



NEW COMMISSIONING OPPORTUNITY

Telegraph Museum Porthcurno and Minack Theatre to commission and support a new play for the Minack's 2020 season.

Applications close at 5pm on 31st May 2019.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first cable landing on the beach at Porthcurno in 1870, the Telegraph Museum Porthcurno (PK Trust) is partnering with the Minack Theatre Trust to commission a talented and committed playwright to develop an original work for the Minack Theatre's stage which will premiere within the Minack's main 2020 season.

Commission

One writer will be selected and commissioned to write a new stage play for the Minack Theatre's 2020 Season. This will be paid at the recommended UK Theatre / Writers Guild rates for stage productions.

The work should be an original idea based on or drawing on source material from the archives at the Telegraph Museum Porthcurno and responding to themes which emerge from this 150 year history. Writers are encouraged to make the play one that can also be performed in other settings, so it needs to have the potential to have a future life.

Subject to the Minack's approval, the play will be produced by the Minack in June 2020. Writing to within the production budget, the play should be written to be performed by up to 6 professional actors. The number of actors will have to reduce if the play requires substantial scenery or props. Applicants should bear this in mind in their submissions.

Timescale

- 31st May 2019 - applications close
- June 2019 - interview and selection
- 31st October 2019 - deadline for first draft
- 31st December 2019 - second draft following comments
- 28th February 2020 - third draft following comments
- 31st March 2020 - final script

Applications

To apply, please complete and send the following to julia.twomlow@telegraphmuseum.org:

- Covering letter with contact details, etc.
- A writing CV, or one-page statement that lists any relevant writing commissions, training, publication and production history (including production dates, venue, director and play);
- A one-page idea or pitch for the new play;
- A 20-30-page extract of a previously produced play or work.

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Selection process

Following the close of entries, a longlist of up to ten writers will be selected.

These ten applications will then be reviewed by a selection panel in June 2019. This panel comprises Julia Twomlow (Director of the Telegraph Museum Porthcurno), Zoe Curnow (Executive Director of the Minack Theatre), John Brolly (Associate Director of the Minack Theatre) and representatives of the Porthcurno Collections Trust 2020 Subcommittee.

The selection panel will identify three writers who will be invited to meet with Julia Twomlow, Zoe Curnow and John Brolly in June 2019 to discuss their writing and ideas, from which one writer will be selected for the commission.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of June 2019.

Contact

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