



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Artistic Director Contract Services – AWG Cultural Gala

ABOUT THE GAMES

The Arctic Winter Games is an international biennial celebration of circumpolar sports and culture taking place in the Wood Buffalo region from January 29 – February 4, 2023. The Games will highlight the region and offer a chance for cultural exchange through the spirit of sport and artistic performance to an international audience and visitors from around the world. The week-long event will see participants from our own backyard along with international circumpolar North regions during their time to shine.

The AWG Cultural Gala is a multi-disciplinary performing arts showcase. The event engages and showcases the talents of up to 6 youth cultural participants, ages 15-22, from 7 of the circumpolar regions. The Gala is rehearsed January 30 – February 1, 2023 and culminates in two public ticketed evening performances at the Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre February 2 – 3, 2023. The show length will be approximately 70-90 minutes. The Gala features a blend of performance disciplines including theatre, dance, music, and others as well as a collaborative piece that cultural participants learn and rehearse during January 30 - February 1.

OPPORTUNITY

The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games Host Society invites an Expression of Interest for contractor services of Artistic Director to plan and execute the Cultural Gala for the 2023 Arctic Winter Games. The Artistic Director will bring their artistic vision and producing experience to the Cultural Gala while working in collaboration with cultural participants, choreographer, and production team.

Tentative rehearsal and performance schedule is:

December 7 – January 29

The Artistic Director will focus on artistic and production team duties including meetings, finalization of design team, review of cultural contingent support materials and general Gala



planning and preparations. Two meetings with the cultural contingents will ensure the Artistic Director and cultural contingents are able to work collaboratively, and with clear communication.

The Artistic Director is required to be available January 29 – February 3. Preliminary schedule:

Sunday, January 29, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Meet and Greet, Facility Tour
Monday, January 30, 12:45 – 4:30 pm	Gala Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 31, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Gala Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 31, 1:00 – 2:00 pm	Rehearsal Space Available
Wednesday, February 1, 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Gala Dress Rehearsal
Thursday, February 2, 1:00 – 5:00 pm	Rehearsal Space Available
Thursday, February 2, 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Gala Night 1
Friday, February 3, 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Gala Night 2

Artistic Director - Contractor Start Date:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Artistic Director - Contractor End Date:

Friday, February 3, 2023

Deadline for Submissions:

November 25, 2022

PARAMETERS AND SUBMISSION CRITERIA

60 Cultural Participants spend the week partaking in workshops, pop-up performances and rehearsals. The cultural program culminates in the presentation of the Cultural Gala at the Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre February 2 – 3, 2023. Interested individuals with experience in the performing arts and youth-oriented activities, local to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are invited to send their curriculum vitae for consideration.

Expression of Interest should include:

- A resume or summary of your career(s) to date
- Evidence of your artistic work
- Digital links to your work as an artistic leader, or artistic director

SELECTION PROCESS

- The individual selected will be chosen through a one-stage jury process. The Selection Panel will include: the AWG General Manager, AWG Director of Culture and



Ceremonies, AWG Senior Manager of Marketing, Communications Culture, and AWG Program Manager of Culture and Diversity

- Selected submission will be notified on or before November 26, 2022

SUBMISSIONS

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 p.m., November 25, 2022:**

- By e-mail: culture@awg2023.org OR,
- By drop-off in person Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.:
10019 Franklin Ave,
Fort McMurray, AB
T9H 2K7

If you have a question, please e-mail: culture@awg2023.org or call 1-866-AWG-2023.



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Name

Address and Postal Code

Phone (home and/or cellphone)

Email Address

Briefly describe a summary of your career(s) to date and provide examples of your work as an artistic leader, stage manager, or artistic director. Include evidence of your work where applicable.
