

Application Guidelines

“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 live dance pieces (new creations and reshowcasing), dance videos, seminars, workshops and various activities, all under the same umbrella. 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 2023.

The seventh edition of Contemporary Dance Night will take place in the last quarter of 2023, in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt between late November and early December 2023

In this call, choreographers from Egypt and partnered countries are invited to apply with their new concepts/creations projects, for a two months residency program in Cairo, Egypt, where they will work with Egyptian dancers/artists, as well as a modest production grant, to realize these productions. For all foreign artists not residing in Cairo, All costs are covered including travel expenses, accommodation, rehearsal space and pocket money during the whole period.

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Eligibility

We are looking for young and mid-career contemporary dancers and choreographers residing in Egypt, The United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Germany, America and the Arabic region.

Preferably with a previous experience in artistic projects/spaces management and teaching.

- Being a citizen or resident in Egypt, The United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Germany, America and the Arab region
- Applying with a project that has not been produced or presented before

How to apply?

- Read the Guidelines to fill the application
- Applications can be filled in both arabic and English
- Fill out the **application form**
- All application should be filled online

Deadline for applying is on **Sunday April 30th 2023**

Required Attachments

- 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
- Applications sent by Email

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Terms of Applying

General Terms:

- The proposed concept/creation performance must not exceed 30 minutes, including the set-up of the stage.
- Artists are expected to work with Egyptian dancers with a maximum number of 4.
- In the case of 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 two-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 interfere with the artist's artistic choices or the concepts s/he will present in their piece, just all performances will go through the process of The Censorship Authority for Artistic Works according to Egyptian law
- CDN will provide every participating artist a daily rehearsal space for 4 hours, 3 - 5 days a week throughout the project's rehearsal duration.
- The 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

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dancers/performers, in which the artists fees exceeds 50% of the performance production budget

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

Presentation and Performance Terms:

- The 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.
- The 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), for the choreographers to meet the Egyptian dancers.
- International artists will be accommodated in single rooms in shared apartments.
- Rehearsals will take place at EECDs and associated spaces 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.

Evaluation and Selection:

An elite committee of professionals will assess and evaluate the proposals we received for Contemporary Dance Night 2023, so please fill the applications carefully and as clearly as possible, also make sure to read the guidelines of the application very carefully to make sure the process is smooth and as clear as possible.

Selected artists will be announced on the website www.eedancestudio.com during the month of May 2023.

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