

WIRES CROSSED: HEAD, HEART BALANCE
OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

Ecole De Cirque De Bruxelles, Galway Community Circus, The Serious Road Trip Romania and the Université Libre de Bruxelles are looking for 5 artists to form a new professional funambulism ensemble as part of the Creative Europe funded project, 'Wires Crossed: Head, Heart, Balance.'

THE ENSEMBLE

We are currently looking for 5 artists aged 18+ (no upper limit) to form this exciting new funambulism ensemble. This opportunity is aimed at either emerging funambulists, or artists experienced in other forms of equilibristics with strong physical performance skills.

Funambulism will be the main circus discipline used in the performance. However, during the creation process we will also work to explore other disciplines to create a show combining circus, visual poetry and physical theatre. For that reason we require artists to have a knowledge of ensemble work and strong body-awareness, and be open to improvisation in dramaturgy and performance. Competence in other circus disciplines is an advantage.

PROJECT TIMELINE (exact dates TBC unless specified)

Artistic Residency 1	4 th -9 th May 2020	Brussels, Belgium
Performance 1	10 th May 2020	Brussels, Belgium
Artistic Residency 2	June 2020	Timisoara, Romania
Artistic Residency 3	28 th July – 7 th August 2020	Galway, Ireland
Performance 2	8 th – 9 th August 2020	Galway, Ireland
Artistic Residency 4	April 2021	Brussels, Belgium
Performance 3	April 2021	Brussels, Belgium
Artistic Residency 5	June 2021	Timisoara, Romania
Performance 4	June 2021	Timisoara, Romania

SELECTION

Selection of the ensemble will include an audition composed of different phases where we will explore the concepts mentioned above through guided exercises. The audition will be an informal process designed to allow each participant to explore their artistic abilities in a supportive setting.

PAYMENT

A daily rate of 130 euro is provided for artists for creation and performance for a minimum of 35 days and a maximum of 40 days during the project. Travel, accommodation and daily subsistence is covered on top of this.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to send an Artistic CV, a 90 second motivational video explaining why they would like to take part in the project, and a 2-4min showreel of their previous work to their local Project Partner:

Galway Community Circus

Ireland and the United Kingdom

The Serious Road Trip Romania The Balkan Countries (Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Albania, and Greece)

Ecole De Cirque De Bruxelles Mainland Europe, excluding the Balkan Countries

The deadline for applications is **5pm (GMT+1) on 1st December 2019**

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an audition workshop with the Artistic Team in Brussels on **11th and 12th January 2020**.

For more information or to apply, please contact the Project Co-ordinator for your local Project Partner:

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'Wires Crossed: Head, Heart, Balance' is funded by Creative Europe and will focus on the artistic development of funambulism. Led by Ecole De Cirque De Bruxelles, the project will run from 2019 - 2022 and include the formation of a new professional funambulism ensemble who will create, produce and tour new funambulism work.

A key objective of the project is to promote artistic exchanges between professional artists and amateur performers. The ensemble will create a core artistic piece that will tour to different locations. In the run up to each performance, the ensemble will work in partnership with local amateurs to create additional elements which will then be combined with the core piece to create a unique, site-specific performance.

The work will premier as part of the funambulism spectacle for the Galway 2020 ECOC in August 2020 before touring to other locations across Europe, including a performance as part of the Timisoara ECOC 2021.

Between January 2020 and August 2021, the ensemble will work with the project's Artistic Team to devise the new work during creative residencies in Romania, Belgium and Ireland. The Artistic Team is made up of Performance Director Sergi Ots Gil, Choreographer Mariona Moya, Artistic Director Vincent Wauters and Technical Manager Bruno Frenette.

ABOUT WIRES CROSSED

'Wires Crossed' is a 6-year project set to promote physical and mental wellbeing, safe risk-taking and social inclusion through the art funambulism - wirewalking using a balancing pole. Running since 2017 through a partnership of 10 European Youth and Social Circus Schools, Wires Crossed is training people of all ages and backgrounds from across Europe to walk the tightwire through a large-scale public engagement programme. Participants will experience funambulism's empowering, transformative effect, and together we will cross wires to foster healthier communities as we strive toward a more balanced Europe.

Wires Crossed is one of the anchor projects of the Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture programme and will include the production of Europe's largest and most ambitious funambulism spectacle. In August 2020, 400 people of various ages, walks of life, cultures, nationalities and abilities will come together to take part in a crossing of the River Corrib and Claddagh Basin in Galway, Ireland on highwires over a continual period of 2020 minutes.

