



Bowery Theatre Residencies 2024-25

Frequently Asked Questions

What accessibility can you provide?

St Albans Community Centre (STACC) and the Bowery Theatre has facilities to enable access for everyone in the community. Some of these features include a drop off zone directly out the front, wide doors throughout, removable theatre seats and hearing assistance in most areas. Handrails and grip strips are located on the stairs as well as floor tactile nodules. All accessible signage throughout the centre includes braille.

More information and a video here: <https://creativebrimbank.com.au/access>

How can I access translation of information?

The Department of Home Affairs provides the Telephone & On-Site Interpreting (TIS) National Interpreting Service for people who do not speak English, and for English speakers who need to provide information. TIS National has access to more than 1400 contracted interpreters across Australia who speak more than 160 languages and dialects.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for people and organisations needing interpreting services. Phone 131450 or visit: www.tisnational.gov.au

What is a Residency?

A Residency is a Brimbank City Council funded opportunity to have access to the venue (Bowery Theatre and St Albans Community Centre), the technical and Front of House staff, box office set up and management. In addition expertise and collaboration with the Bowery team is offered including production, producing and marketing knowledge which is venue and community focused.

A residency gives you funds to plan, develop, produce and present a new work for an audience. The Residency is aimed to connect artists with local community or support local artists. The [Residency Guidelines](#) give you a good understanding of what we are looking to support in a residency.

If you are successful with a residency it is important to know that you enter into an agreement with Council and a residency has conditions associated with it. You can speak to the Community and Performing Arts Senior Officer about these conditions and request to see a pro forma Residency Agreement.

Where is Brimbank?

The Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples are the Traditional Custodians of the land in Brimbank. The Bowery Theatre sits on Wurundjeri country and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

The City of Brimbank is located in the western and north-western suburbs of Melbourne, between 11 and 23 kilometres west and north-west of the Melbourne GPO. The City of Brimbank is bounded by the City of Hume in the north, the cities of Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley in the east, the Cities of Hobsons Bay and Wyndham in the south, and the City of Melton in the west. The city's boundaries are Thompsons Road, Column Gully, Jacksons Creek, the Maribyrnong River, Keilor Park Drive and Sharps Road in the north, the standard gauge railway, the Maribyrnong River, Duke Street, Stony Creek and the Melbourne-Bendigo railway line in the east,

Geelong Road, Kororoit Creek and Boundary Road in the south, and Robinsons Road, Kororoit Creek, the western boundary of Kings Park, Delahey and Sydenham and the Melbourne-Bendigo railway in the west.

The City of Brimbank includes the suburbs of Albanvale, Albion, Ardeer, Brooklyn (part), Cairnlea, Calder Park, Deer Park, Delahey, Derrimut, Hillside (part), Kealba, Keilor (part), Keilor Downs, Keilor East (part), Keilor Lodge, Keilor North, Keilor Park, Kings Park, St Albans, Sunshine, Sunshine North, Sunshine West, Sydenham, Taylors Lakes and Tullamarine (part).

<https://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/map>

What are the demographics of the community in Brimbank?

[Download this Snapshot of Brimbank's Community](#)

You can find out more about Brimbank here: <https://profile.id.com.au/brimbank>

What is the Bowery Theatre?

The Bowery Theatre, located within St Albans Community Centre, is a hub for creative arts and cultural events. We believe through live performance, artists and the community can come together to boldly create a connected, vibrant and creative community.

More information on the Bowery and its history is here: <https://creativebrimbank.com.au/bowery/about-the-bowery-theatre>

Images are here: <https://creativebrimbank.com.au/venue-hire/the-bowery-theatre> or in the technical specifications below.

What are the technical specifications of the Bowery Theatre?

Our technical team is happy to work with residency artists to realise their artistic goals. Review these specs and feel free to speak to us about how they can work for you.

<https://creativebrimbank.com.au/uploads/general/Bowery-Theatre-Technical-Specifications-22.2.23.PDF>

<https://creativebrimbank.com.au/uploads/general/23-83034-Bowery-Theatre-Standard-Rig-23.2.23.PDF>

What is an ABN?

We require an ABN to enable us to pay you as a professional artist or arts organisation. More information on ABNs and applying for one is here. If you don't have an ABN you can be auspiced.

<https://business.gov.au/registrations/register-for-an-australian-business-number-abn>

What is Public Liability Insurance?

We need to you to have Public Liability insurance coverage for the duration of your residency. PLI protects professional artists and arts workers from claims made against them for bodily damage and/or property damage resulting from your artwork or space.

Some providers we recommend for arts projects:

[Duck for Cover](#)

[DanceSurance](#)

[AON](#)

What is an Auspice?

Auspicing is when an incorporated association applies for and receives funding on behalf of an unincorporated individual, group, or organisation and is responsible for ensuring that the project or activity for which the funds

have been granted is completed, acquitted, and the funds accounted for. We recommend that you have a clear written agreement with your auspice organisation before applying for funding. The [Arts Law Centre of Australia](#) offers a sample auspice agreement for purchase from their website. Every auspicing relationship will be different so there may be additional issues that need to be included in your version of the auspice agreement. If so, please ask for further assistance from the [Arts Law Centre](#).

Some organisations you can consider are:

Auspicious Arts Projects - <https://www.auspicious.com.au/>

Arts Access Victoria - <https://www.artsaccess.com.au/get-creative/grants-and-auspice/>

Multicultural Arts Victoria - <https://mav.org.au/auspice-service/>

This is also a helpful link about auspicing: <https://www.auspicious.com.au/faqs>

What is a Residency budget?

You will need a budget that tells the same story as your application. You will have income items and expenditure items and they should balance. You may like to include notes as well.

<https://www.rav.net.au/assets/regional-arts-victoria-member-resource-budget-tip-sheet.pdf>

You will also find a few examples (plus lots of other helpful templates) here:

<https://www.auspicious.com.au/client-resources>

What does a description of my arts practice look like?

Generally, what we want to read is a statement or story about your art, not so much about you personally though this is always a part of it. It's about the current direction of your work, not a long list of the history of how you got to this point. We'd love a narrative of your style, approach, philosophy, subject and/or themes, and ultimately a statement of your intention through your work.

Finding it hard to describe your arts practice – take a look at our previous residency artists and how they describe themselves and their work: <https://creativebrimbank.com.au/bowery/beboldartists>

Where else can I get funding?

Creative Victoria – State Government: <https://creative.vic.gov.au/funding-opportunities>

Multicultural Festivals and Events: <https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program>

Vic Health: <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding>

Australia Council for the Arts: <https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/individual-artists-groups-and-organisations/>

For listings and advertising of grants, visit ArtsHub: <https://www.artshub.com.au/grants/>

Bowery Theatre Residency Website: <https://creativebrimbank.com.au/btr>