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About application

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Horizon Festival is seeking expressions of interest from artists and artist groups with a fully realised, presentation-ready work they would like to submit for consideration as part of Horizon Festival 2027, taking place from 20 August - 29 August 2027.

This callout is intended for artists who have a completed or substantially completed work that is ready for presentation within the festival timeframe. Proposed projects should have clearly defined creative and technical requirements, an identified delivery approach, and the capacity to be presented with minimal development support from Horizon Festival.

We are particularly interested in works that align with Horizon Festival's ethos: place-based, joyful, inclusive, rigorous and affecting. Successful proposals will demonstrate artistic quality, a meaningful connection to place or community, audience appeal, and the potential to contribute to the unique identity and energy of Horizon Festival 2027.

This EOI is specifically for artists seeking to present an existing, exhibition-ready, performance-ready or tour-ready work. It is not intended for project concepts, works in early development, requests for commissioning, creative development opportunities, or projects requiring significant festival-led producing support.

Horizon Festival may provide programming consideration, festival context, marketing and audience development support, and assistance with presentation logistics where appropriate. However, applicants should be able to demonstrate that their work is substantially developed, planned and deliverable at the time of application.

The questions in this form are intentionally detailed to assist the festival team in assessing artistic merit, presentation readiness, technical and site requirements, accessibility considerations, audience potential, and overall suitability for Horizon Festival 2027.

Applications open Tuesday 13 October 2026

Applications close Tuesday 10 November 2026

Applicants advised Tuesday 1 December 2026

Who should apply

- Individual artists, artist collectives, collaborations or creative practitioners with a fully realised, presentation-ready work.
- Artists with existing exhibitions, performances, installations, participatory works, public artworks, screenings, workshops or cultural experiences that can be presented during Horizon Festival 2027.
- Artists who can clearly articulate the work's presentation requirements, technical needs, delivery timeline and audience experience.
- Artists whose work is substantially complete and can be delivered within the festival dates of **20 August - 29 August 2027**.
- Artists seeking an opportunity to present their work to Horizon Festival audiences through inclusion in the festival program.
- Artists who have the experience, partnerships or operational capacity necessary to support the successful delivery of their work.

Please note: This EOI is for artists interested in presenting a **buy-in-ready work**. Artists looking for support with commissioning, creative development, seed funding, venue

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connections, or project production are encouraged to investing [RADE](#) or sign up to [The Artist's Edition](#) to discover other artist opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to reach out to the Horizon team - horizon@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

The Smartygrants [FAQ](#) page may also answer some of your questions about using Smartygrants.

Applicant and Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Organisation and Contact

Applicant Individual Name, Organisation or Collective name *

Organisation Name

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Applicant Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Name of Primary Contact Person *

First Name

Last Name

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Primary Contact Role *

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Social Media Links

Please provide links to any relevant online platforms (e.g. website, Instagram, Facebook, or portfolio). Up to five links can be included, but only those relevant to your application need to be completed. You are not required to fill out all five fields.

Weblink 1

Weblink 2

Weblink 3

Weblink 4

Weblink 5

Applicant Profile

Attach a file:

Sunshine Coast Connection

Do you or your Organisation, event, exhibition, performance, public program or cultural experience have a Sunshine Coast connection?

Sunshine Coast Connection *

☐ Yes

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- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer to describe

Description of Connection (if applicable)

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Project Information

* indicates a required field

Project Overview

Project Title *

Short Public Description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 75 words.

Detailed Project Description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Project Documentation

Attach a file:

Project status *

- ☐ Ready to present
- ☐ Previously presented
- ☐ Touring-ready
- ☐ In final development
- ☐ Other:

Projects at idea stage are not suitable for this EOI

Have you presented the project before? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ In part

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☐ No

Previous presentation history of project details

Proposed Dates

Please outline the proposed dates, duration, and number of sessions to be delivered during the Horizon 2027 Festival dates of 20 - 29 August 2027.

Proposed dates, duration and number of sessions *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Are these proposed dates flexible? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Somewhat

Genre, Artform and Format for Project

* indicates a required field

Primary artform or genre of project *

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Theatre | ☐ Literature | ☐ Interdisciplinary |
| ☐ Dance | ☐ Film | ☐ Comedy |
| ☐ Contemporary performance | ☐ Digital and technology | ☐ Family-friendly |
| ☐ Music | ☐ Participatory | ☐ Kids |
| ☐ Visual arts | ☐ Workshop | ☐ Words and ideas |
| ☐ Exhibition | ☐ Ceremony | ☐ Outdoor event |
| ☐ Installation | ☐ Community-engaged practice | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Public art | ☐ First Nations-led practice | |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Project format *

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Ticketed performance | ☐ Talk or panel |
| ☐ Free performance | ☐ Outdoor activation |
| ☐ Exhibition | ☐ Site-specific work |
| ☐ Installation | ☐ Community gathering |
| ☐ Drop-in experience | ☐ Touring production |
| ☐ Workshop | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

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Is the project indoor, outdoor or site-responsive? *

- ☐ Indoor
- ☐ Outdoor
- ☐ Both
- ☐ Site-responsive
- ☐ To be confirmed

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Are there any participatory, immersive or interactive elements? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If above question is yes, please describe the participatory, immersive or interactive elements *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Alignment with Horizon Festival Ethos

*** indicates a required field**

How does your project speak to the Sunshine Coast, its place, people, and culture? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

What experience will audiences have when engaging with this project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Why is this project a strong fit for Horizon Festival 2027? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

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Horizon Festival Hub Venue Suitability

* indicates a required field

The main Festival Hub for Horizon 2027 will be at Cotton Tree.

Do any of the Festival Hub venue(s) suit your proposed work?

Bamboozled Circus Tents

- [Ukiyo Tent](#) (180 seated capacity | 5m x 6m stage)
- [The Little Palais](#) (80-90 seated capacity | 3m round stage)

Festival Garden Stage

- Outdoor stage environment
- Audience capacity approximately 100-200

Outdoor Areas Within or Adjacent to Festival Hub

- Grassed areas
- Beach access locations
- Roaming/site-responsive opportunities
- Other outdoor activation opportunities

Preferred Venue *

- ☐ Ukiyo Tent
- ☐ The Little Palais
- ☐ Festival Garden Stage
- ☐ Outdoor/Site-Responsive Areas
- ☐ None of the above - it would suit a different venue on the Sunshine Coast

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Alternative venue or site for your project

Do you have an alternative venue or site for your project?

- ☐ Confirmed venue or site
- ☐ In final discussion with venue or site
- ☐ Strongly supported venue or site
- ☐ No venue or site
- ☐ Other:

Venue Name

Venue Address

Address

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Venue Contact

First Name

Last Name

Venue Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Venue Email

Must be an email address.

Venue festival date availability

- ☐ Confirmed
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Not confirmed

Horizon Festival 2027 dates are 20 - 29 August

Does the proposed venue provide appropriate accessibility features for attendees

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Partialy
- ☐ Unsure

Wheelchair friendly, accessible toilet

Venue capacity (Pax)

Seating capacity for your audience

Please list any additional venue facilities

e.g., AV facilities, green room, staffing, furniture etc...

If the venue is outdoors, do you require any approvals or assessments?

Permits, environment site management, risk management etc... Please contact horizon@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au if you are unsure

Is your work adaptable across multiple Festival Hub venue types?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Please explain why your work is suited to your selected venue(s), if you have any preferences, and how it may be adaptable to different venues

Must be no more than 250 characters.
Please also outline which one is your preference.

Technical Requirements

*** indicates a required field**

What are the key technical requirements for your work? (check all that apply) *

- ☐ Sound system
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Projection/AV
- ☐ Power access
- ☐ Rigging
- ☐ Staging
- ☐ Seating
- ☐ Outdoor infrastructure
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please provide any additional technical, access, safety or production requirements.

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

What is the ideal performance or installation footprint for your work? (Please include stage, floor space, height clearances and audience configuration requirements.) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

How many performances, activations or presentations would you ideally deliver? *

What are your bump-in and bump-out requirements? *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Please outline any touring, accommodation or travel requirements.

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Are there any exclusivity requirements or touring considerations Horizon should be aware of? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Producer, Team and Delivery Capacity

* indicates a required field

Do you have a confirmed producer or producing team?

- ☐ Confirmed
- ☐ In discussion
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

Producers Name

Producers Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Producers Email

Must be an email address.

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Key creative, producing, technical and operational team *

Presentation

* indicates a required field

What type of presentation arrangement are you seeking? *

- ☐ Buy-In (Guaranteed Fee)
- ☐ Box Office Split
- ☐ Box Office Guarantee + Split
- ☐ Venue Hire Model
- ☐ Commissioned Work
- ☐ Sponsorship/Partnered Presentation
- ☐ In-Kind Support Only
- ☐ Open to Discussion

At least 1 choice must be selected.

If seeking a Buy-In arrangement, what is your proposed presentation fee (excluding travel and accommodation)?

If seeking a Box Office Split arrangement, what would be your preferred split?

- ☐ 50/50
- ☐ 60/40 (Artist/Festival)
- ☐ 70/30 (Artist/Festival)
- ☐ Open to negotiation
- ☐ Other:

If seeking a Box Office Guarantee + Split arrangement, what minimum guarantee would you require?

What is the total presentation budget required to deliver your work? *

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Please provide an indicative budget breakdown, including artist fees, technical costs, freight, travel, accommodation, equipment hire, and other costs

Budget breakdown	\$

Budget Totals

Total amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Does your project have any confirmed or pending funding support? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide details

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Are there opportunities for additional income generation through your work? *

- ☐ Ticket sales
☐ Workshops
☐ Merchandise sales
☐ Food and beverage partnership
☐ Sponsorship opportunities
☐ None applicable
☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

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Ticketing, Pricing and Revenue

* indicates a required field

What is your pricing model for your project? *

- ☐ Free
- ☐ Ticketed
- ☐ Pay-what-you-can
- ☐ Registration-based
- ☐ Mixed model
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

If ticketed, what is the proposed price? (excluding GST)

Must be a dollar amount.
AUD

If ticketed, what is the estimated box office target?

If ticketed, what is the proposed management?

- ☐ Through Horizon Festival
- ☐ Through Venue
- ☐ Through Partner
- ☐ To be discussed
- ☐ Through self-management
- ☐ Other:

Capacity, reserved seating or access ticketing requirements

Audience, Community and Impact

* indicates a required field

Who is your primary audience? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

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What is the audience suitability? *

- ☐ Children
- ☐ Young people
- ☐ Families
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ All ages
- ☐ Not suitable for children
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.
Children

What is your marketing and audience approach plan? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Do you have community consultation or participation planned? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you do have community consultation or participation planned, please provide details *

What are the intended impact of success measures of the project? *

Optional question

Access, Inclusion and Cultural Safety

* indicates a required field

Are there any accessibility and inclusion measures already incorporated into this project? *

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Auslan interpretation | ☐ Companion Card |
| ☐ Captioning | ☐ Quiet Space |

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|--|--|
| ☐ Audio description | ☐ Visual Story |
| ☐ Relaxed performance | ☐ Accessible pricing |
| ☐ Tactile tour | ☐ None yet |
| ☐ Wheelchair access | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

What is your accessibility and inclusion approach for your project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Does your project have any culturally specific, community-specific or lived experience content? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer to discuss

How does your project engage with culturally specific, community-specific or lived-experience content? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Does your project require any wellbeing, consent, safeguarding, or participant care considerations? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What wellbeing, consent, safeguarding, or participant care considerations have been identified for this project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Risk, Insurance and Compliance

* indicates a required field

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Do you hold current Public Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of \$20 million?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In progress

Expiry Date? *

Have you completed a risk assessment on this project? *

- ☐ Completed
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ Can develop
- ☐ Not started/would require some assistance

Do you have the appropriate licensing and copyright permissions? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

Does your project have any children, young people, or other vulnerable participants? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

What are the main delivery risks, and how will they be mitigated? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Marketing, Media and Assets

*** indicates a required field**

What marketing assets do you have for this project? *

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Hero image | ☐ Media release |
| ☐ Production images | ☐ Reviews |
| ☐ Artist images | ☐ Social media assets |
| ☐ Video | ☐ None yet |
| ☐ Trailer | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Logo | |

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Please upload up to 10 existing images, videos, press, reviews or documentation

File 1

Attach a file:

Optional

File 2

Attach a file:

Optional

File 3

Attach a file:

Optional

File 4

Attach a file:

Optional

File 5

Attach a file:

Optional

URL 1

Must be a URL.

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URL 2

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URL 3

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URL 4

Must be a URL.

Optional

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URL 5

Must be a URL.

Optional

What are your audience selling points? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Do you have any media, partner and/or promotional networks?

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Are there any marketing permissions, or cultural considerations?

Anything Additional

Anything else Horizon Festival should know

Any additional files not yet attached

Attach a file:

Applicant Declarations

* indicates a required field

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I confirm that the information provided in this EOI is accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

☐ I agree

I understand that submitting an EOI does not guarantee inclusion in Horizon Festival 2027. *

☐ I agree

I understand that proposed projects must be available within 20 - 29 August 2027. *

☐ I agree

'I confirm that the project has the core delivery elements in place to proceed with minimum Horizon Festival Support *

☐ I agree

I agree to be contacted by Horizon Festival to discuss this EOI. *

☐ I agree