CALL FOR PERFORMING ARTS ENSEMBLES
2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

ABOUT THE GAMES

The Arctic Winter Games is an opportunity that brings the circumpolar world together to celebrate the north through athletic competition, cultural exchange, and social interaction. The Games' cultural and entertainment programs are an integral part of achieving these objectives. **The 2024 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) will be held in the Mat-Su Borough, Alaska from March 10 to March 16, 2024.**

OPPORTUNITY

Team Alberta North is looking for **youth performers, 14 to 19 years of age,** who will serve as cultural delegates for Team Alberta North and support the Games' objectives. Performers will participate in the following:

- **Daily Performances:** Pop-up performances and collaborative productions.
- **Cultural Galas:** An evening performance showcasing each delegation's cultural participants performing project. In addition, all cultural participants will participate in a fusion piece created by the AWG Artistic Director during the residency.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Opportunities to take in workshops organized by the AWG and led by professional artists. Also, there will be various opportunities to learn about the Mat-Su region and its history.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- All participants of the group/ensemble must be residents of northern Alberta (north of the 55th parallel) and have been continuous residents of northern Alberta for six months prior to the opening day of the Games before applying (except attending a formal program of study).
- All participants must be 14 to 19 years of age as of December 31, 2023 (Year of Birth 2005-2010).
- Highly recommended for multidisciplinary groups/ensembles that feature various art disciplines, such as music, theatre, dance, and storytelling.

- The groups/ensembles applying must be conformed by three or fewer cultural participants. In addition, the group must be accompanied by an adult manager responsible for the participants (teacher, artistic director, or choreographer).
- Able to withstand the rigours of performing and are comfortable with sharing their culture, and open to feedback.
- Able to take part in the program of activities outlined by the Host Society, including but not limited to daily performances of own work (10-20 minutes in length and suitable for public performances).
- Able to work cooperatively in a team environment. Comfortable with own artistic repertoire but also able to collaborate with other performers.
- Enthusiastic and energetic.
- Committed to pursuing further development as an artist.
- Prepared to enjoy the experiences of being at the Games, including dorm life, curfews, cafeteria meals, conforming to schedules and other experiences.
- Willing to comply with all Team Alberta North and Arctic Winter Games policies.

COMPETITION ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants must submit the following to qualify for consideration in the competition:

1. SUBMISSION FORM

- Each individual member must meet the criteria stated under “WHO IS ELIGIBLE?”
- Each individual participant must fill out and sign the Submission Form corresponding to their age (last page of this document).

2. RESUME

- A maximum of one page per participant that includes the participant’s background, including the level of training, performing art discipline(s), and other relevant information.
- A maximum of one page with the background and relevant information of the teacher, artistic director, or choreographer responsible for the group/ensemble.

- A maximum of two pages that include:
    - Concept of the performance showcased at the Cultural Galas, including a detailed description of the project outlining the objectives, planned activities, timelines, expected results, etc.
    - Any other potential activity that could be presented to the Pop-Up performances (scheduled for the games week at different venues around the Mat-Su region).
    - Additional support materials that may assist in the assessment process.

3. PORTFOLIO

A Performance example must be submitted as part of the application. Via email as an attachment:

- For files too large, they may be submitted via downloadable links:
    - Please format your subject line: <your first initial, last name >, eg. "H.Lee_2024ArcticWinterGames";
    - Please ensure the link contains downloadable files (MP3 or MP4 preferred);
- Video submissions must be Windows-compatible (MP3 or MP4 preferred).
- If you mail in your proposal package and you would like it returned after judging, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your submission.

SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: All submissions to be considered are to be received no later than **Friday October 27, 2023**. All applicants will be notified within three weeks. The decisions of the Committee are considered final.

Email application package to: steven.patrick@gov.ab.ca
Please submit all documents in one e-mail.
Alternatively, please mail a hard copy CD or USB (please include your first initial and last name on the CD or USB) to
Steven Patrick, 10055 106 St, Suite 500
Edmonton AB T5J 1G3

For any questions, please contact
Steven Patrick, Assistant Chef de Mission, steven.patrick@gov.ab.ca 587-989-4037

SELECTION PROCESS

The selected ensemble will be chosen through a one-stage jury process. Decisions of the Selection Panel are final.

Selection Criteria:

- Artistic Merit: expertise and technical skill of the group/ensemble
- Creativity and Originality: group interpretation, multidisciplinary team
- Stage Presence: energy connection/communication with the audience
- Indigenous or Northern Alberta concept for the performance at the Cultural Galas.

WHAT TO EXPECT IF SELECTED, INCLUDING EXPENSES:

- Each participant must sign and agree to the Arctic Winter Games 2024 Team Alberta North Code of Conduct.
- Each participant 18+ must provide a clear Criminal Record Check with vulnerable sector search subsequent to March 16, 2023.
- Each participant must have a valid passport, meaning it cannot expire within 6 months after travelling home – so must not expire prior to September 17, 2024)
- All 18+ participants must have a clear criminal record check. Past records will be flagged by US Customs and not allowed entry.
- Adult manager/supervisor is to attend a coach/manager meeting in November or December 2023.
- Attend Team Alberta North's staging event in Grande Prairie on February 10 or Fort McMurray on February 13 to receive your Team Alberta North uniform and obtain information and expectations for the Games and Team Alberta North. You will be responsible for covering costs to/from the staging event.
- The Government of Alberta will provide the Team Alberta North uniform.
- Selected participants provide their own costumes or equipment for performances.
- Delegates will travel to the Mat-Su Borough on March 9, 2024 and return on either March 16 or 17, 2024 (TBC).
- Accommodation, transportation to all events, and meals during the games will be covered by the 2024 Games Host Society.
- All participants will receive a Welcome package, a Cultural Medallion, and other souvenirs from the 2024 Games Host Society.
- All participants must attend the full duration of the Games (March 9 to March 16) and reside in the Participant's Village as provided by the 2024 Host Society.

SUBMISSION FORM (18 - 19 years old)

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Name of participant

Address

Daytime Phone Number

Email Address

I, _____ (PRINT NAME) hereby make a Submission for the Call for Performances – 2024 Arctic Winter Games and am in agreement with the Terms of Competition as outlined in this Call

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Date and Signature of the Applicant

SUBMISSION FORM (14 - 17 years old)

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LEGAL GUARDIAN/PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION

Name of participant:

Name of Legal Guardian/Parent

Address of Legal Guardian/Parent

Daytime Phone Number of Legal Guardian/Parent

Email Address of Legal Guardian/Parent

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Date and Signature of Legal Guardian/Parent