

Civic Theatre Presents:

Up Stage

At the Playhouse

Season 2025

What is UpStage?

UpStage is a new local-based programme that will present works by the Newcastle Creative & Performing Arts industry in the Playhouse Theatre.

Local artists will be offered space and support to present original or reimagined theatre works as part of the UpStage 2025 programme.

UpStage brings local shows to local audiences, providing an opportunity to introduce new and adapted works, presented and performed by the local theatre and arts scene. The programme will showcase the ability and creativity in the Newcastle region and bring our community and arts industry closer.

What we need from you

If you are interested in applying, we ask that you provide an **Expression of Interest** with the following details:

- Production company
- Key creatives (Director, Playwright, Actors etc.)
- Title of the work
- Outline of work (200 words max)
- Any technical specifications including AV requirements
- Up to 5 high resolution digital images, and video links of recent work (if available)
- CV or list of past productions/achievements
- Social media – links to profiles (Instagram, Facebook, TikTok etc.)

Please attach with submission or provide links (Dropbox, YouTube, etc.)

Availability

Please also indicate in your **Expression of Interest** any of the following dates that you are NOT available to deliver the work:

2025

17 March to 30 march

30 June to 13 July

18 August to 31 August

22 September to 5 October

A new opportunity

This opportunity is open to local theatre producers, playwrights who can deliver a work ready for the **Playhouse** stage.

Civic Theatre Newcastle will provide

- In-kind venue hire
- Technical Staffing support, if required.
- Ticketing Services
- Performance Staff (FOH and Ticket Office)
- Marketing support including UpStage brochure, Digital and Social Media, CN Media Release, Publicity support

While not all the following criteria need to be met, they will form part of the selection matrix:

- Stories that reveal Newcastle's identity including First Nations and stories from multicultural communities
- Targeted engagement with young people (16-30 years)
- New original works or re-imagined adaptations

Timeline

Civic Theatre Newcastle will undergo a review of the Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions and will advise successful candidates by 2 August 2024.

Once a candidate has been selected, they will work with the Civic Theatre team to provide marketing collateral and performance information about their show to enable the UpStage 2025 programme to go on-sale in December 2024.

EOI open – Thu 20 June 2024

EOI closed – COB Fri 19 July 2024

Successful candidates advised Fri 2 August 2024

Creative assets due – COB Mon 14 October 2024

UpStage media announcement – w/c 2 December 2024

UpStage Onsale w/c 2 December 2024

Contact Us

Send your EOI to
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for any questions.