

Pitch Up at Cork Midsummer Festival

Overview

Pitch Up is a coming together of theatre makers and venue representatives. The event allows for an even platform for ideas, exploration, and collaboration. 6 Ireland-based theatre makers and 6 venues from the southeast of the UK will pitch 5-minute ideas to start conversations and build connections, followed by time to network.

Hosted by [Cork Midsummer Festival](#), [caravan international network](#) and the [house southeast theatre network](#), and supported by Culture Ireland, we wish to hear from Ireland-based theatre makers looking to make connections with venues in the southeast of the United Kingdom.

Objectives

- To introduce Southeast English programmers and venue leaders to Ireland-based theatre makers.
- To create opportunities for Ireland-based theatre makers and English programmers to build connections for creative collaboration and touring networks.

Criteria

- Theatre makers applying must have at least one professional credit,
- They must have an idea for at least one theatre piece that is not currently in production or a show that has already gone into production,
- They must have a proven track record of collaborating with venues or organisations.
- They must have a want to connect with venues from the southeast of England.

Definitions

- **Theatre Maker** – Any artist or theatre company creating work for audiences. We recognise this term is as broad as the concept of theatre, so we welcome applications from dancers, circus performers, puppeteers, physical theatre creatives, makers of shows for young people, traditional theatre, and everything in between!
- **Ireland-based** – Any person(s) currently creating theatre work within Ireland. We welcome all artists, regardless of their nationality.
- **Southeast UK** – the house network covers a large region of the UK, from the top of Norwich, all the way to the Isle of Wight. If you'd like to check out all the venue members in the house network, [click here](#).

Interested applicants should apply via the application form, [found here](#).

Please fill out the form by Sunday 7th April 2024.

Venues Representation:

We are excited to announce the following representations from venues in the Southeast of England at Pitch Up at Cork Midsummer Festival.

artsdepot

artsdepot is an award winning cultural hub in Finchley, North London. Our venue incorporates a 395 seat theatre, 148 seat studio theatre, gallery, café, bar, studios, and architecturally stunning public spaces.

We have been celebrating the arts since we opened in 2004. Every year, we welcome over 100,000 people who come to watch, learn or be inspired. With our vibrant programme of performances and exhibitions, we seek to surprise and thrill audiences of all ages.

<https://www.artsdepot.co.uk/lets-create/artists/>

Cambridge Junction

Cambridge Junction is a creative hub for people and ideas where audiences and artists experience, explore, and are inspired by arts, entertainment, and learning.

They champion the up-and-coming, both youthful and leading edge and seek to be meaningful to the lives of their audiences.

<https://www.junction.co.uk/artist-development/>

Farnham Maltings

Farnham Maltings is one of the busiest and most diverse arts centres in Surrey offering theatre, film, craft, music, festivals, children's theatre and more. Based in a set of buildings formerly used as a tannery and brewery, there is a variety of spaces available for education and leisure purposes. Facilities include theatre spaces, cinema, dance studios, pottery and kiln room, conference and meeting rooms, bar, café and craft studios.

Both a community arts and entertainment venue, Farnham Maltings works with artists in a variety of ways. We produce, commission and tour national theatre and support creative businesses, artists and craft-makers.

<https://farnhammaltings.com/artists-and-makers/theatre>

The Garage

The Garage, located in Norwich, is a hub for performing arts, a creative playground – from first steps to professionals. We work with local and national partners to provide high quality performing arts programming, participation, education and training for all ages. It is a place for everyone but has a particular focus on young people from all backgrounds.

Our great facilities are here to use too! High spec, comfortable, flexible and city central, we've a range of rooms, studios and a theatre space that can deliver a friendly, quality venue for your event, project or class.

The Point Eastleigh

The Point is based in the heart of Eastleigh town centre between Southampton and Winchester. The venue boasts a diverse programme of theatre, contemporary dance, contemporary performance, comedy, film and theatre for children and young people. The Point is also home to the borough's creative learning team who work in the community and with schools across multiple disciplines.

<https://www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk/artists/>

Worthing Theatres

Worthing Theatres offer a diverse, year-round programme of entertainment. We comprise of four traditional venues, Connaught Studio (160), Connaught Theatre (520), Assembly Hall (up to 940, flexible seating) and Pavilion Theatre (up to 800, flexible seating). Worthing Theatres provides a balanced programme that meets the needs of both the local Worthing Community as well as tourists and visitors to the town and region.

<https://wtm.uk/>