

## **S Q U A R E R O U T E : Talent Development at Square Chapel**

*Square Route* is Square Chapel's talent development programme, providing opportunities and support for artists, companies and creatives at various stages of their career, based in West Yorkshire and beyond. The programme is broken up into four strands:

### **C O N N E C T**

A creative network for the makers and shakers of the world; aimed at those working in or on the edges of the creative industries to connect with others, promote their work and be a part of Square Chapel's artistic infrastructure. Members of the Square Route *Connect* network can enjoy:

- A network of artists, companies, producers, directors, designers, facilitators
- Access to an open network of venues across the North of England
- Regular digital communications with news and opportunities
- Networking events and ticket offers
- Invitation to sharings and open rehearsals from artists/companies in residency
- Discounts and priority booking for workshops and masterclasses with industry professionals

To join the network, email [alison@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:alison@squarechapel.co.uk)

### **P R E S E N T**

A variety of platforms for artists and companies to test ideas with creative peers, present new work for critical response and showcase work for producers, promoters, programmers and audiences:

**Col[lab]orate** | A 'lab' for testing new ideas, scripts, workshop activities and more with fellow creatives. Whether you're a writer in need of an actor or a movement director in need of a dancer, this is the place for you. Organised on an ad-hoc basis dependant on demand. Email [alison@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:alison@squarechapel.co.uk) to register your interest.

**WordPlay** | A monthly event showcasing the best on the block of poetry, performance and music, with open mic opportunities too. Every second Wednesday of the month (currently held at the Loom Lounge, Dean Clough, until Square Chapel fully reopens); tickets are 'Pay As You Feel' and all takings are split between the featured artists. Email [wordplay@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:wordplay@squarechapel.co.uk) for more details.

**Square Scratch** | A seasonal Scratch Night for artists and companies to share work in development. Call outs will be released three months in advance and published online. To register your interest, email [alison@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:alison@squarechapel.co.uk) and join the Square Route *Connect* network.

### **E V O L V E**

Bespoke support for creatives of various ages, backgrounds and stages of professional development.

**Someone Else's Shoes** | Week-long work placements for students working towards GCSEs, A Levels and University Degrees, with a passion for working in the arts. Students spend 'a day in the life' of various different professionals and departments within Square Chapel including Box Office,

Marketing, Development, Volunteering, Education and Outreach, Technical and Production. There is a high demand for work placements at Square Chapel and we are unable to support them all, but if you are interested in joining the team for a week, please send a basic CV (including your interests, qualities/attributes, active hobbies and any paid work or voluntary experience you may have) and covering email to [info@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:info@squarechapel.co.uk). Previous experience: unnecessary. Personality: essential!

**Home from Home** | Artistic residencies at Square Chapel and Orange Box for selected artists and companies developing new work through practice that is influenced and informed by local audiences and communities. By 'new work', we mean innovative, artist-led theatre and performance that tells stories in different ways; work that blurs the boundaries between genres and disciplines; and work that is truly 'live' in its essence and form. Packages of support are flexible and bespoke, but generally include:

- Up to two weeks of dedicated space for research and development at Square Chapel / Orange Box, including a 'welcome lunch' with venue staff and additional space to run an open workshop / masterclass for members of the *Connect* network;
- Support with finding relevant partnerships and connections in the local community and/or the sector, to help inform and develop the work;
- In-kind mentoring and support from the Square Chapel staff team. The type and level of mentoring will vary depending on the needs of the individual/company but could include specialist guidance and expertise in creative production and touring, company legislation, marketing and PR, fundraising, community outreach and education and technical design;
- Opportunity to present a final work-in-progress sharing for producers, programmers, venue staff and invited guests;
- Ongoing dialogue and support beyond the residency period as the work develops towards full production.

In return, artists and companies are encouraged to act as ambassadors for the *Square Route* programme, attend events, performances and scratch nights, offer at least one sharing / workshop / masterclass per residency and carry the Square Chapel brand on any marketing and promotional materials associated with the piece of work developed as part of the programme.

From time to time, specific call outs will be released for funded residencies. In the meantime, if you are an artist or company making work that responds to the themes and ethos identified above; and like the idea of making Square Chapel your second home, email [alison@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:alison@squarechapel.co.uk) to begin the conversation.

## **CREATE**

Programming, commissioning and collaboration opportunities for artists and companies to create, co-produce, present and tour work in Square Chapel and beyond.

Square Chapel works closely with artists, companies, venues and businesses to programme, commission and co-produce work both in-house and in non-traditional or site-specific performance spaces around the town. Keep an eye on our brochure and website for details about upcoming collaborations and if you feel you have something to offer that fits with the quality and identity of our artistic programme, please email [programming@squarechapel.co.uk](mailto:programming@squarechapel.co.uk) with a detailed proposal.