

Contemporary Dance Night 2018 – Guidelines

Application for CDN 2018

“Contemporary Dance Night” (CDN) is an annual independent contemporary dance event that started in 2011 in order to develop the art of contemporary dance in Egypt and make it a more familiar art form.

The event is a series of dance pieces and dance videos all performed in one night. The team of CDN share together the belief that contemporary dance is a means for self-expression within the current challenging political, social, and cultural context. For this edition we are inviting choreographers who share this belief and our concerns to present their work in Contemporary Dance Night 2018.

The sixth edition of Contemporary Dance Night will take place in the last quarter of 2018 and it will produce six performances for three Egyptian choreographers and three non-Egyptian choreographers. The event will take place in Cairo, Alexandria and Upper Egypt between November 20th and December 8th 2018.

Non-Egyptian choreographers are invited to apply with their projects where they will work with Egyptian dancers and artists for their production. For all foreign artists not residing in Cairo, a two month residency from the 10th of October till the 10th of December will be arranged. All costs are covered including travel expenses, accommodation, rehearsal space, pocket money and a modest production grant.

Eligibility

We are looking for young and emerging contemporary dancers and choreographers residing in Egypt, the UK, the Switzerland and the Netherlands. Preferably with a previous experience in artistic projects/spaces management and teaching.

- Being a citizen of Egypt, the UK, the Switzerland, and the Netherlands
- Applying with a project that has not been produced or presented before

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How to apply?

Fill out the **application form** which can be downloaded from this [link](#).

- Deadline for applying is on **Thursday the 29th of March 2018**
- All application should filled online at <https://goo.gl/forms/R79kuNfQs4Ekpcku2>

Required Attachments to be sent via e-mail cdn@eedancestudio.com

- Profile photo
- The artist's updated C.V.

We do not accept

- Applications received after the deadline
- Applications for already-presented performances
- Incomplete or hand written applications

The Selection

A committee of experts will equally evaluate all the applications sent to the CDN organizing team. Artists will be informed via e-mail whether their proposals have been accepted or not the end of April 2018.

- The names of all selected choreographers will be announced on the end of April 2018 on www.eedancestudio.com.

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Terms of Applying

General Terms:

- The proposed performance must not exceed 20 minutes, including the set-up of the stage.
- In case of a solo dance pieces, The choreographer should not participate in his/her own project as a dancer.
- Artists are expected to commit to the event's schedule and deadlines.
- Artists are expected to commit to attending meetings, rehearsals, seminars, and the regional tour.
- CDN team will hold auditions in Cairo for the choreographers to select their performers (if needed)
- At the end of the event in Cairo a four-day-workshop will be held for amateurs and interested audience members. The participating choreographers will be instructing a session in this workshop.
- The choreographer is asked to fill out a feedback report (this will include a financial sheet) discussing the development and the outcome of the whole process and his/her personal opinions and suggestions, within two weeks from the end of the event.

Production Terms:

- The CDN team does not to interfere with the artist's artistic choices or the concepts s/he will present in their piece.
- CDN will provide every participating artist a daily rehearsal space for 4 hours, 5 days a week throughout the project's rehearsal duration.
- CDN team can offer small assistance in the management of the artistic productions but the full responsibility of managing the project is that of the choreographer.
- CDN team will provide every performance with stage management and technical staff (such as light technicians) but will not provide designers (such as light or set designers)
- Each performance should not exceed the production cost and budget set by the CDN team (including salaries, set design, etc.)
- This year CDN is giving priority to the dancers when it comes to the budget. Accordingly each production grant for a single project must cover the salaries of the dancers/performers according to the standards proposed by CDN team. The rest of the budget is to be managed freely by the artists.
- In case the production budget of a project exceeds the proposed amount, the artist is then required to find partners/sponsors to support his/her project.

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- All salaries will be delivered at the end of the event. However, production costs needed in the process of rehearsing will delivered when needed.

Presentation and Performance Terms:

- CDN team preserves the right of taking all logistic decisions concerning the event and the tour, including the order of the performances and the showcases within the event.
- CDN team preserves the right of documenting and video-shooting the event and rehearsals.
- Each choreographer is provided a one-day-rehearsal at the final performance venue for technical and general rehearsals.
- For the local touring CDN team is to provide the artist and his/her team with transportation, accommodation, and pocket money.

International artists (only):

- All expenses are covered for foreign artists: a round trip flight, pocket money, accommodation and a modest production grant to produce the piece.
- Foreign artists are required to produce their pieces with Egyptian dancers only.
- Auditions will be held at Ezzat Ezzat Contemporary Dance Studio (EECDs) on the 13th of October 2014, for the choreographers to meet the Egyptian dancers.
- International artists will be accommodated in single rooms at Ezzat Ezzat Contemporary Dance Studio (EECDs) (<http://www.eedancestudio.com/CMS.asp?ID=66>)
- Rehearsals will take place at EECDs between 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM: a schedule will be coordinated between the selected artists.
- Assistants will be available to assist the artists to manage their residency and production during the whole period.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on cdn@eedancestudio.com