

Art Director / Art Director's Team (Cape Town)

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ART DIRECTOR/ ART DIRECTORS' TEAM FOR 2006 ART MANIFESTATION

CAPE is looking for an Art Director or Art Directors' Team for an international art manifestation taking place in Cape Town in September 2006.

CAPE uses the locality and geography of the African city to stage and explore African visual culture, art practice and style in challenging and provocative ways. CAPE's programme is based on a biennial cycle. The 2005/2006 cycle comprises a meeting, SESSIONS eKAPA 2005 (20-22 November 2005), and an art manifestation (September 2006), both taking place in Cape Town, South Africa.

Job Description

The Art Director will develop a manifestation of art works, practices, and interventions. The manifestation will be in line with CAPE vision, engaging with its location, and exploring contemporary African art as an expansive field of practice.

The 2006 manifestation will focus primarily, but not exclusively, on works, practices and interventions located in, or associated with, the Southern Africa region. (Southern Africa is used to refer to the SADC countries: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, but including also Seychelles and Comoros. Proposals may motivate why another definition of Southern Africa should be used. This regional focus is for the purposes of strengthening local cultural networks, and will evolve into a continental focus by 2010.)

The Art Director will also be expected to participate in the conception of the documentation of the manifestation, and a public education programme. Requirements Candidates may apply individually for the position of Art Director, or collectively for the position of Art Directors' Teams.

· Cross-border and cross-continental teams and partnerships are encouraged. However, at least half of a team or partnership must consist of African nationals. Candidates submitting individual applications must be African nationals.

- Curatorial experience will weigh in applicants' favour; candidates who do not profess a curatorial track record must motivate how their experience and skills qualify them for the role.
- Potential Art Directors or potential Art Directors' Teams must have a flair for innovation and provocative ideas, and the ability to appeal to both the public and the critical eye.
- Potential Art Directors or potential Art Directors' Teams must have a knowledge of the artists, art practices and networks of the Southern African region.
- Potential Art Directors or potential Art Directors' Teams must have the ability to engage with the contemporary social, political and economic issues of Cape Town, as well as the urban fabric and popular culture of the city.
- Potential Art Directors or potential Art Directors' Teams must be able to act as spokesperson/s for the manifestation both locally and internationally, and to a variety of different audiences, including critics, media and the general public.

Applications

Applications must consist of: A two to five page proposal which Includes:

- a motivation for a theme for the manifestation;
- an outline of a method of curating art works, practices and interventions;
- an outline of a method of engaging with the general public as audience;
- an outline of a method of addressing the needs of public education and sustainable development.
- A one to two page note on the situation of contemporary African artistic practice, and the relevance of the large-scale exhibition in the African context.
- A curriculum vitae.
- Two letters of reference.

Deadline

Closing date for applications is 22 October 2005. Please email applications to info@capeafrica.org [<mailto:info@capeafrica.org>](mailto:info@capeafrica.org), fax +27 21 488 3061,
or post by registered mail to: Cape Africa Platform PO Box 15806
Vlaeberg 8018 South Africa

Further Details

Selection criteria, more information on CAPE and Cape Town, and details about the selection process, may be viewed at www.capeafrica.org [<http://www.capeafrica.org/>](http://www.capeafrica.org)
from 30 September 2005; in the interim,

details may be requested by email: info@capeafrica.org
<<mailto:info@capeafrica.org>> ; or fax: +27 21 488 3061.

Reference:

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