October 29
Applications close: Wednesday, November 25 at 11:59pm
Residencies will be announced by the end of December 2020.

Applications will be reviewed and residencies awarded by KST's Artist Council members Tresa Murphy Green, Deesha Philyaw, and Adil Mansoor in conversation with KST's Programming Team.

Program Goals

- To provide artists with the support and opportunity to take their work to the next level through collaboration, exploration and experimentation.
- To bring artists and thinkers into a dynamic community of creative practitioners.
- To encourage artists to explore their ideas and work within the context of a community-minded performing arts center.
- To create a safe space for artists to continue creative explorations through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Details

- Collaborative pairs have the option to use 80 hours of studio time over the course of one month during Spring 2021 at KST's Alloy Studios.
- Collaborative pairs may receive production support including videography and editing services, lighting and sound design assistance.



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- Collaborative pairs are provided with a \$1,000 honorarium. Kelly Strayhorn Theater recognizes that this honorarium will most likely not cover all of the Resident artists' costs.
- Collaborative pairs present an in-progress, pre-recorded video performance to be broadcast on KST's Crowdcast.
- Collaborative pairs have the option to host a workshop/public engagement event related to their project. There will be an additional stipend of \$250 if collaborative pairs elect to present a workshop/public engagement event.
- Collaborative pairs receive the final video of their in process performance. .
- Collaborative pairs receive consultations with KST staff throughout the residency on developing their artistic project and further fundraising for the continued development of their work.
- Fiscal sponsorship opportunities are available upon request.

Artist Responsibilities

- Artists must partner with one or more new Pittsburgh based collaborator(s) from another discipline for the duration of the residency program. For example, a painter and a dancer; a sound artist and a theater maker; a visual artist and a choreographer...
- Artists must complete an intake interview with the KST programming team and sign a residency agreement committing to make full use of their allocated time and resources and participation in proposed residency activities.
- Artists will be granted a month long period for their residency based on dates selected through their application (February, March or April). Artists must schedule and complete their residency during their granted timeframe.
- Artists must create an in-process video performance to be broadcast on KST's Crowdcast.
- Artists will have the option to host a public class or workshop during their residency related to the artistic inquiry of the project.

Past Participants

Luke Murphy | slowdanger | Mark Conway Thompson | Anthony Williams | Alan Obuzor | Anqwenique Wingfield | Jasmine Hearn | Alisha Wormsley | Bill Shannon | Jennifer Meridian and Hannah G Thompson | The DANA Movement Ensemble | Lori Hepner and Kendra Ross | Anthony B. Mitchell Jr and Noel Quintana | Vatic Kuumba, Darrell Kinsel, and Anqwenique Wingfield | Maree ReMalia | Gigi Gatewood and Lillian Cho | Gladstone Deluxe and Samir Gangwani | Kelsey Robinson and Di-Ay Battad | Trevor Miles and Julie Mallis | Vatic Kuumba, D.S. Kinsel & Anqwenique Wingfield | Anthony Mitchell Jr. and Noel Quintana | Philip Wesley-Gates & Jamison Edgar | Jameelah Platt & Lost Culture Dance Crew | Corrine Jasmine & Ru Emmons | Scott Andrew & Jesse Factor | Mita Ghosal & Sue Abramson | Ty Greenwood & Cherish Morgan



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KST's Alloy Studios

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Freshworks residencies and video shoots will take place at KST's Alloy Studios! KST's Alloy Studios contains two studio spaces designed to accommodate performance events, classes, workshops and more! The ground floor studio features an LED theatrical lighting plot, professional sound, and sprung dance floor. The upstairs studio is a spacious, mirrored dance studio that overlooks Penn and Stratford Avenues.

Downstairs Studio

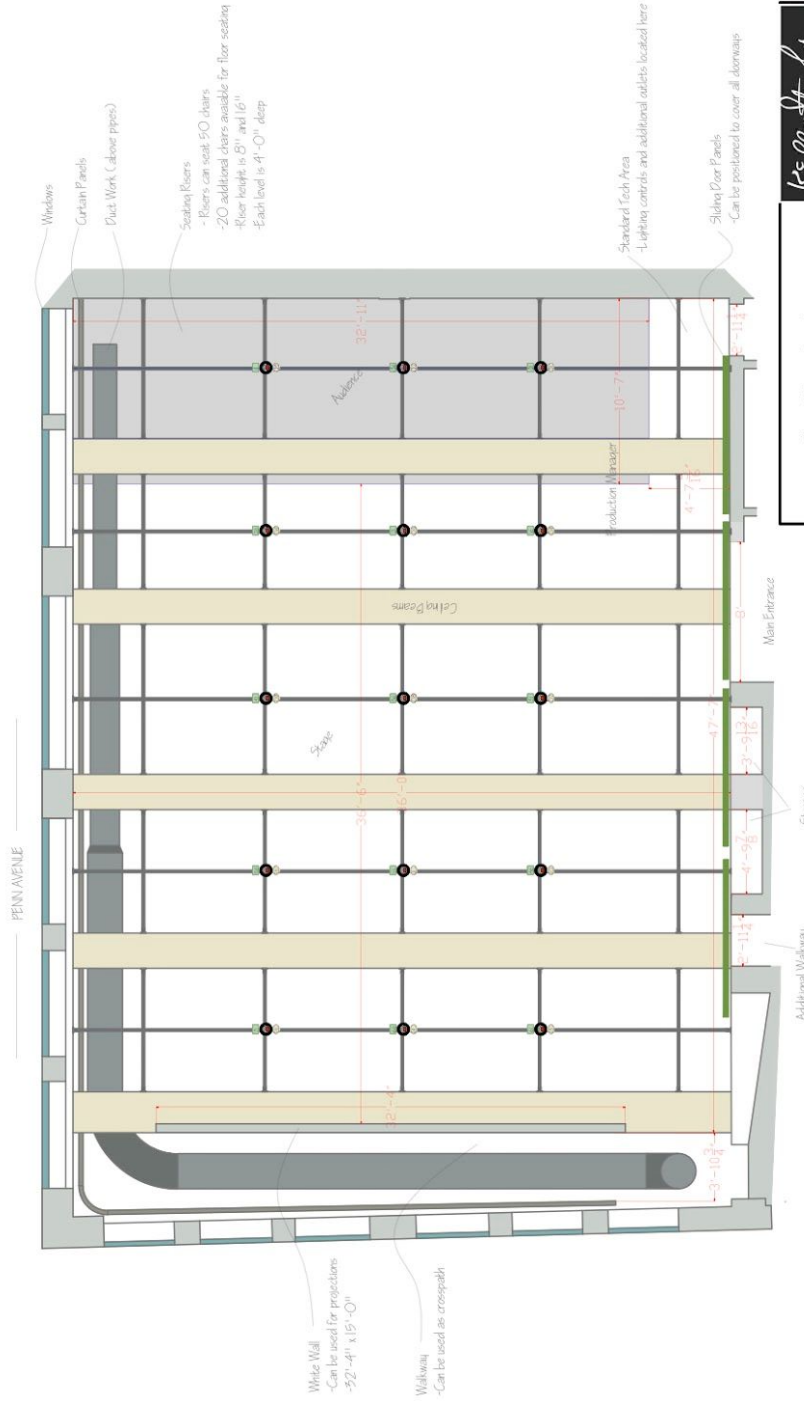


Upstairs Studio



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The Alloy Studios

Production Manager	Melanie Pajla	4210
Production Asst. / Draftsman	Plus Collett	
Executive Director	Janae Stroman	

Notes: *Height to Pipe is 15'-5"
 * 70 Chairs available; 50 can be placed on risers

Scale: 8" = 1'-0" | Plate: | of |

Ground Plan

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