



A Company of Fools

2024 Call for Board Members

Who are these Fools?

a Company of Fools is a not-for-profit theatre company and a member of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres, with a 35-year history of bringing Shakespeare to the National Capital Region. Our mission is to create accessible and interactive performances based on the works of William Shakespeare.

Best known for our Torchlight Shakespeare in the Park series, we tour 90-minute versions of Shakespeare's hits to over 35 community parks during July and August. Our shows pair Shakespeare's text with physical theatre techniques of slap-stick, mask, and puppetry.

Outside of our summer tour, we engage in educational activities, host a local theatrical tradition known as the Ottawa Theatre Challenge, and hold fundraising events to help subsidize our tour.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for you!

Are you passionate about arts and culture? Interested in making theatre accessible to people from all walks of life? Do you consider yourself a Fool? Then we have the role for you!

There are currently three positions available on our board of directors.

We're seeking individuals with backgrounds in the following professional fields: Legal and Finance (professional designations preferred).

Time commitment:

- Nine board meetings per calendar year from September to June
- One Annual General Meeting per calendar year in April
- The option of joining various committees of interest to individual members, such as: legal, finance and audit, and donor development
- The opportunity to volunteer at various fundraising events throughout the year

Why should you become a Fool?

Accessible application process: no donation or financial contributions are required to join our board. Instead we ask members to donate their time and passion to help our organization grow.

Make a positive change in an Ottawa Theatrical Institution: now in our 35th year, we reach over 10,000 patrons and employ up to 20 artists and administrators a year. With your help we can continue to do so for another 35 years.

Professional Development Opportunities: each year we offer a modest budget for board members to undertake professional development opportunities that relate to their involvement with the organization.

I want to be a Fool!

Awesome! We'd be more than happy to chat with you further about getting involved in our organization.

Send your resume and a brief note about why you'd like to join our board to our Board Chair, Milana Sanovskaya.

Email: boardchair@fools.ca

We believe that it doesn't matter where you live, how much you make, or how old you are.

Theatre should be accessible to everyone.

All of our performances are for pass-the-hat donations, family friendly, and our tour to community parks means we bring the theatre to your own neighbourhood.

