

CURATORIAL CALL OUT >>>

Dublin Fringe Festival 2018

Dreamers and doers, wordsmiths and radicals, crafters, grafters, pirates and bad bitches; This is your green light, your siren call.

Fringe 2018 will be a festival of antidotes.
O true apothecaries; formulate visions for the future to escape a turbulent present. Offer us balms of beauty and wonder; speak potent truths to power to remedy national ills; distil rage into action; brew art from the inexpressible; prescribe us parties to heal our fight-fatigued souls; soothe us with filthy laughs, the adrenaline of chance, the euphoria of limitless possibility. Bring us your solutions, your cures and your divine art elixirs.

This is an invitation to take up space. In your city; on influential stages; in the corridors of power; inside the walls of that cool building you pass every day. We feel like Dublin is being devoured by big spenders; Goliath is tagging every street corner and David had to move back in with his mam. But isn't this is our corner of the world? Let's make our presence felt. We want to hop gates with you, knock on doors and invite ourselves in to play. Rip up the blueprints and start sketching your master plans.

Push. Reach for the intangible in the half light, that indescribable almost-there on the horizon line. Those impulses; pure, primal and pulsing with potential are the ones to follow. Don't waver - Fringe has got your back.

Let's make some art together.

- Ruth McGowan, Festival Director

We're starting a new chapter here at Fringe and we're brimming with possibility. Here is what you can count on from us:

- We love NEW. New voices, new moves, new thought, new ways of telling. We'll champion and support you as you invent.
- We back contemporary works that defy genre and form. Autopilot is firmly off - this is no place for somnambulists.
- We celebrate work inspired by and dedicated to Dublin and Ireland.
- Our north star is your glorious ambition: leaps of faith and big swings encouraged.
- We know how to make stuff happen. Fringe is here year-round with space, support and advice on getting your ideas off the ground. Tap the skills of our crack team. Write to us, get involved, come by and say hello.

Your response is our desire; it's YOU that we need to show us the way. Here's how:

Rigour: We revel in it. Works of skill, sweat and virtuosity made with intellect and detail.

Mischief: Access to the forbidden, breaking rules and flouting norms. A little danger is welcome.

Complexity, substance and guts: The deep dive on delicate and difficult themes that refuse easy answers. It's alright if things get messy.

Origination: Resist categorisation and explode genre.

Wonder: Sparkle, fascination and gasps of delight. Immersive experiences that send you home starry eyed.

Acts of representation: Voices that defy the mainstream; artists compelled to embody their politics; works exploring the beauty and power of every kind of body.

JOY JOY JOY: It is an act of resistance.

We're going out out: We've got the gaff, have you got the party? Club kids, after-dark mavens and the best of buzzers, you are cordially invited to play Gatsby, chez nous at the festival club. We're coveting fabulous parties and hands-in-the-air art experiences.

All fuelled by an unquenchable urgency and made by outlaws, witches, messers, pioneers and heroes.

Is it September yet?