



Roma Women's Project Overview

From Autumn 2024, Barrel Organ are pairing up with Bradford-based Roma charity European Drom to collaborate over a year-long process to find creative ways of expressing culture, heritage and the stories a group of brilliant Roma women have to tell. Our central ambition is to deepen people's understanding of Roma people and their everyday lives, with an aim to reduce people's bias or prejudiced perceptions of the community, and ultimately share & celebrate their Roma heritage.

Although we are a theatre company, what we make at the end of this process will not necessarily be a theatre show in the traditional sense. We settled on the idea of an "exhibition of the senses" from an initial workshop with Roma women in 2023. We will explore a group of Roma women's heritage and lived experience in the UK through sight, smell, sound, taste, touch, and finally the sense "llo" - the sixth sense unique to

the Roma community which is responsible for sensing whether someone has a good heart.

Previous Roma projects that team members have worked on include [‘Me for the World’](#) (Young Vic), which included a performance and communal meal.

Job Description

Role: Designer

Design fee: £3600 (This equates to 18 days @£200/d)

Makers fee: If the designer has building skills, we will use ITC rates (weekly fee); this will depend on the requirements of the build.

Timeline: Fortnightly sessions begin in September 2024 in Bradford, BD7 and we will be working towards a public exhibition in Summer 2025.

Please note, that we are flexible to how the Designer would like to schedule those 18 days (including attending up to 6 sessions).

Travel support: Travel to Bradford will be provided in addition to the fee & within reasonable costs (advance, standard travel etc).

Main purpose of role: Create a design in collaboration with project leads Rosie Gray and Jameela Khan and support them on the execution of the exhibition

Reports to: Co-Artistic Director Rosie Gray

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend approximately six sessions with the Roma women, alongside the Barrel Organ facilitators.
- Create moodboards and/or drawings for input from other team members
- Responding to stimulus from the group of Roma women and the Barrel Organ team, translating this into an accessible, dynamic installation
- Work with installation team to build the designs to a high-quality

Essential

- Previous experience as a designer of physical spaces
- Ability to respond to clear briefs in a creative and innovative manner

- Ability to work to deadlines
- Understanding of working to a set budget
- Collaborative and supportive team working skills
- Self-motivated and resourceful
- Generous and open

Desirable

- Previous experience designing installations and/or exhibitions
- Understanding of working on co-created projects
- Experience working with Roma communities

We are particularly keen to receive applications from designers with Roma heritage, from Black and Global Majority candidates, candidates who identify as living with a disability, identify as coming from a working class background, and candidates from backgrounds which are currently underrepresented in the arts. If you have any particular requirements which will support your application, please email us on info@barrelorgentheatre.co.uk.

How to apply

Please email info@barrelorgantheatre.co.uk with the subject heading, '*Designer for Roma Women's Project*:

- 1) A CV in a format of your choice
 - a) Please include links/visuals to previous work that might be relevant to your application and the project.
- 2) A one or two-page covering letter describing why you'd like to work on this project with us (this can be in written, audio or video format 3-5mins long)
- 3) A completed [monitoring form](#) (we will anonymise this after the deadline to understand who has applied and if we are reaching a diverse group of individuals).

Deadline: 5pm, Fri 27th September

Shortlisting & Interviews: Within two weeks of deadline.

Questions?

Please contact info@barrelorgantheatre.co.uk

About

Barrel Organ

Established in 2014, Barrel Organ is a multi-award-winning touring theatre company. We give a voice to stories that would otherwise go unheard, amplifying the experiences of marginalised and underrepresented groups from across the country.

We collaborate with local theatre groups, town councils, charities, and communities, providing a safe and accessible space to create and perform, connect and empower.

European Drom

European Drom are an organisation based in Bradford, who support Roma from across the Bradford District. They provide and run drop-in sessions based in Bradford (BD7). They support Roma in building education and employment skills, they promote Roma culture through traditional Roma music, they provide culturally sensitive interpretation services, and Roma Competence training.

In 2023 they co-created an exhibition with a group of Roma people around influential women from the Roma called Roma Stars.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is the largest funder for the UK's heritage. Using money raised by National Lottery players we support projects that connect people and communities to heritage. Our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. From historic buildings, our industrial legacy and the natural environment, to collections, traditions, stories and more. Heritage can be anything from the past that people value and want to pass on to future generations. We believe in the power of heritage to ignite the imagination, offer joy and inspiration, and to build pride in place and connection to the past.