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Jim Rye Fellowship Application – Showcase 2017: January 18-21, 2017 Madison, WI.

About the Jim Rye Fellowship (formerly called Jim Rye Scholarship)

The International Performing Arts for Youth's Jim Rye Fellowship offers an outstanding opportunity for graduate students in the fields of TYA directing, management, curating, and education to be involved with the inner workings of a major performing arts for young audiences conference. After a competitive application and review process, Jim Rye fellows are provided with a yearlong membership in IPAY as well as Showcase conference registration where they will be part of various workshops and panel conversations of the Kindling Program together with the Porter Residency Fellows, as well as a modest \$250 stipend (for those students not located in the host city) to help toward travel expenses. In addition, mentors with experience in the student's field of interest help the scholar navigate the conference and facilitate the student's introduction to other professionals in the field, allowing them important networking opportunities. In addition, IPAY will endeavor to foster a stronger link between the Rye fellow and their educational institutions with the local IPAY member organizations. IPAY feels it's paramount, and is excited, to support the development of stronger relationships with the Rye Fellows, their respective educational institutions and IPAY members and their respective organizations as we all work toward building the field of performing arts for young audiences.

In return, the fellows provide valuable input for the IPAY organization and TYA field at large through various research and mapping projects that contribute to more insightful information of the TYA field in North America. These relationships will be developed on an individual basis. Fellows may also be asked to assist the conference organizers, helping the conference run smoothly by providing help as needed, taking on projects such as assisting with registration, serving as liaison with artists, conducting audience surveys, working the IPAY booth and serving as reporters or recorders for educational sessions and discussions.

The late Jim Rye was the Artistic Director of the Birmingham Children's Theatre. Jim served on the Showcase Committee for many years, his company performed and exhibited, and he served as a mentor for many up and coming professionals in the field. We honor him by supporting the up and comers in today's ever expanding field of performing arts for young people.

2014 Fellow Kelly Prescott from Emerson College in Boston, MA says about her experience as a Jim Rye Fellow:

"IPAY's Showcase was a magical experience! I've never had such thoughtful and inspiring conversations with fellow graduate students and professionals and practitioners in the field. It has really opened my eyes to what we produce for young audiences and it is stretching the boundaries of what the art can be."

About IPAY

International Performing Arts for Youth [IPAY] is the premiere membership organization in the world today servicing and supporting the professional community of performing arts for young audiences. Our membership is comprised of a growing worldwide network of artists, producers, presenters, agents, educators and students that are dedicated and involved in producing, presenting and promoting all forms of theatre, music, dance, circus, puppetry and more. We share best practices and industry resources, provide an annual community meeting place, and stimulate international dialogue and collaboration. IPAY is a bridge that brings together creative expression with business practicality, critical responsiveness and professional development.

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____



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Phone _____

Email _____

University Affiliation _____

Degree Pursuing _____

Have you ever attended Showcase? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you completed the Rye Program before? _____ Yes _____ No (please answer question 1a. in your application essay)

Are you available to attend the Showcase conference from Jan 18-21, 2017, in full? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, please describe the conflict:

I understand that the fellowship offers a one-year membership to IPAY, and covers registrations fees to Showcase 2017. Hotel and travel costs are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient(s).

_____ Yes _____ No

Please note: Rye Fellows will be required to attend a new member orientation and a first time Showcase attendee orientation on Wednesday morning, January 21.

Please address the following questions in no more than two (2) pages:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Jim Rye Fellow?
 - a. Former Rye Applicants ONLY – Why are you interested in becoming a Jim Rye Fellow again? What are you looking to accomplish the second time around?
2. What area(s) of the performing arts for young audiences interest you the most and why?
3. What are your career aspirations and how can this opportunity help you to achieve them?
4. What skills will you bring to the IPAY Showcase as a Jim Rye Fellow?

Submit completed application along with resume to:

Email info@ipayweb.org

Post: IPAY C/O Cultureworks, 1315 Walnut St, Suite 320, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Application deadline is November 18, 2016. Applications must be received by close of the business day at 5PM EST. Notifications will be sent out by December 2, 2016.

I have read and understand the conditions of the application for the Jim Rye Fellowship.

Signature

Date