# Festival Commissions A Bit Of A Do festival 2021/22

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**A Bit Of A Do** is a festival of theatre, dance and cabaret by disabled and non-disabled artists, produced by **Drunken Chorus**. Information and line-ups for previous festivals can be found here - <a href="https://www.drunkenchorus.co.uk/a-bit-of-a-do">https://www.drunkenchorus.co.uk/a-bit-of-a-do</a>

For the 2022 instalment of A Bit Of A Do we will support 3 disabled artists / companies to create performances to premiere at the festival.

## Each commission / support package will be bespoke to the artist / company, and may include:

- Up to 3 mentoring sessions with an established artist
- Up to 1 week of rehearsal space at a London venue
- A bursary of up to £1,000 towards the project
- Advice from the Drunken Chorus team
- Support to build connections / networks and to find touring opportunities.

### Artists are invited to submit their proposals by 12 midday on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We are looking for proposals for work that is:

- At least 30 minutes in length, and no longer than around 1 hour Flexible, and not technically complicated, so as to work in a festival context
- In the early stages of development
- Contemporary performance: dance, theatre or cabaret
- Created by disabled artists and/or disabled-led companies

#### We are particularly keen to hear from:

- Artists creating work that is contemporary, experimental or outside the mainstream
- Artists who are exploring exciting new ways to reach audiences who cannot attend arts venues in person
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing artists / companies Visually Impaired artists / companies
- Artists / companies from groups who are under-represented in the arts, including people from working class backgrounds and ethnic minorities.

A Bit Of A Do festival takes place in Croydon, South London.

#### **Timescale**

25 January 2022: Deadline for submissions

w/c 31 January 2022: Artists notified, and initial meetings

Feb - Sep 2022: Creation of performances, mentoring, regular check-ins

Oct/Nov 2022: Performances at 2022 Festival

### **How to Apply**

To apply please complete the online application form.

#### **Online Application Form**

All submissions must be received by **12 midday**, **Tuesday 25**<sup>th</sup> **January 2022**. Late applications will **not** be considered.

If you have any questions or problems please contact:

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We also encourage you to keep an eye on our social media for updates about the

project:

**Instagram:** @Drunken.Chorus

Facebook: www.facebook.com/drunkenchorus

Website: www.drunkenchorus.co.uk

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