

NEXT FEST 2019 RITUAL + REBELLION

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Curated by **Cameo Lethem, Fausto Rivera, Nia-Amina Minor, and Velocity AD Erin Johnson**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Application deadline **THURS OCT 10 / Midnight**
Performances December 12-15 / 7:30pm

WHAT IS NEXT FEST?

Next Fest is Velocity's experimental new works festival, celebrating contemporary dance and movement-based artists innovating in our region. Throughout its history, it has provided a platform for urgent explorations that will seed projects for years to come. This year the curatorial team celebrates the lineage of experimentation at the heart of this festival, while exploring how we can support projects and artists beyond the performance dates. We are inviting selected artists to experiment with us as we move Next Fest toward a system of multi-year peer support, organizational and artistic collaborations, and community sustainability.

Next Fest NW presents four artists or collaborative teams, selected through a curated application process, for four public performances. Next Fest NW artists are fully produced in Velocity's Founders Theater, receive an artist stipend and up to 30 hours of free studio time; and benefit from artistic, promotional, and technical support.

This year NEXT FEST NW 2019 invites responses to the theme of Ritual + Rebellion.

Applications can be submitted [online](#) or by [email](#) (see below).

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Current residents of WA, OR, ID, MT, AK and BC over the age of 18
- Artists from all disciplines who are working in movement performance are encouraged to apply.
- Proposals for installations, performances, live art and other formats welcome.

IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

- Optional: Workshop your application with EJ (please email erin@velocitydancecenter.org to schedule a 30 min time slot)
 - **Sept 30 / 5-7PM**
 - **Oct 2 / 12-2PM**
 - **Oct 4 / 9-11AM**
- Deadline for submissions – **October 10 / MIDNIGHT PST**
- Work-in-progress Showing – week of **DEC 2** (exact day/times TBD based on artist availability)
- Technical Rehearsal – December 9-12 / exact times TBD, but between 12-6PM
- Performances – December 12-15 / 7:30PM

APPLICATION + PROCEDURE

Applications can be submitted two ways:

1. You can submit [online](#) through our Google form.
2. You can send an [email](#) to Erin Johnson, Velocity's Artistic Director, attaching a .pdf or .docx that answers the following questions. Be sure to include "Next Fest 2019" in the subject line.

1. Contact Information

Name:

Pronouns:

Working Title of Project:

E-mail:

Phone:

2. Please respond to the curatorial statement below. (Limit 500 words)

Ritual is... remembering, repeating, holding sacred.

Rebellion is... refusal, resistance, interruption.

These words are about how we relate to the systems and practices we've inherited. They are ways we integrate the past into our present moment, and they are the actions that move us closer to who we want to be. Tell us about the work you want to make within the context of this theme of Ritual + Rebellion. Why make this work here? Why make it now? Why make it in this way? Give us insight into what motivates this work, and how you are engaging with the past and looking toward the future with this new piece.

3. What are your artistic values, and how would they be present in this work? (Limit 500 words)

4. Who will you collaborate with and how? (Limit 250 words)

5. What are some of the brass tacks of this work (duration, technical needs, number of performers, etc.)? (Limit 250 words)

6. What does long-term or sustained support look like to you? (Limit 250 words)

7. Work Sample: 1-2 examples (online links) of recent work that best represents what you're proposing for Next Fest NW. Please include 5 minutes total. If the online video is password protected, remember to provide the password.

8. Work Sample Description Please give the panel insight into what they are watching and how it connects to your proposal for Next Fest NW. Be sure to include collaborators and their roles.

9. CV or Biography. You can either attach this to your email as a separate document, or include your CV/bio at the end of your application.

If you have any questions about this application, please email Erin Johnson, Artistic Director at erin@velocitydancecenter.org. Be sure to include "Next Fest" in the subject line.