

First Draft - An Idea Development Lab by Indian Ensemble

What is it?

The objective of this lab is to provide a space for emerging as well as experienced theatre practitioners to explore and flesh out 'ideas in progress' which will lead to works in progress and perhaps finally, fully realized performance works.

Who can apply?

This lab is ideal for theatre directors, playwrights, independent performance artists, dramaturgs, actors interested in creating new work. If any of the below sound familiar, you can apply.

- A work (script, play of any length) has been produced or completed, but there is a need for reinvention, for a fresh look, a more informed approach or a more fleshed out version.
- An idea is at a nascent stage. This could be just a topic you want to address, a scene you have written, a series of visuals you want to develop into a performance piece, etc.
- A group of people* have come together with an idea, but don't know what steps to take next.

*Maximum 2 participants can apply from a group or collective.

What can we expect from this Lab?

The Lab will offer:

- A mix of lectures, presentations, group discussions, reading and practical assignments.
- A serious focus on research methodologies that need to be applied to the singular ideas of each member of the group
- An in depth look at performance making theories and forms from around the world that will help members make informed choices about which process they might want to follow.
- A group of people who are sounding boards for all ideas, from content to production, to help your ideas reach fruition.
- A guided but peer-driven exploration that will course-correct according to the needs of the group

What's the timeline?

The Lab will take place in Bangalore. There will be three sessions per week, each about three to four hours long.

We will **begin in May and end in October** with the final presentations. There will be a break in the month of July or August, as a necessary part of the process.

Please ensure that you will be available for this 6-month period, before you apply. While the course content may be fluid and change according to your needs, your commitment to this process cannot be the same.

How do I apply?

You can access the Google form here - <https://tinyurl.com/yd6l6mef>. Please fill it in.

Once your application is received, you may be asked for some clarifications or for references. Please monitor your given email ID for such requests.

The last date for applications is **February 15, 2019**.

The long list will be announced by February 22. Meetings with those on the long-list will be scheduled between February 22 and 28, 2019. The objective of these conversations is to further determine how the Lab can be made most useful to you and your idea.

These conversations will be in Bangalore or over Skype if you are not in Bangalore.

In case of any doubts or questions, please write to indianensemble@gmail.com