The International Festival of Arts & Ideas seeks a full-time Director of Programming with significant experience in the performing arts and humanities. The Director of Programming provides artistic and content leadership for the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, a dynamic, adventurous performing arts and humanities festival that takes place each year in June in the city of New Haven, CT.

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The Position:
The Director of Programming is responsible for conceiving, developing and implementing artistic and humanities events, both during the Festival in June and as part of the Festival’s year-round portfolio of residency, special events and community activities. Festival events involve artists and speakers who participate in performances, talks and community activities. The Festival works across disciplines including theater, dance, music, and circus. Humanities programs at the Festival address the arts, the sciences and contemporary social and political spheres.

The successful candidate will be highly creative and energetic; a champion of artists; deeply knowledgeable about the performing arts; and committed to community participation in the arts.

The Director of Programming works with the Executive Director to collaboratively create artistic goals in accordance with the mission, objectives and guidelines approved by the Board of Directors. The Director of Programming works in collaboration with a Festival leadership team (Managing Director, Director of Development, Director of Marketing, Producer) to steward institutional priorities and to ensure that artistic and program content and context is communicated clearly to the entire Festival team. The Director of Programming must be able to collaborate with development, marketing and production personnel, recognizing that artistic and community success is integrally informed by these programs.

The Director of Programming is a key representative for the Festival externally, with stakeholders, partners, funders and artists, both in New Haven, in the region, nationally and internationally.
Duties include:

- Conceive, develop and implement arts and humanities programs that encompass multiple genres and fulfill the Arts & Ideas mission, from research phase through negotiation to context-creation and residency and event realization.
- Develop community-engaged programs that provide opportunities for diverse artists and constituencies to participate in Arts & Ideas.
- Network with national and international producers, presenters and cultural organizations with a view to cultivating commission and presentation opportunities.
- Develop partnerships with local, national and international partners (community-based, academic, and artistic) in order to enhance program impact.
- Travel to represent Arts & Ideas at relevant conferences, festivals and in order to conduct program research.
- Serve as a key communicator internally and externally related to Festival activities and provide artistic content across multiple Festival platforms, including in partnership with marketing department.
- Act as part of a leadership team and with the board of directors to develop institutional and artistic strategies for Arts & Ideas future.
- Negotiate directly with artists in concert with program budget; develop program budget with leadership team and work within budgetary parameters.
- Active involvement in development activities with special attention to restricted program fund development.
- Supervise and evaluate program staff.

Qualifications include:

Bachelor’s degree. A minimum of 5 years of high-level curatorial and programming experience. Excellent writing and verbal communication skills. Experience working within budget to deliver events and productions. Strong organizational, management and personal skills.

Apply:

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About the International Festival of Arts & Ideas:

The International Festival of Arts & Ideas is a 15-day festival of performing arts, lectures, and conversations that celebrates the greatest artists and thinkers from around the world. Each June, the Festival takes over the theaters, open spaces, and courtyards of New Haven, Connecticut with performances and dialogues.

More than 80% of Festival programs are completely free to the public, including events that feature some of the most prestigious jazz, classical, dance, and theater artists in the world. The Festival’s programs have an impact throughout the year, including engagement and educational programming such as the Festival Fellowship Program for underserved youth, and the Visionary Leadership Award held in autumn of each year.

For more information on the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, our programs and history, visit artidea.org