



Tall Stories Directors Award 2024 Call Out

Tall Stories are looking for emerging directors to apply for the Tall Stories Directors Award. Three theatre directors will receive 5 days each of free use of the Tall Stories Studio to develop their storytelling theatre practice, plus mentoring and a £1000 financial contribution to go towards any costs for the week.

We are looking for theatre directors who are testing ideas or creating shows which:

- Involve narration and/or storytelling that directly addresses the audience, e.g.

“Alice followed the White Rabbit down the rabbit-hole, then found herself falling down a very deep well...”

“As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning, he found himself transformed into a gigantic insect.”

- Are original pieces.

Retellings/adaptations of existing stories are suitable; pieces that use a script that has previously been performed would not be suitable.

- Are for any audience and age group.

We are especially interested to hear from directors who live in Islington (and neighbouring boroughs) and/or who are from under-represented backgrounds in the theatre industry.

Chosen directors will be offered:

- One week of free rehearsal space at the Tall Stories Studio in Islington.
 - Week commencing either 15, 22 and 29 April 2024.
 - Exclusive use 10am-6pm Monday-Friday.
 - The space comes with use of:
 - A Bluetooth and wired PA system.
 - A simple lighting controller with pre-set states, usable by anyone.
 - Loading bay access (loading only, no parking).
 - Blackout blinds.
 - 11 chairs and two large folding tables, plus various small folding tables.



- A shared kitchen to prepare and store food and drink.
- Our private toilets consist of one toilet with a sink and one accessible toilet with a sink and shower.
 - The space does not include an onsite technician.
 - For more information and to see photos of the space please click [here](#).
- A £1000 contribution to any costs for the week.
- The opportunity to have a sharing in the studio with an invited (not public) audience at the end of the week. It is not compulsory to have a public sharing, but on your last day in the space, we would like you to share with one or more Tall Stories team members what you have been working on during the week.
 - e.g. an extract or showing of ideas to Tall Stories staff, a presentation of thoughts and ideas, or an informal chat with a Tall Stories team member.
 - Ideas do not need to be fully formed. We want you to use the space to best support you and your ideas over the week.
- An (optional) feedback/mentoring session with a Tall Stories team member.
 - We can cover areas such as feedback on creative ideas, discussion on creative process, producing, marketing, participation.
 - We will identify an area with each director, dependent on needs.

How to apply:

We are holding an optional 1 hour Zoom session to give more information about the award and what we are looking for in applicants on Wednesday 24th January 2024, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Please click [here](#) register your interest on Zoho.

Please click [here](#) to complete the Directors Award application form via Zoho.

The questions may be answered in writing or by submitting a video or audio file. All formats will be equally considered.

The deadline for applications is 5 February 2024, 10am.

We will be in touch with everyone who applies by the **9 February 2024**.



If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to an interview. From these interviews we will decide which three directors will receive the Tall Stories Award.

Interviews are likely to be **week commencing 12 February 2024**. We will provide interviewees with the main questions that will be asked during the interview in advance.

If you have any questions, or if you would like this call out information in another format feel free to contact: Fiona Bines on fiona@tallstories.org.uk or 020 8348 0080.

Equal Opportunities:

Tall Stories is committed to equality and diversity within our workforce and across all opportunities.

We ensure that no person is unfairly discriminated against in its recruitment and selection policies and procedures. We actively welcome applications from those currently underrepresented in our workforce and industry.

Your application and any associated personal information will be stored and processed in accordance with our Data Policy and destroyed after six months.

We look forward to receiving your application – thank you for your interest!