

**NUMUS EMERGING CURATOR COMPETITION**

**2023**

Have you ever wanted to be an Artistic Director? Do you have great ideas for concert performances that you’d like to curate? NUMUS is seeking submissions to its fifth annual Emerging Curator Competition, open to artists up to a maximum age of 29 **or** current undergraduate students of post-secondary institutions (any age) **or** individuals who completed undergraduate programs within the last 2 years (any age). The winner will curate a concert in NUMUS’ 2023-2024 concert season, to be presented on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at the KW Little Theatre in Waterloo. Winners will receive **a curatorial fee of $1,000** and **financial support from NUMUS in the amount of $2,500** to cover programming costs such as artist fees, tech fees, and equipment rentals if applicable. Winners will also receive advertising and marketing support from NUMUS and mentorship from NUMUS’ artistic director.

NUMUS’ mandate and artistic vision is to foster and encourage new music and contemporary art forms, continually exploring new boundaries and facilitating new artistic ventures. We program, support, and promote composers, musicians, artists and communities, with a focus on Canadian and local new music. NUMUS actively advocates for and engages in community involvement, including partnerships with other arts organizations, local businesses, and educational facilities. We engage in many outreach activities, which connect our organization to younger members of our community.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

* Consult the competition regulations to be sure you qualify.
* Complete the attached application form and submit a concept for your concert. You may use any format you wish to convey your ideas, but **your proposal must include both a project description of your proposed concert and a budget** outlining all costs.
	+ **Project Description:** Describe your proposed concert to the judges as best as you can. Talk about what your artistic vision is, why it’s a good fit for NUMUS, and any ideas you have in terms of logistics. Please include approximate timings and be mindful of the KW Little Theatre space being a traditional but small black box theatre. The judges will be looking for projects that are creative, but also well thought out and realistic in terms of budget, timelines, and venue. Describe your inspiration for this project, any themes you may be incorporating, and why you feel that NUMUS should present it. Be sure to also tell us a bit about the artists you plan to use and why you chose them. Be concise and please limit your project description to 1,000 words.
	+ **Budget:** You will need to create a basic budget for your project, outlining any expected costs (such as artist fees and tech or equipment rentals if required). Use any format you like for this. Your budget should include a $2,500 contribution from NUMUS, and you will need to indicate this amount as revenue for your project and outline exactly how this money would be spent. The judges will be looking for projects with realistic costs that stay within their budgets. We are also mindful of the fact that your performers may be predominantly students.
* Completed application packages may be submitted in the following way:
	+ Email all required documents to: info@numus.on.ca
* Be sure that your proposed project matches NUMUS’ artistic vision and mandate (please refer to our mandate on the first page of this application)
* Submit your application by or before **Friday, December 8, 2023**



**NUMUS EMERGING CURATOR COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you attended any NUMUS concerts before? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was your favourite NUMUS concert and why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**NUMUS EMERGING CURATOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

1. All documents must be submitted no later than Friday, December 8, 2023. Late entries will not be considered.

2. Each applicant may only enter one competition proposal per year. Only one applicant per proposal is allowed. Previous first place winners may not re-apply.

3. All decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into after final judging.

4. The winner’s program will be presented by NUMUS on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the KW Little Theatre in Waterloo. Please ensure that you are available and able to complete this project before submitting.

5. NUMUS will cover all artist fees and performance costs for the winner’s program in the amount of $2,500. There will be no charge for the performance venue.

6. The winning contestant will receive up to three hours of mentorship from NUMUS’ Artistic Director as well as coaching and assistance during the dress rehearsal.

7. All contestants must be under the age of 30 as December 8, 2023, OR currently enrolled in/within 2 years of graduation from a university, conservatory, or equivalent undergraduate program.

8. Each entry is assumed to be the original program concept of the individual whose name appears on the entry form. Any infraction of this regulation could result in the disqualification of the entry.

9. The winner is responsible for contacting and scheduling performing artists, including negotiating contracts. Support will be given by NUMUS in securing venue and technical requirements. Marketing support will also be provided by NUMUS.

10. The winning program and performance may be recorded by NUMUS and made available to be downloaded or viewed online for publicity purposes or for use in grant applications.

11. Only first place winning program concepts will be featured in NUMUS’ Series during the 2023-2024 season.

12. All entry forms and supporting documents should be properly printed and legible.

13. Include complete contact information clearly written or typed: (name, mailing address with postal code, telephone number, and a regularly checked email address)

14. All contestants will be notified of judging results no later than Friday, December 22, 2023.