



THE BABY CHALLENGE: FIRST **Artist Commission**

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We want to commission artists who have never made work for babies (0-18months) before from diverse arts practices

You could be a circus performer, lighting designer, poet, storyteller, sculptor, ballet dancer - just as long as babies under 18 months and their parents are a totally new audience for your work - we would love to hear from you!

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We're looking for 6 South East/London based artists to create a workshop/installation/experience for new parents and babies. £650 per commission.

WHY NOW?

600,000 babies have been born in the UK since lockdown who have never been to those vital support and play groups during their first year of life. And with 6 in 10 new parents seriously concerned about their mental health and wellbeing (source: Maternal Mental Health Alliance) since March 2020, there has never been a more urgent time to provide something exciting, inspiring and fun for babies and their parents/carers.



THE PROJECT

First is our new parent and baby group starting across the South East from May 10th. We have excellent facilitators who will be running the sessions; creating a safe space for some much needed connection and sensory activities.

www.spunglasstheatre.com/early-years for more info

WHAT ARE WE INTERESTED IN?

Maybe you have lived experience of parenting? Or you have understanding of early years across different cultures? Perhaps you are intrigued how your creative practice could adapt to work with babies? Perhaps you are interested in well being and creativity? Perhaps this is the first time you've thought about it!

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can take whatever format you like - a CV, a video, a portfolio or a website - something to give us a sense of your work and why you are particularly interested in this commission.

Please cover the following points:

- your previous experience
- where you are based and how easily you can get to Bedford, Hastings & St Leonards, Brighton and Winchester
- your availability in June and July 2021

Round 1 Deadline - Friday 7th May 5pm 2021

Email your submission to recruitment@spunglasstheatre.com

IN A BABY NUTSHELL:

£650 commission for:

- 2 creative events/workshops (45-60 mins) a day with parents and babies, for 1 week in June - July '21.
- In 5 locations - 1 per day (Bedford, St Leonards, Brighton, Winchester, Hastings)
- You will need to travel to each location Monday - Friday over the course of one week.
- Each session has two experienced facilitators who are there to support you, the babies and parents.
- Travel contribution.
- Develop work for new audiences in a supportive environment with experienced facilitators.