

RURAL ARTS & CULTURE SUMMIT 2019

CALL FOR SESSION IDEAS

Deadline: Tuesday, March 5, 11:59pm

Springboard for the Arts is seeking session ideas for the 2019 Rural Arts & Culture Summit, which will take place October 3 - 5, 2019 at the Reif Performing Arts Center in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The Rural Arts and Culture Summit is a biannual, practitioner-driven gathering that celebrates and expands the field of rural arts-based community development by providing a space for learning, relationship building and celebration about the role of art and creativity in building strong, healthy and resilient rural communities.

This year, we are particularly interested in session ideas that address the idea of “Creative People Power,” in rural places. What does creative people power look like in your community? How do we create and sustain the conditions that allow for long-term, sustainable creative leadership rooted in culture and identities of the community at large? Springboard recently released a report on Creative People Power that you can read here: <https://springboardforthearts.org/creative-people-power/>

We are also looking for sessions and workshops that do any of the following:

1. Provide **resources, skill building or training** to help individual artists thrive in rural communities.
2. Provide **resources, skill building or training** to help arts organizations thrive in rural communities.
3. Provide stories of impact and lessons learned about **artists engaging in rural community development issues**.
4. Celebrate **diverse forms of creative expression** in rural places.
5. Inspire **action for sustaining or growing systems of support** for rural arts and culture.

DEADLINE & SUBMISSION

The deadline for submitting your proposal is 11:59pm on Tuesday, March 5.

Submit your proposal online using this link:

https://springboardforthearts.formstack.com/forms/2019_racsummit_proposal

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DATES AND LOCATION

The Rural Arts and Culture Summit will be held October 3 - 5, 2019 in Grand Rapids, MN. Breakout sessions will take place on Friday, October 4th between 10am and 5pm and on Saturday, October 5 between 10am and 12pm.

Grand Rapids is located about 194 miles North of Minneapolis/St. Paul, and 84 miles Northwest of Duluth, MN.

AUDIENCE

We anticipate an audience of approximately 350 - 400 artists, arts and culture leaders, rural community organizers and community economic development leaders, primarily from rural communities in the upper Midwest.

SESSION INFO

Breakout sessions are either 60 or 90 minutes long. Breakout sessions typically draw between 20 and 75 participants.

The Summit will be made up of but not limited to the following types of sessions.

- Knowledge or skill building workshops
- Panel Discussions (no more than 4 participants per panel)
- Hands-on arts workshops, activities or demonstrations
- Other (please describe)

SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

Session proposals will be reviewed and scored by the RAC Summit staff and a steering committee made up of rural arts leaders representing the perspectives of the RAC Summit audience. Proposals will be selected based on their quality of proposed material, creativity, and the relevance to the Summit's primarily rural audience. We will prioritize sessions that are interactive and provide an opportunity for participation and dialogue, as well as sessions that are led by practitioners working directly with rural communities. In some cases, if we receive proposals that cover similar topics, we will contact you to discuss your willingness to collaborate with another potential presenter.

We will notify you of your proposal status in April 2019. If your proposal is selected you will be eligible to request a modest travel stipend (up to \$250) and discounted registration for your participation.

QUESTIONS?

Please email racsummit@springboardforthearts.org or call (218) 998-4037