



St. John's Storytelling Festival

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Call for Board Members

We're growing! The St. John's Storytelling Festival is seeking new board members to help us share our stories.

2020 marks the 17th Annual Storytelling Festival, but we are also expanding! We program group and solo performances, workshop series, professional development, school visits, and community partnerships year round. Our goal is to celebrate storytelling traditions from many cultures, to support new and experimental approaches, and to foreground the role of stories in shaping social change. Plus, our board members get to be part of an incredible community of performers, writers, musicians, activists, and innovators from a wide variety of fields (and we have great food at board meetings!)

About the SJSF:

The St. John's Storytelling Festival is a not-for-profit organization that has been active in the Storytelling community of Newfoundland and Labrador since 2004. We host and organize an annual Storytelling festival bringing storytellers from across the Province, Canada and internationally to the stage in St. John's. Our festival and year-round programming includes story walks, group and solo shows, open mics, workshops and working groups, and events for families and young tellers.

The mandate of the St. John's Storytelling Festival is to promote the art and tradition of storytelling in Newfoundland and Labrador and throughout Canada; to foster creative expression of this art; and to promote cooperation among organizations related to the art and tradition of storytelling in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We are seeking to honour the unique storytelling traditions from this place and cultures around the world. As we aim to preserve tradition, we also support experimental approaches and new developments in the medium. Storytelling is an art of unmediated connection, making it uniquely suited to activism and a great vehicle for social change. Our goals are big. Help us champion them.

About the Board:

Serving on the St. John's Storytelling Board is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about the art of storytelling, and excited about leadership and governance in the nonprofit sector. The successful applicant will have time to commit to monthly board meetings, planning sessions and assisting with special events from time to time. We are seeking a team player, someone who listens well and is thoughtful in considering new ideas. A positive, collaborative attitude is essential to ensure the continued positive success of the organization.

The SJSF Board of Directors is a volunteer board who maintain hands-on involvement in all the activities of the organization.

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Roles & Responsibilities

Directors at Large:

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Maintain active and timely communication with board members, primarily through e-mail
- Attend Board Development meetings and training sessions (4 – 8 times per year)
- Be willing to serve on the Executive and/or a sub-committee
- Be willing to lend support in their area of expertise on an as-needed basis
- Attend SJSF events and programming
- Participate in brainstorming! We want new and creative ideas for events and partnerships
- Be an active listener and a lover of stories

Treasurer:

- Chair the Finance Committee
- Work with Finance Committee to develop budgets, review actuals, and develop/update expense policies as needed
- Manage payments and make deposits
- Work with Administrator to maintain accurate financial records
- Liaise with accountants

SJSF strives to be an inclusive and safe space for all and is looking to diversify our leadership to reflect the communities that we serve and to broaden our audiences and performer base. We strongly encourage applications from people who are members of marginalized and/or underserved or underrepresented communities, especially individuals who identify as Indigenous; people of colour; diverse gender and sexual identities (including 2SLGBTQIA+); people living with dis/ability, etc.

To Apply:

We require the Personal Information Sheet (below) and a recent CV. Please email your completed application to storytellingstjohns@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest,
Catherine Wright – SJSF President

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SJSF BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Your name: _____

Your Home Phone Number: _____ Cell number: _____

Your address: _____

Your email address:

Briefly describe why you would like to join our Board of Directors:

If you are currently affiliated with any other organizations you'd like us to know about, please list them here, along with your role(s):

What types of skills would you be bringing to our board? Check those that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board development | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management | <input type="checkbox"/> Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program development | <input type="checkbox"/> Community networking | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative practices |

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Other skill(s) that you would like us to know about? _____

If you join the Board, you agree that you can dedicate at least 5 - 10 hours each month for attendance at Board and Committee meetings and events, and that you do not have any personal conflict-of-interest in participating on the Board.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are not selected as a member of the Board, or if you decide not to join, would you like to be a volunteer to assist our organization in various ways that match your skills and interests?

Yes

No

Perhaps