



CHICAGO THEATRE RETREAT COTTAGE 2019

During Summer and Fall the League of Chicago Theatres provides a cottage at [Bright Angel Retreat](#) in Michigan Harbor Country (70 miles from Chicago) for Chicago theatre companies to escape the city for a company or creative retreat. The cottage will provide theatres an ideal environment for relaxation, dedicated work, big-picture conversations, and group companionship. The retreat encourages artistic exploration and project development as well as company growth through focused reflection and strategic planning for the future.



Theatre companies may submit a proposal for one of the following retreats:

Bright Angel Company Retreat: A retreat that is focused on organizational planning and strategic conversations for staff, board, and/or ensemble.

Bright Angel Creative Retreat: A creative retreat for ensemble members and artists to develop or continue the development process on a new work. Creative Retreat proposals should include a plan, short writing sample or archival video clip.

The beautiful 4-bedroom Michigan cottage is only a mile from Lake Michigan, and includes a screened-in porch, with two exterior eating areas and an above ground pool, two bathrooms, a screened-in porch and comfy kitchen, dining/living room and a work room for meeting, rehearsals and readings with pellet stove. A perfect place to come and think, get creative, and rest.

Any Chicago area theatre company that is a member of the League of Chicago Theatres is eligible to apply for this unique opportunity. A maximum number of 10 people are able to stay at the cottage. Only a few companies will be selected annually, and each will be asked to send photos and complete a short report following their stay.

The Bright Angel Retreat and Creative Center is generously provided by Chicago theatre artist and educator Susan Padveen.



RETREAT APPLICATION PROPOSAL

To be eligible to apply your company must:

- Be a member in good standing of the League of Chicago Theatres.
- Be a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

All Proposals Should Be No More than 2 Typed Pages And Include the Following:

- A cover sheet with your theatre's name, address, and the name, email and phone of a primary contact for the organization.
- A brief history of your company
- Please list three weekends or weeks in Summer/Fall 2019 (excluding holiday weekends and nothing past October 31, June is great) that you are available to host a retreat. If you are interested in pursuing a week-long retreat, there may be some options, please indicate on your application.

If you are applying for a Bright Angel Company Retreat please answer the following in your proposal:

- Please describe where you think you are in your development as a company and why you need a retreat right now.
- What do you hope to accomplish with the retreat? (please be realistic with a 2-3 day time frame).
- Who from your company would attend this retreat? (e.g. Ensemble, Board, Staff)
- How would your company spend the retreat time? (give us a detailed, proposed timetable)
- Would your company be interested in being provided a facilitator for any of the weekend? If so, what sort of facilitation/guidance would you like?

If you are applying for a Bright Angel Creative Retreat please include the following in your proposal:

- Please describe the project your creative team will work on during the retreat and where it is currently at in development.
- What do you hope to accomplish with the creative retreat? (please be realistic with a 2-3 day time frame).
- Who would attend the retreat?
- Describe how your creative team would spend the retreat time (give us a detailed proposed timetable)
- Would you be willing/interested in doing a table read of the project you are working on for invited guests?
- If possible, please attach a plan, short project writing sample or archival video clip with your proposal.

All companies selected to use the Retreat Cottage will be asked to complete the following:

- Thank the Bright Angel Retreat and Creative Center and the League of Chicago Theatres in your materials this season. (program book, lobby, website etc...)
- A 1-page report describing the weekend, the work you did, and the results of the overall experience.
- Submit (at least) 3 pictures from your retreat weekend. 1 picture of your full group at the cottage, 1 picture of your group at work, and 1 picture of your group at play.

PLEASE NOTE: Bright Angel Retreat is also available for rentals. Please visit www.brightangelretreat.com or contact brightangelretreatandcreativecenter@gmail.com if you have any further questions about rentals.

****The deadline for receipt of proposals is noon on Monday, May 6, 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 have any questions contact Ben Thiem at ben@chicagoplays.com.