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Call for Woman Writer & Theatrical Performer

MRG Foundation is seeking one woman writer/performer of original theatrical work who lives in Oregon to perform at MRG's Justice within Reach fundraising party in Portland, Oregon on Friday, May 15, 2015. The selected artist will receive an award of \$2,500.

Justice within Reach is MRG's annual fundraising party where over 500 people from across Oregon's progressive movement come together for an evening of inspiration and joy and to provide monetary support for MRG Foundation's cutting edge social change work. The selected artist will work closely with MRG to create an inspiring experience for all the people at the event.

Funding for this award is made possible by MRG's Lilla Jewel Fund for Women Artists. Lilla Jewel was an artist, a mother and a suffragist. She was a radical during the wave of feminism that took place at the turn of the twentieth century. She fought for the rights of women and was a founding member of the National Women's Party.

Selection Criteria

- Identify as a woman (including trans women)
- Live in Oregon
- Be able to work collaboratively with MRG staff and volunteers to create a performance piece that will inspire MRG's audience
- Perform work that addresses progressive social, racial, economic, and/or environmental justice issues
- Have demonstrated success as a writer/performer of original theatrical work and experience performing in front of a large (200+) audience
- MRG prioritizes supporting women artists who are of color or identify as LBTQ.

Deadline for Submission: Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted. **Deadline extended to January 5, 2015.**

The Contract and Compensation

The selected artist will receive \$2,500 as part of a contract agreement with MRG that includes, among other things, working with MRG staff and the Justice within Reach event committee in the months preceding the event to create an inspiring performance and meaningful experience for JWR's audience. The selected artist will also have up to \$300 available for other expenses such as additional sound equipment or additional performers. The artist will receive 50 percent one month before performance and the other 50 percent no more than two weeks after the performance.

Other Performers: We understand that many artists work in partnership with others. We request that only one person fill out the application. Please note that if there are other artists required for the

performance, the contract amount of \$2,500 plus \$300 for expenses does not change. Paying additional performers or staff is the responsibility of the selected artist if costs exceed \$300.

To better understand MRG Foundation and the work we fund, the selected artist may be asked to have at least one conversation with MRG grantees. MRG will have final approval over work to be performed.

The Performance

The selected artist will have 15-20 minutes in which to perform at Justice within Reach.

- At least part of the performance should reflect the values of social justice.
- The entire performance should be appropriate for an all-ages audience concerned with social justice.
- Performance pieces can be previously created work or be new work.

Specific Details

- Date: Friday, May 15, 2015
- Time: 7 PM – 11 PM (call time is 5:30 PM, performance will begin at 8:30 PM)
- Location: Portland Art Museum, Grand Ballroom, 1219 SW Park Ave. Portland, Oregon
- Stage Size: 40 feet x 22 feet (see attached floor plan)
- Sound: A sound technician will be on site throughout the event
- Setting: Cocktail party followed by the performance where guests will be seated
- Attire: People attend dressed in eveningwear and jeans alike.
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Submissions and Deadline

Applications (including work samples) need to be in MRG's office by 5:00 PM on Friday, December 19, 2014, or postmarked by that date. Late applications will not be considered. ***Deadline extended to January 5, 2015.***

Please do not send original works, master copies, or support materials you cannot replace. If your work needs to be presented in a different format than what is listed, please call Lisa Dawson at 503-289-1517 to discuss options.

Selection Committee and Timing

The event committee is comprised of Portland area artists, local activists, and MRG staff. This committee will review all applications. We will make our selection and contact applicants by January 31, 2015.

MRG may invite the selected artist to meet with MRG grantee organizations to hear stories of social change organizing that can help inform the artist's performance.

MRG's Justice within Reach committee will work with each performer to support the development of a performance that is a match for MRG's audience and the artist's vision.

Final performance pieces will be determined by April 1, 2015.