



The Artist's Lab at Stage 773

Program Description

A place for creative experiments, the Artist's Lab is a program comprised of 5 directors, 30 writers, and 30 actors hand-selected to create exciting new works for the stage. Each session the five 'pods' (1 director, 6 writers, and 6 actors), imagine, write, rehearse, and produce three brand new shows for prime-time, one-night-only performances in the Box Theater. Their session together culminates in a performance at one of Stage 773's world-class comedy festivals. The competitive selection process, fast-paced program, and ongoing development opportunities make The Artist's Lab a bridge between training and professional production.

The Artist Lab: Member Highlights

- **Process:** In small well-managed pods, every voice will be instrumental to the creative process of three regular session shows and an additional festival performance.
- **Workshops:** Six times yearly, The Artist's Lab will host a development workshop, lecture, or class with professional Chicago artists. (Tickets: \$10 listed | Free: Lab Members)
- **Tickets:** Twenty complimentary tickets to each Lab show will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis for Lab members to see the work of other pods.
- **Mentorship:** The Program Manager will provide artistic and administrative guidance to each pod, coordinating coaching, workshops, and support on a case-by-case basis.
- **Guaranteed Festival Slots:** Each pod will perform at the Chicago Women's Funny Festival in June or the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival January to showcase the best of their three rounds of work. All festival performers receive an all festival pass.

Becoming a Lab Member

- **Directors:** Each session, invitations are extended to five emerging directors. Based on their submissions, training, recommendations and vision, a director will be asked to lead pods in one session.
- **Actors:** 30 performers are selected per session by the Directors & Program Administrators. All actors must audition. Please watch the Stage 773 website, e-blasts, and social media for sign-ups.
- **Writers:** 30 writers are selected per session by the Directors & Program Administrators. Please submit resume and writing samples to the Program Manager to be considered for the following session.

Program Administrators

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The Artist's Lab: 2016 Schedule

Session One:

Writer Submission Deadline: December 1, 2015

Actor Audition Date: December 14, 2015

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (\$10 PUBLIC FREE FOR LAB MEMBERS)					
Thursday, February 4, 2016	Thursday, March 17, 2016		Thursday, April 28, 2016		
SHOW DATES (\$10 PUBLIC FREE FOR LAB MEMBERS)					
	Pod 1	Pod 2	Pod 3	Pod 4	Pod 5
Round 1	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar
Round 2	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr
Round 3	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun
FESTIVAL SHOWCASE (\$15 ALL TICKETS)					
Chicago Women's Funny Festival June 16-19, 2016 Guaranteed performances by all five pods in The Artist's Lab Exact times TBD					

Session Two:

Writer Submission Deadline: April 15, 2016

Actor Audition Date: May 30, 2016

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS (\$10 PUBLIC FREE FOR LAB MEMBERS)					
Thursday, July 7, 2016	Thursday, August 18, 2016		Thursday, October 6, 2016		
SHOW DATES (\$10 PUBLIC FREE FOR LAB MEMBERS)					
	Pod 1	Pod 2	Pod 3	Pod 4	Pod 5
Round 1	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug
Round 2	25-Aug	8-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep
Round 3	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	3-Nov	10-Nov
FESTIVAL SHOWCASE (\$15 ALL TICKETS)					
Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival January 5-15, 2017 Guaranteed performances by all five pods in The Artist's Lab Exact times TBD					