



Performance Festival

August 8-18, 2019

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VOLUNTEER WITH US

As a volunteer, you'll be the smiling face of the Festival and responsible for interacting with patrons, selling tickets, and ushering audiences in and out of venues.

You will receive **the opportunity to see performances** and invitations to volunteer **parties and events**. You will meet amazing **new people**, **support the arts**, **develop valuable skills**, and receive a **free t-shirt**.

SummerWorks

2019 marks SummerWorks's 29th year! We are a performance festival widely recognized as one of the most important launching pads for new works. We're committed to providing an opportunity for artists to develop and take creative risks, while also providing ways for them to connect with other artists, new audiences and organizations around the world.



SummerWorks is only made possible by our amazing volunteers!

[Click here to complete the short application by July 5.](#)



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Front of House

Front of House volunteers will cover a variety of different roles on site at shows, including:

- greet patrons,
- take tickets,
- usher patrons to their seats,
- collect on-site donations from patrons,
- support venue clean up,
- provide information to the public, and more.

These roles involve a lot of interaction with the public, so we are looking for volunteers who are friendly and love helping new people. Occasionally, Front of House volunteers will get to watch shows during their shifts!

Artist Assistant

Artist Assistants will conduct tasks that are unique to specific shows and ensure the artists are comfortable and have everything they need. Tasks may include:

- keeping the shared green-rooms clean,
- preparing the stage for a show,
- undertaking specific tasks for particular artists,
- chaperoning audiences in travelling performance, and more.

Being an Artist Assistant offers the opportunity to become familiar with a specific show and see “behind the scenes” of various SummerWorks performances!

Events Assistant

Events Assistants will perform a range of tasks relating to SummerWorks parties, and The SummerWorks Exchange professional development and industry events. These volunteers will:

- help set-up events,
- help people find their way to events,
- collect on-site donations,
- and support the full flow of each event.

Being an Events Assistants offers a unique view of the SummerWorks festival in a variety of fun and interactive environments.

*Note: to be an Events Assistant at parties, volunteers must be over the age of 19, willing to volunteer until 2am and enjoy the party atmosphere and/or late night performances.

Rover

Rovers are volunteers who are ready to jump in to any role! Rovers will check-in at Volunteer Headquarters at the beginning of their shift and be dispatched as needed on that given day. Volunteers in this role should be flexible in their expectations and excellent team-players. Like all of the other volunteer roles, Rovers are one of our most valuable resources!



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Volunteer Headquarters

Those who support Volunteer Headquarters will assist the Volunteer Coordinator and Intern with general office administration duties. Tasks may include:

- signing-in other volunteers,
- setting up the central box-office,
- organizing and distributing T-Shirts,
- and/or cash reconciliation (counting money).

Helping out at Volunteer Headquarters is a less public volunteer role and is perfect for those with interest or experience in administration and organization.

Pre-Festival Volunteer

Pre-Festival Volunteers will support a variety of jobs that must occur before the festival begins on August 8.

Tasks may include:

- distributing posters and programs,
- general administration tasks (see Volunteer Headquarters section),
- and production support for artists and technicians.

Volunteer Captain

The role of Volunteer Captain is one of additional responsibilities. Volunteer Captains will be scheduled at a venue to assist with volunteer check in, orientation, management, and dispatch. Captains will have a copy of the volunteer schedule and be available to help with any problems which arise (or contact the Volunteer Coordinator or staff member who can!). These volunteers will model exceptional volunteer behaviour and will facilitate an enjoyable and positive atmosphere for all.

Ideally Volunteer Captains will have prior experience volunteering with SummerWorks and/or additional experience managing others.

*Note: Volunteer Captains will be selected by the Volunteer Coordinator after an informal interview process. Volunteer Captains will be given additional training prior to the Festival.