



2019 BROADWAY IN CHICAGO EMERGING THEATER AWARD APPLICATION

The League of Chicago Theatres is now accepting applications for the 2019 *Broadway In Chicago* Emerging Theater Award. The recipient of the award receives \$5,000, a consultation and marketing support package with advertising support.

The award was created in 2007 to encourage, support and promote young theatres in Chicago that have demonstrated great ability and promise, artistic excellence and fiscal responsibility in business practices. A nominating committee comprised of Chicago theatre administrators, artists, and educators reviews all the applications and selects the finalists. The honoree is selected from this group of finalists by a majority vote of member companies of the League of Chicago Theatres.

Previous award recipients include Broken Nose Theatre, Route 66 Theatre, Sideshow Theatre Company, Jackalope Theatre, Oracle Productions, 16th Street Theater, Theatre Seven of Chicago, The New Colony, Steep Theatre, the side project, Silk Road Rising, and The House Theatre of Chicago.

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

- Company must be a non-profit organization.
- Company must have been in existence at least 3 years and less than 10 years and produced a minimum of 3 productions.
- Company must be a member of the League of Chicago Theatres in good standing.
- Company must demonstrate artistic excellence and fiscal responsibility in business practices.
- Company cannot be a previous recipient of the Emerging Theater Award

Date _____

Organization Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Phone Number(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Incorporation_____

Additional Information (Please answer all questions)

Are you Equity _____ or Non-Equity _____?

Number of full-time employees/associates _____ part-time employees/associates _____

Number of seats (if you have a permanent venue) _____ Average ticket price \$ _____

Number of productions per year _____ Total annual # of tickets sold _____

Number of performances per year _____ Number of individual subscribers (if applicable) _____

% of income earned _____ % of income contributed _____

Total operating budget (including all shows produced / presented) \$ _____

Please include an essay with no more than 3 double spaced pages. Our purpose is to get the best possible sense of your organization. As briefly as possible:

- Tell us about your organization. Some suggestions include: why the organization was begun, your infrastructure, what you value, and the current challenges you face.
- Tell us about your organization's momentum and how you've grown the last couple years.
- Tell us about your organization's ambitious artistic plans for the future.
- Tell us as specifically as possible how your organization would use the award money and support and why this is important for you now.

ATTACHMENTS (without these your application cannot be considered)

Please include the following materials with your proposal:

- Completed application form and essay.
- Roster of staff members including salaries/stipends associated with each position if applicable
- Roster of board of directors with their affiliations
- Roster of company/ensemble members
- List of production history and awards
- List of foundation, corporate and government supporters and how much they contribute
- Operating budgets including net income for the years 2017 and 2018 and a balance sheet.
- Exemplary production reviews and feature articles.
- Letters of recommendation.

****The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019. All proposals must be in hand by that date.**

We prefer email proposals in one comprehensive document as pdfs. Please email proposals to ben@chicagoplays.com. If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt please follow up.

If you are unable to submit as a pdf, please mail or drop off proposals to:

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Please do not fax applications. If you have any questions, call Ben Thiem, at 312-554-9802