

**myriad collective partnership with Footscray Community Arts Centre
for
Melbourne Fringe Festival, September 2017**

Notes for applicants

About the opportunity

myriad collective is proud to announce our partnership with Footscray Community Arts Centre to commission and produce works by emerging/early career trans and gender diverse (TGD) artists in Melbourne for the 2017 Melbourne Fringe Festival! The 2016 Fringe Festival is taking place between September 15 – October 2, and we anticipate similar dates for the 2017 Festival also.

We are calling for expressions of interest from TGD visual and performing artists and ensembles who want to build their arts practice and explore their potential opportunities for growth. We envisage this might involve:

- Visual artists who want to hold their first/an early career solo exhibition.
- Theatre practitioners and performance artists who would like to perform their first/an early career self-devised piece in a professional venue, with the opportunity for high-quality lighting and sound.
- Musicians who would like to expand their practice by utilising lighting and other theatrical technical options.
- Dancers and choreographers who would like to perform their first/an early career self-devised piece in a professional venue.
- Artists who work across a variety of media and would like the opportunity to utilise a professional setting for the presentation of their work.
- Early career/new ensembles of trans and gender diverse artists who are creating initial works together.
- Artists and performers in mixed-media formats looking to expand their creative practice and exhibit/perform in a professional setting.

Three artists or ensembles will be selected – **two** of these will be performing artists/ensembles, and **one** will be a visual artist/ensemble. Performance works should have an expected run time of no longer than 45 minutes. Works will be presented over a three-show season, including a Q&A panel if artists are interested. myriad collective is committed to producing accessible, anti-oppressive shows. Please contact us if you are not sure whether your work will be suitable or would like to discuss this further.

Who can apply

myriad collective would like to invite all interested TGD artists and performers to submit expressions of interest. We are committed to providing opportunities for TGD people who are often excluded within the TGD community. We are also committed to strengthening ties with the greater Footscray community, and would like to reflect this in the show we produce with Footscray Community Arts Centre.

Who we're prioritising

- Artists based in the Footscray and Maribyrnong area.
- Artists who have not exhibited or performed with myriad collective before.
- Artists who are further marginalised within the TGD community, including Indigenous people, people of colour, trans feminine people, people with disabilities, working class people and those living in poverty, people under 21 and over 45, and other TGD people who experience multiple forms of marginalisation.

What myriad will provide

myriad collective will collaborate with artists to develop their works to the degree that our assistance is required – if you would prefer to work mostly directly with FCAC, that's totally fine!

We can provide:

- General project management (ie. budgeting, timelines, creative development, venue liason)
- Venue liason
- Mentoring and creative development
- Technical assistance (ie. sound, lighting, other)
- Media and advertising

There may also be other ways we can assist you, and we are committed to being available for consultation throughout the production process. Where people within the collective are unable to provide the required skills, we will help you to find someone, preferably within the TGD community, who can mentor you in your skills development and assist in your process. We are also happy to help source technicians for your production, preferably from within the TGD community.

Selection process

Applications are due by 5pm September 30th, 2016. From here, applications will be collated for review by a community selection panel, to be announced by myriad collective closer to the date. This panel will consist of 5 members of the TGD arts community, including representatives from other small organisations as well as individuals. The panel will be convened by a member of myriad collective.

We anticipate the selection process being finalised by early November 2016, and all artists will be notified of results via email.

For questions about any aspect of this partnership and opportunity, please get in touch with us at collectivemyriad@gmail.com