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# Artist INFO Session

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## Summary

Kelsey Street and Louise Gauthier provided an overview of the Corner Brook Night of the Arts (CBNE) 2025 festival, including its community focus, the "bloom" theme, application details, and artist support like CARFAC fees and tech assistance. Louise Gauthier also announced a mentorship program for young artists and an expansion of the community project to include nursing homes, while clarifying submission details in response to a question from Dennis Wass. Participants, including Jeremy Pommier, discussed the festival's opportunities and French language support for applications.

## Details

- **Introduction to CBNE 2025** Kelsey Street welcomed attendees to the info session for the Corner Brook Night of the Arts (CBNE) 2025 festival. Kelsey introduced themselves as the programming and accessibility coordinator and highlighted the support from the CBNuit board and staff, including Louise Gauthier, the executive director. Louise Gauthier expressed excitement for the upcoming ninth year of the festival and mentioned that French language support is available for applications.
- **Festival Overview and Application Details** Kelsey Street described CBNuit as an annual art at night festival transforming Corner Brook, emphasizing its focus on community and connection. The festival welcomes applications from artists at all career stages, both local and from elsewhere, across a wide range of

mediums. Louise Gauthier encouraged cross-pollination between artistic disciplines.

- **Project Values and Theme** Kelsey Street outlined core values for project proposals, including innovation, response to place, community focus, and sustainability. Louise Gauthier emphasized the consideration of a project's carbon footprint. The theme for 2025 is "bloom," which Kelsey explained is meant as a loose prompt for creative interpretation.
- **Application Tips and Process** Kelsey Street provided tips for a strong application, noting the importance of considering visibility, sound, and weather adaptability. They directed applicants to a downloadable document on the CBNuit website for more details, including the CARFAC fee schedule and artist travel program information. Kelsey also showed the location of the artist, music, and community submission links on the website.
- **Artist Support and Important Dates** Kelsey Street discussed artist support, including fees guided by the CARFAC schedule and tech/production support, while noting the importance of artists being as self-sufficient as possible with supplies. Louise Gauthier added that while CBNuit is collecting equipment, artists should clearly outline their needs in their application and consider potential rental costs. Kelsey also mentioned accessibility consultations and promotion/documentation provided by the festival. The deadline for artist applications is June 15th, with selection results by June 30th, and the festival date is September 13th.
- **Mentorship Program for Young Artists** Louise Gauthier announced a mentorship program for high school students, where they can receive support from a mentor to develop their artistic ideas for CBNuit. Jeremy Pommier inquired about presenting this program from a French high school in St. John's, and Louise Gauthier confirmed that connecting students with a local francophone mentor is possible. Louise Gauthier shared an example of a past mentorship project to illustrate the program's impact.
- **Community Project Expansion** Louise Gauthier introduced a new initiative for the community project in 2025, which will involve bringing collaborative art projects to nursing homes in addition to elementary schools and other local groups. Dennis Wass asked if the community project was open for submissions, and Louise Gauthier clarified that the CP is usually led by a partnership of 2-3 artists, and new ideas inspired by the theme are welcome.

- **Closing Remarks and Further Contact** Kelsey Street and Louise Gauthier thanked attendees for their participation and invited them to reach out with any further questions via email or phone, with their contact information available on the CBNuit website. Louise Gauthier and Jeremy Pommier made arrangements for a separate discussion.

## Suggested next steps

- ☐ Jeremy Pommier will provide Louise Gauthier with information about a collaboration.
- ☐ Louise Gauthier and Kelsey Street will discuss Jeremy Pommier's idea for a children's book.

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