**SkirtsAfire HerArts Festival**

**New Board Member Information and Questionnaire**

Thank you very much for your interest in SkirtsAfire, HerArts Festival. You clearly have an interest in the company and we want to see now if you would be a good fit for our board, and the board a good fit for you. This would be a more serious commitment of time and energy to work towards keeping the company alive, current and successful: fundraising, operations, advisory, community relations, volunteering during the Festival and other annual events to name a few ways you might be involved. Plus we have fun and bring an exciting new and very important Festival to Edmonton audiences who crave the stories we bring to light through theatre and other art forms.

**SkirtsAfire has the following Vision, Mission and Mandate: SkirtsAfire Vision: 2016 – 2021**

SkirtsAfire empowers artists and audiences. We create space for female artistic excellence to be cultivated, experienced and passed on. We are diverse and daring.

**SkirtaFire Mission: 2016 – 2019**

SkirtsAfire is a diverse theatre and multidisciplinary arts festival that empowers female artists. We value the voices of all women. We create and showcase art for everyone to enjoy and experience. We foster an environment for both new and familiar perspectives in our artists and audiences. Our festival provides an opportunity to open minds and escape the mundane and the ordinary.

**Mission Statement in our By-Laws**

* To advance the public’s appreciation of the arts by producing public art exhibitions, presentations, and performance art events featuring women’s artistic contributions; and
* To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the above-mentioned charitable purpose.

**Mandate**To create a platform for Canadian women’s stories and the female voice.

* To create a festival that presents these stories to a wide, diverse audience while empowering, celebrating, developing, supporting and showcasing women in theatre and other art forms.
* To present high calibre, thought provoking, moving, professional artistic performances and exhibitions in the Festival and make them accessible to audiences of all income levels
* To bring large audiences and artists together in performance and exhibited work
* To provide opportunities for women to direct, write, design, dramaturge, choreograph, create visual art and take on other performance and art forms. Preference is given to female artists but not exclusively.
* To help revitalize the Alberta Avenue community in Edmonton

**As a Board Member You Will Be Expected To:**Attend monthly meetings.

* Participate in fundraising drives and initiatives: casinos and fundraising events
* Contacting potential sponsors/contributors through personal or other contacts
* Contribute to an on-going or ad hoc committee through meetings, support, leadership and know-how.
* Advise in your area of expertise whether you are an artist, a politician, an accountant, business leader, marketing person, lawyer, social media guru etc
* Be a spokesperson for SkirtsAfire to your friends and community to raise the profile of the company in Edmonton and environs.
* Participate by volunteering during the festival and at other events during the year.
* Have fun!

**One question you should address immediately is: do you have the time to commit to the SkirtsAfire board and do you feel like you have something valuable to offer? Hopefully you can answer this for yourself after filling out the following questionnaire:**

 Name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

1. What board experience, fundraising and/or volunteer experience do you have?
2. Do you support the SkirtsAfire mission statement and mandate?

 a) Why do you support our mandate?

b) What actions or abilities do you already demonstrate in your life, which support this mandate?

1. Tell us about your experience so far with SkirtsAfire?

a) What/who brought you here?

b) What do you appreciate about SkirtsAfire?

c) What skills/expertise do you think you could bring to the board and the Festival?

1. What sort of board member do you think you would be?
2. What strengths can you offer?
3. Are there challenges in your current schedule that might keep you from fully committing to the SkirtsAfire board?
4. What expectations do you have of the board?

a)What do you expect/hope to get out of being a board member?

1. In your experience with SkirtsAfire so far (and it may be limited), how do you see the festival evolving and how would you contribute to it?

a) Conversely, what do you see as possible obstacles to the festival?

*Please send completed form to Annette Loiselle: Annette.loiselle@telus.net* If you have any questions feel free to contact me via email at the above address or by phone (780-461-5065)Thank you very much for your interest!!!

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