

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST | INDUSTRY Co:LAB

### HotHouse Theatre's Pre-Professional Training Program Guidelines

#### For Emerging Performers & Theatre-makers

February – October 2022

#### WHAT IS THE INDUSTRY CO:LAB?

INDUSTRY CO:LAB | PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM | February - October

HotHouse Theatre's Industry Co:Lab is a Pre-Professional Training Program for emerging artists aged 16 – 24 years.

Through a slate of skills workshops, laboratory tasks and real-world projects, simulated under professional conditions, Co:Lab participants develop their capacity to deliver arts-based projects independently, using communication, collaboration, critical-thinking and problem-solving through creativity. Transferable skills are developed practically under real-world conditions within a supported environment, which enables and embraces experimentation, failure, reflection and resilience building. Co:Lab is an integrated program of professional development, industry secondments and mentored projects within a professional theatre environment.

Participants periodically come together in a series of LABS - immersive development intensives designed as a testing ground for theatre making techniques and ideas. These include weekly Tool:Kit skills building sessions, monthly extended laboratories devising creative responses to given tasks, Master:Labs with an industry theatre-maker of significance, culminating in a Pitch to Industry. Co:Lab participants integrate into the life of the company for a year. Alongside their formal acting ensemble program, artists engage in individual career planning, professional observations and develop entrepreneurial business skills for sustainable careers.

In 2022 the Co:Lab will develop and present a site-specific, devised performance in response to contemporary video art exhibition at the new HYPHEN GALLERY, Wodonga.

CO:LAB LEAD ARTIST Rachel McNamara

CO:LAB COORDINATOR Clancy Hauser

#### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Co:LAB Artists must commit to a rigorous program across the year from February to early October including:

TOOL:KIT (Wednesdays 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM) – **weekly** skills training sessions. Through practical exercises, artists accumulate a toolkit of acting skills, performance modes, devising techniques, theatre-making processes and dramaturgies (structures in the construction of a theatre work).

Co:LABS (Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) – **once a month**, intensive laboratory sessions. Applying the skills in your Toolkit to collaboratively develop creative responses to given tasks or stimuli. Extended focus given to the process of feedback – learning how to evaluate, express and respond to feedback constructively.

MASTER:LABS (Intensive x 3) – case study and masterclass from an industry theatre-maker. Co:Lab artists work alongside a master theatre-maker, deconstructing their process, learning new techniques and responding to provocations designed to expand their approaches.

Co:ALESCE (September-Oct 2022) – Major collaborative theatre-making project (with mentoring) for public presentation, performed at Hyphen Gallery, Wodonga.

INDUSTRY:LAB – individual mentoring in goal setting, pathways, industry knowledge and business development for sustainable careers.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

The CO:LAB is open to individuals aged 16 – 24 years with an independent arts practice or who are aspiring toward an independent arts practice, primarily in the broad definition of theatre. All artists will develop performance skills but an interest in making theatre is essential. Applicants must live in the Albury-Wodonga region. We welcome submissions from emerging artists across live performance disciplines and forms.

We encourage submissions from:

- Emerging, pre-professional and independent artists seeking to pursue a career in the arts.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse artists
- Artists who identify as LGBTQIA+
- Artists living with disability

#### WHAT DOES Co:LAB COST?

This program is heavily subsidised to support emerging regional artists to become industry ready. The value of this program is \$1850 per person. Your contribution is \$200 for the year, however non-attendance may result in you forfeiting your place in the program.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES?

This is a rigorous program and as such it is expected that all CO:LAB Artists are available for all dates and flexible with changing work conditions. Here are the current schedule dates.

Date	Day	Time	Session
7-Feb	Fri	6:00PM	<b>Registrations Close</b>
10-Feb	Thurs	6:00PM-9:00PM	Group Auditions
11-Feb	Fri		Call Backs- Notified via Email
12-Feb	Sat	10:00AM-4:00PM	Interviews
16- Feb	Wed		Application Notifications
18-Feb	Fri	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Co Lab Dinner
19- Feb	Sat	10:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Co Lab Intensive
23-Feb	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
26-Feb	Sat	1:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Show Viewing
2-Mar	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
5-Mar	Sat	TBC	Co Lab Intensive
9-Mar	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
16-Mar	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
23-Mar	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
26-Mar	Sat	10:00AM-4:00PM	<b>MASTERLAB: Intensive</b>
27- Mar	Sun	11:00AM-2:00PM	Co Lab: Intensive
30- Mar	Wed	6:00PM-9:00PM	Weekly Toolkit: Kit
6- April	Wed	6:00PM- 9:00PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
27-April	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
4-May	Wed	6:00PM-9:00PM	Show Viewing
11-May	Wed	6:00PM-9:00PM	Weekly Toolkit
14-May	Sat	10:00 PM- 4:00 PM	<b>MASTERLAB: Intensive</b>
13-May	Sun	11:00 PM- 2:00 PM	Co Lab Intensive
18-May	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
25-May	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
1-Jun	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
4- Jun	Sat	10:00-4:00PM	Co Lab Intensive
8-Jun	Wed	6:00 AM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
15-Jun	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
22-Jun	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
29- Jun	Wed	6:00PM- 9:00PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
24-Jun	- 13 Jul	<b>BREAK - 2 Weeks</b>	
16-Jul	Sat	10:00AM-4:00PM	Co:Lab Intensive
20-Jul	Wed	6:00PM- 9:00PM	Weekly: Tool Kit

21-Jul	Thur	1:00PM-9:00PM	Co:Lab Intensive
22-Jul	Fri	11:00AM-10:PM	Performance Outcome
31-Jul- Aug 6	Sat	10:00 AM- 4:00 PM	<b>DEVELOPMENT WEEK</b>
10- Aug	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
13- Aug	Sat	10:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
17- Aug	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool:Kit
20- Aug	Sat	10:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
24-Aug	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Weekly Tool: Kit
27-Aug	Sat	10:00-4:00PM	<b>MASTERLAB: Intensive</b>
28- Aug	Sun	11:00-2:00PM	Co Lab: Intensive
31-Aug	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Show Viewing
3-Sep	Sat	10:00 AM- 12:30 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
7-Sep	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
10-Sep	Sat	10:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
11- Sep	Sun	11:00-3:00PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
14-Sep	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
17-Sep	Sat	TBC	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
19-24 Sep	Mon	TBC	Co:Alesce Theatre Making Intensive
26 Sep- 1 Oct	Fri		Performance Week Co:Alesce <b>MAJOR PROJECT</b>
5-Oct	Wed	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM	Company Dinner & Debrief   End Class
Feb - Oct	Various	TBC	Industry Co:Lab - One on One Career Mentoring & Planning Sessions

\*This is current as at Jan 2022 and represents a minimum time commitment. Additional sessions may be negotiated with the CO:LAB Artists as needed, particularly leading into the production period. These dates may also be subject to change depending on COVID restrictions.

The INDUSTRY CO:LAB is an Ensemble program, which relies on consistent attendance of the whole Ensemble in order to function. Theatre is a team sport.

If you are unable to make the sessions consistently and reliably, this program may not be for you. But if you are committed to developing your practice and are ready to do the work, we would love to hear from you.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply for the program by submitting the [Industry Co:Lab Expression of Interest](#) form online by **6:00pm Monday February 7**. Following this you will be invited to attend a group audition on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021** (6:00pm-9:00pm) and then an interview on **Saturday February 12** (10:00am-4:00pm)

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE?

The auditions will take approx. an hour and will be conducted in small groups of 4-5 actors. You will work collaboratively with industry professionals in ensemble skill work, then individually each actor will present a 2- minute contemporary monologue from a published Australian play.

<b>7 February 2022</b>	Expressions of Interest close at 6pm
<b>10 February 2022</b>	Group Audition
<b>12 February 2022</b>	Interviews
<b>18 February 2022</b>	Program Begins
<b>29 Sept – 1 Oct 2022</b>	Co:Alesce – MAJOR PROJECT in collaboration with Hyphen Gallery

We strongly recommend you take the opportunity to chat to our Co:LAB Coordinator, Clancy Hauser on 02 6021 7433 prior to applying if you have any questions that are not covered in these guidelines.

**Click on this form to register your**

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10TuY6hUv0-t8CRd0hdR4gRv7O1upwHOkTthoynAMt1U/edit>**

**Deadline Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 6pm.**

**If you fall slightly above the age limit, please contact us to discuss.**

**For more information contact HotHouse Theatre on 02 6021 7433.**

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