### OPEN CALL FOR LGBTQI+PUPPETRY ARTISTS!

#### **OUR STORIES**

Tales from the mouths (and hands) of LGBT artists!

DIRECTED BY RICKI VINCENT AND STAR HAGEN-ESQUERRA

# OPEN CALL TO LGBT ARTISTS LOCATED IN THE SANTA CRUZ AREA COLLABORATIVE PROJECT DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY EXPERIENCED PUPPETRY ARTIST RICKI VINCENT AND PERFORMER- DIRECTOR STAR HAGEN-ESQUERRA

CRAFT puppet characters, WRITE your own script, and PERFORM YOUR STORY LIVE!

ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE WELCOME (AGE 16+): YOU SIMPLY MUST HAVE A STORY TO TELL AND THE DETERMINATION TO YELL IT!!!!

Our stories have often been portrayed by others. Between the state of the world for those who differ from what is seen as conventional, and how those voices are systematically silectenced, the importance of LGBT voices is at an all time high. Our voices are important, and there's no reason we shouldn't tell our stories ourselves, the best we know how. We each have unique experiences that deserve a unique medium of expression. Truth, comedy, tragedy, trash WE LOVE IT ALL! We Want Your Voice Heard, and covered in felt!

## PUPPETRY CALL APPLICATION LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello! If you picked up this letter that means you're a very special person! We don't know each other yet, but you should tell me something about you. As LGBTIA+ people are very special we all have stories to tell, and I am tired of *other* people telling them. I don't want to hear our stories retold by the people who don't know what to say! Therefore, we must tell them OURSELVES!

## **SCHEDULING**

If you can't commit you can't participate. We can be flexible with your personal schedule, but we require commitment on agreed rehearsal times and an effectively communicated personal schedule on progress outside of rehearsal and in studio time, as we must section time for each piece and group crafting periods.

We are here to guide your process in all mediums.

We are a school and have funded this project ourselves, and are putting it on at our school. While we want to travel and perform our show, we must secure locations and we want our projects to be on their feet. Rehearsals and meetings will be held at the puppetry institute located in the Capitola mall on 41st avenue!

## PERFORMANCES WILL BEGIN AT THE PUPPETRY INSTITUTE! PERFORMANCES CAN TRAVEL LOCATION TO LOCATION AS LONG AS ALL ARTISTS CAN COMMIT TO PERFORMANCE DATES

**HOW TO APPLY** 

EMAIL the.puppetry.institute@gmail.com WITH THE FOLLOWING FIELDS FILLED OUT!

NAME:	
AGE:	
In a few paragraphs, tell us your story:	

An email response will be provided for in person interview auditions!

Please List your weekly availability as well as known conflicts within the months of February and September!

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28th!