

ricca ricca\*festa 2015  
(International Theater Festival OKINAWA for Young Audience)

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

for  
Asian Artist in Residence Program

ricca ricca\*festa (International Theater Festival OKINAWA for Young Audience) is an annual performing arts festival for children and young people which takes place in Naha City, Okinawa, Japan. Every summer, the festival presents outstanding productions from Japan, Asia and the globe.

As part of the festival program, ricca ricca\*festa 2015 and the Japan Foundation Asia Center will conduct a short residency program for Asian artists who will be invited to see the plays and events at the festival, to learn about the latest situation in theater scene in each country in Asia with international experts, and to discuss about performing arts for children and young people in Asia from various angles.

The residency program expects the invited artists not to create a performance or a presentation, but to build a network with other participants and experts which might inspire you to start a new project at the end of the residency. The invited artists will also form a close relationship with the festival's future projects in which Asian multinational theater companies might be involved.

We hope this residency program will offer you inspiring stays and exchanges in Okinawa, Japan.

## ricca ricca\*festa 2015 Asian Artist in Residence Program

### [Acceptable number of participants]

15 – 20 artists

### [Residency period]

Monday, July 27, 2015 – Sunday, August 2, 2015

(The participants have to arrive at Okinawa by 2pm on July 27, leaving Okinawa on August 3.)

### [Eligible applicants]

- Involved in performing arts sector (performer, director, playwright, dramaturg, theater musician/composer, producer, theater programmer, scenic artist, costume designer, theater technician, etc.)
- Work at or interested in theater for children and young people
- Good command of English for discussion
- Based in any of the following countries:  
Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Australia and New Zealand

### [Conditions]

- The festival provides:
  - a. International transportation (covering an airfare)
  - b. Accommodation
  - c. Per diem
  - d. Free pass to see all the performances
- The festival, however, encourages applicants to apply for local funds where possible to cover the international airfare. Applicants who can apply for the other funds will be considered as a priority.
- Applicants must be able to stay for the whole period of the residency program.
- If the applicants required visa to enter Japan, the applicants should cover the expense. The festival will provide necessary documents for the visa applications.

### [How to apply]

Please submit the following documents by e-mail to [residency@nuchigusui-fest.com](mailto:residency@nuchigusui-fest.com)

- Cover letter
- CV (Curriculum Vitae)
- A photograph (face shot)

### [Application deadline]

Saturday, June 6, 2015

### [Contact]

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The festival is the current chair of ATYA (Asian Alliance of Theatre Festivals for Young Audiences) and works actively to develop the network in Asia. The festival organizes international collaborative productions and residency programs every year, with the aim of being the platform for international artistic exchange. In 2015, the festival will host a short residency program with a strong focus on East and South-East Asia, in partnership with the Japan Foundation Asia Center.

Website: [nuchigusui-fest.com](http://nuchigusui-fest.com)

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Twitter (mainly in Japanese): [twitter.com/nuchigusuifest](https://twitter.com/nuchigusuifest)

### The Japan Foundation Asia Center

The Japan Foundation is Japan's principal institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world. The Asia Center, established within the Japan Foundation in April 2014, is a specialized unit with the goal to connect people, expand networks, and develop cultural programs across Asia. Through projects in such diverse fields as music, theater, film, sports, Japanese language education and other academic exchanges, the Asia Center, in cooperation with the Foundation's overseas offices, pursues and supports various forms of activities between Asian communities.

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