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DEVELOPMENT LAB

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The Professional Development Lab, delivered by The Dust Palace Charitable Trust, is dedicated to supporting professional and emerging professional circus artists in Tāmaki Makaurau

The Professional Development Lab was born from the desire to share the wealth of knowledge held by some of our highly skilled circus practitioners living in Tāmaki Makaurau. The course is a formalised way for professional circus practitioners to learn from each other and upskill in specialist techniques.

WHO IS IT FOR? / WHO CAN APPLY?

The Professional Development Lab provides a place for further development of technical circus skills for professional and emerging-professional practitioners based in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Applicants must be of a level whereby there are no current classes or learning opportunities for up-skilling.

The course specifically focuses on developing physical circus skills; in particular, ground, partner and group acrobatics, creative tumbling, equilibristics, dance and choreography.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INCLUDE?

The Professional Development Lab course shares high level skills and techniques in;

- Ground based circus skills
- Aerial circus technique
- Solo, duo and group techniques

The course offers 20 hours of free circus training with the city's highest skilled practitioners and can cater to 15 - 20 applicants. The PDL course is held in weekly workshops at The Dust Palace.

WHAT DOES THE PDL NOT INCLUDE?

Creative mentorship or career guidance. This is covered in the Residency Program.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Professional practitioners and emerging professionals (priority given in that order).
- A desire to upskill where the participant is unable to progress further due to classes not being available at their level.

CRITERIA FOR TUTORS

- Circus artists who are currently based in Tāmaki Makaurau. If no-one is available then reaching out to artists elsewhere in Aotearoa. International talent is a final option if no-one nationally has the expertise required.
- Expertise level - The ability to provide valuable skills that the current cohort of applicants desires and needs upskilling in.

SCHEDULE

The program is a 10 week term that includes one 2 hour workshop per week.

The development lab is designed as a progressive learning experience where each class builds off the skills and lessons of the previous week. In this way students can revise the skills learnt in previous weeks.

POST DEVELOPMENT LAB REPORT

Participants are required to fill out a feedback report midway through the Development Lab and at the end.

This ensures that we are continuing to cater to the needs of the current professional cohort and can grow the teaching pedagogy in parallel to their learning.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA ON WHICH APPLICANTS WILL BE ASSESSED?

Applicants are assessed on whether or not they are a professional (minimum 5 paid performances) or pre-professional with the intention of moving into full time circus. Priority is given to professional artists who's current skill level is such that they do not have access to classes that cater to their needs.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

At the beginning of the application period you can fill in the application form on The Dust Palace website under, Together We Are Stronger.

www.thedustpalace.co.nz/twas