



N.E.S.T. 2021 Shout-Out!

Welcome to the N.E.S.T.

The Spraoi N.E.S.T. (New Emerging Street Talent) programme was established to assist artists create and showcase new work and ideas. Since 2013 it has aided Irish artists with mentoring supports and premiered their work in a supportive environment at Spraoi Festival. With assistance from Spraoi partners ISACS many of these new works were subsequently performed at European festivals. Remaining vibrant and relevant N.E.S.T. regularly evolves altering the number of artists involved, selection of guest mentors and artistic focus of the work being supported. With support of The Arts Council an expanded version of N.E.S.T. is planned in 2021. It will extend the residency at Spraoi Studios and afford participating street theatre performers scope to practically test and interrogate their presentation ideas. N.E.S.T outcomes will be shared with live audiences as part of this summer's Spraoi Season programme.

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N.E.S.T. 2021 will best suit an artist, perhaps duo or trio of artists, with a strong idea for a new or adapted work. It will already be pre-developed and will require focused rehearsal/mentoring so it becomes a viable audience attraction at a range of outdoor festivals and events. The performance concept is likely to involve elements such as character influenced physical performance with potential for audience connectivity.

If you recognise yourself in this narrative submit a proposal. Include a description of your concept, an introduction to your or colleagues' CV's and a clear statement of assistance you require to transform the idea into a bookable sustainable street show.

The 2021 N.E.S.T. support package will be a bespoke response tailored to selected artist(s). However, N.E.S.T. 2021 mentorship and incubation elements can include:

- Access to a panel of experienced professional mentors from different fields.
- Two to three weeks residency at Spraoi Studios.
- Technical support and professional skills with prop-design-build
- Accommodation and Travel.
- Artists' Fees
- Showcasing work to Irish audiences and perhaps to other festival directors.

Applications or Queries to nest@spraoi.com by **Twelve-Noon, June 4th**