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**Community Street  
Theatre Tour  
Emerging Director  
Bursary**

## Introduction

Eden Court Highlands, in partnership with Surge, are offering an opportunity for 2 theatre makers to take part in an Emerging Director Bursary programme, which will give you the skills to develop your own street theatre projects.

You join the Community Street Theatre Tour as Emerging Directors and will shadow and be mentored by Melanie Jordan, Surge's experienced Physical Theatre Practitioner and Co-ordinator. You will gain practical experience during Surge's project with Eden Court this July 2021,

### Melanie Jordan

Melanie is a multi-award winning director, actor and theatre maker based in Glasgow, creating work which is visually driven, physically dynamic and exposes our shared humanity with curiosity and humour. Trained at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh and École Philippe Gaulier in Paris, she is the resident Physical Theatre Practitioner with Surge and co-Artistic Director of physical theatre company Jordan & Skinner, where she is a Fellow with Barbican, London and Associate Artist with Platform, Easterhouse. Melanie teaches clown and physical theatre across Scotland and internationally. Directing credits include *Once You See the Smoke* by Scottish Youth Theatre National Ensemble 2020, *Slug* by Visible Fictions, *Imaginary Forests* by Rowenbank Circus, and Scotland's *Clown Cabaret*. Theatre-maker and performer credits include *A Brief History of the Fragile Male Ego*, *At A Stretch* and *Sanitise* by Jordan & Skinner.



### Surge

[www.surge.scot](http://www.surge.scot)

Surge runs projects to develop street arts, physical theatre and circus in Scotland. We work with artists, performance companies and educators at all levels of experience. We also run SURGE Festival, our annual event, which takes place each July, which brings new Scottish work and cutting edge international performances to the streets, theatres and unusual spaces of Glasgow.

### Eden Court and CashBack Highlands

<https://eden-court.co.uk/get-involved/cashback>

Cashback Highlands is progression and outcome focused creative arts project, delivered by Eden Court, for young people aged 12 - 24 in the Highlands. We work with a network of project partners who support young people and families. The three year program is designed to empower young people to feel more confident, to learn new skills and to aspire to look positively at their futures.

## What we are looking for

We're hoping to hear from as many people as possible who are interested in this opportunity. If you fancy a chat about the Bursary and the project, then feel free to get in touch. There are details of how to do on the next page.

We are looking for people who:

- Are over 18 years old and have some experience of directing, theatre making or creating work (either indoors or outdoors);
- Are interested in learning how to direct outdoor theatre;
- Have an interest in working with community performers;
- Have good communication skills and are enthusiastic and approachable.

## Job Description

We are most interested in finding someone who wishes to develop their practice in directing with a passion for making work in and for outdoor spaces

Here is a flavour of some of the things that you will be involved in as an Emerging Director with the project;

- There will be an evening training session via zoom for you to attend in the lead-up to the project. This will include an introduction to the project and a session on effective planning and delivery of workshops and rehearsals;
- You will assist Melanie to support the groups to learn and rehearse street theatre acts and you will shadow Melanie through this process;
- You will have the chance to lead a warm-up session with the group with support from Melanie;
- Assist in managing the maintenance and storage of the costumes and props and other practicalities such as setting up the workshop space;
- Assisting to manage the participants for the street theatre performances in Alness/ Inverness.

The Covid-19 pandemic and related government restrictions have had a huge impact on our ways of working. This project will be delivered in accordance with current Government Guidelines regarding COVID-19, and it is likely that group numbers will be limited.

## Bursary Details

Job title	Emerging Director Bursary
Bursary	£350, plus travel expenses.
Location	The project will take place in Alness and in Inverness.

## Dates of Engagement

You must be able to commit to all of these dates:

- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7 - 9pm – zoom training session for Emerging Directors
- Tues 13<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30am - 5pm – workshops, Alness
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30pm – 5pm – workshops, Alness
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30pm – 5.30pm – performance, Alness
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30pm – 5pm – workshops, Inverness
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30pm – 5pm – workshops, Inverness
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am – 5.30pm – performance, Inverness

## Got Questions?

If you'd like more information, or have questions to ask, we'd love to hear from you. You can:

- Come along to the online information session on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Book a place by emailing Karen, from Surge, [here](#).
- Send a confidential e-mail to Karen Veitch, [karen@surge.scot](mailto:karen@surge.scot), asking any questions you may have – or to organise a quick, informal chat.

## How To Apply

Send your CV or Biography, with a paragraph (of up to 500 words) detailing why you'd like to take part in the Emerging Director Bursary to [karen@surge.scot](mailto:karen@surge.scot) along with the following information:

- Name
- Your access requirements if invited to an online interview

***Applications must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.***

# Application Timeline

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Applications open</i>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30pm</b>	<i>Online Information Session</i> Book a space by emailing Karen <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm</b>	<i>Deadline for applications</i>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Online interviews</i> This will be an informal interview, lasting approximately 30-40 minutes, with a small panel. You will also have the chance to ask us questions.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Decision communicated to interviewees</i>
<b>Week of 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Feedback given to all applicants</i> We hope this process will provide useful experience to all applicants and we want to make sure you get as much out of it as possible. At a minimum we will provide written feedback on your application.
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm – 9pm</b>	<i>Online Training Session for Emerging Directors</i>

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