

2023 Creative Residency for Black Puppeteers Application National Call for Artists (Virtual)

Puppet Showplace Theater seeks proposals from emerging and early-career artists interested in exploring the art of puppetry for the fourth cohort of puppeteers!

Residency Time Period: August - October 2023 (Virtual)
Application Deadline: **July 20, 2023, 11:59pm EST**

To apply, please fill out the following document, and forward to [Sarah Nolen](#) with the subject line “Your Name - Residency Application” by 11:59 pm EST on July 20, 2023. *If you prefer, a recorded video answering the questions may be submitted instead of a written statement.*

Name & Contact	
First Name:	Last Name:
email:	
phone:	

Proposed Project

Project Title	
2-3 sentence description <i>of your proposed project.</i>	
What themes do you wish to explore? <i>Consider including any sources of inspiration, questions that motivate your creative research, or concepts you wish to explore through puppetry.</i>	

What style of puppetry are you interested in working with?	
What audience to you hope to reach? <i>They may be geared toward adult, child, family, student, or other community-based audiences.</i>	
Where in the process of development is the project currently, and what is the overall timeline for the project?	

Please write a brief statement on how you see the residency supporting your artistic development.

Short Biography (250 words)

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Please inform us of any major schedule constraints or prior commitments that we should work around, any concerns you might have about accessing virtual meetings via Zoom, or any other accommodations that would support your success in your current circumstances.

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Are you based in the Greater Boston area? If yes, where?	
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Please send this filled-out form as a .pdf, along with:

- A resume, media, and/or link(s) to an online portfolio that introduces you and your past work (in puppetry or another artistic practice).
- *(Optional) A page of supplemental visual materials related to your project may also be included but is not required.*

Please Email this Application and any other materials to:

Sarah Nolen, Residency Coordinator

sarah@puppetshowplace.org

All Applications are due by 11:59 pm EST on July 20, 2023

Selection Criteria

Our aim is to select a diverse array of projects and puppetry forms, with artists who will benefit from this residency program. We will evaluate:

- The clarity, originality, and achievability of the project (even if part of a bigger whole).
- The project's potential to strengthen the artist's practice and create much needed affinity spaces in and through puppetry.
- The feasibility for the artist to engage in project-related development and residency activities during August - October 2023.

If you have questions or would like to discuss a proposal in advance of applying, please reach out to Sarah, program coordinator (sarah@puppetshowplace.org).

This grant was first launched in June 2020, evolving each year thanks to feedback from past program participants. We hope to continue to refine and define as we go!

Puppet Showplace Theater is committed to funding, supporting, and amplifying Black artists now and in the future.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavor!