

- Expressions Of Interest now open -

As Victoria's flagship contemporary dance company, Chunky Move is committed to developing the next generation of leading dance artists.

Chunky Move recognises there is a gap in the career trajectory for mid-career dance artists wishing to step into positions of artistic leadership. Currently there are very few structured opportunities for individual artists to learn the skills of company management and artistic directorship. The role of Artistic Associate is designed to bridge that gap and provide an opportunity to gain an insight into what is required to run a successful dance company.

With the generous support of the Besen Family Foundation, Chunky Move is offering a paid, part-time residency in the first half of 2018 that will provide an Artistic Associate the opportunity to gain experience and skills to prepare them for future artistic leadership roles.

Applicants can propose their own tailored program during the EOI process but the following are some of the roles and projects that we envisage the Artistic Associate being actively engaged with.

ARTISTIC MANAGEMENT

- Assist the Artistic Director in developing and implementing dancer development initiatives such as weekly classes, workshops, secondment placements, auditions, One Body One Career Intensives and other;
- Assist the Artistic Director with the preparation and implementation of new artistic projects the Company is undertaking;
- Teach Company classes, open professional classes and/or public dance classes as requested;
- Assist the Artistic Director in remounting/recasting repertoire in preparation for touring;
- Lead rehearsals when the Artistic Director is not available;
- Teach choreography and/or repertoire workshops for the Company, be it local, national or for schools;
- Be actively involved, in conjunction with other Chunky Move staff, in devising, coordinating and teaching public programs such as special dance workshops, online initiatives and other activities;
- Be actively involved, in conjunction with other Chunky Move staff, in the preparation of marketing and production activities run by the company;
- Assist the Artistic Director with general administrative tasks;
- Attend and contribute to team production and program meetings.

The exact focus of the Artistic Associate program will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

The Artistic Associate will be offered:

- Access to studio space during the residency to work on personal choreographic research (duration and dates tbc);
- Mentorship by the Artistic Director, Executive Director and other staff to support and help develop artistic leadership, producing, and general management skills.
- A salary of \$50,000 per annum (pro rata) based on 4 days a week for 3 months.

The successful applicant must be able to commit to the residency commencing in the first half of 2018. The exact dates and scheduling will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS ARTISTIC ASSOCIATE

Applicants need to:

- Be a mid career artist, be it a senior dancer or choreographer, with a minimum of 7 years professional experience;
- Be familiar with and interested in Chunky Move's vision and artistic direction;
- Have previously displayed the ability to combine analytical thinking with hands on action, and an interest in solving logistical challenges;
- Be interested in collaborating with the Artistic Director across all facets of the role;
- Be able to prioritise what needs to be done and lead under pressure;
- Be able to work in a team and be flexible with working hours;
- Show a pro-active and positive work attitude;
- Demonstrate an interest in creating new work and researching contemporary art practice;
- Have graduated from tertiary dance education and have had at least 7 years of professional experience, including evidence of having created or been involved in the development of new dance works.

What to Include in your Expression of Interest:

1. **A current CV**
2. **Links** to a show reel compilation of choreographic works and/or as a performer
3. **Motivation statement** (no more than one page double-sided) where you:
 - Describe why you want this opportunity and how it will benefit your career trajectory;
 - Refer to relevant experience and interests that make you suitable for the role and how they will support your ability to make the most of this opportunity;
 - Describe how your skills and experiences will help Chunky Move's development of existing and new programs;
 - Outline your availability for 2018;
 - Include names and contact details of three referees.

We encourage interstate artists to apply, however we cannot cover interstate expenses i.e. travel, accommodation or per diems.

The starting date will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE Friday October 6, 2017

Please send your EOI and any questions to Ben Ryan, Office and Program Coordinator, at <mailto:ben@chunkymove.com.au> or +61 3 9645 5188.

Hardcopy EOIs should be sent/delivered to:
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