



is seeking an

Artistic Director

Help Lead One of Ottawa's Most Innovative Theatre Companies Into Its Fourth Decade

About Odyssey Theatre

Odyssey Theatre is an award-winning professional theatre celebrated for its for imaginative and visceral masked theatre productions in Ottawa's beautiful Strathcona park. Our shows weave in related arts including puppetry, physical theatre forms and international forms of dance-theatre. We explore universal themes and modern issues through myth, folklore, and satire. Our programs also include:

- New Play Creation for works in our field
- Specialized training for professional artists and youth
- *Odyssey's World of Theatre Masks*, a digital mask resource centre (launching in 2027)
- Community Outreach that engages underserved groups

As we enter our fourth decade, we are pursuing exciting plans for growth, including international collaborations and facility development.

About The Opportunity

This is an opportunity to shape the artistic direction and future programming of a company that makes a distinctive contribution to Ottawa's cultural life and to Canadian theatre.

We are seeking an **Artistic Director** with an imaginative vision, committed to achieving artistic excellence, advancing masked theatre as a contemporary art form, and furthering Odyssey's impact, and engagement with audiences and communities. The Artistic Director reports to the Board of Directors, while collaborating closely with the General Manager.

Key Responsibilities

- **Shape the vision** -- Articulate a compelling artistic vision to guide the company and advance masked and physical theatre in Canada
- **Curate** – Plan and oversee seasons featuring a major production, a digital mask resource centre,, training, new play creation, and community engagement activities
- **Create** – Undertake your artistic work to further the Company's mandate
- **Champion New Work** -- Promote the creation original plays for masked theatre
- **Build creative teams** – Oversee the hiring of artistic staff
- **Support Community** – Build key relationships with diverse artists, audiences, and the public.

Qualifications

You bring:

- A passion and interest in Odyssey's mandate, role and programs
- Experience in masked theatre and related forms such as puppetry and dance-theatre
- A track record of artistic leadership and high quality artistic practice
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Effective priority setting and organizational skills
- An ability to balance working independently and taking initiative while collaborating with the Board, General Manager, staff, artists and community stakeholders

Position Details

- Permanent, part-year position (8 months annually)
- Salary: \$50,000
- A commitment to work in Ottawa for a meaningful portion of the year, especially during summer
- Odyssey's office is located in Arts Court, a downtown heritage arts centre and performs in Strathcona Park. Odyssey operates on the traditional, unceded Territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Equity and Inclusion

Odyssey Theatre is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive workplace. We seek candidates who share our commitment to diversity and bring a range of perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds to our organization. We welcome applications from individuals of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, abilities, and religions. If you require accommodations at any stage of the recruitment process, please let us know and we will work with you to meet your needs.

How to Apply

Please email the following to info@odysseytheatre.ca by **May 8, 2026**:

- A cover letter outlining your interest in the role and what you would bring to Odyssey Theatre
- A CV
- Three references
- Optional link to relevant artistic portfolio

Applications will be treated in confidence. We regret that only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Learn more about Odyssey Theatre and the position at www.odysseytheatre.ca.