

Program modifications for 2019

Dear Friends,

Ten years ago the Cole Foundation launched its programme “Intercultural Conversations- Conversations Interculturelles” with a goal of supporting theatre to encourage a better understanding and greater social harmony amongst the various cultural communities of Montreal. Since its inception we are very proud to have committed over \$2.7 Million to more than 200 projects. More importantly we have confidence that our funding, through production, commissioning and translation grants, has impacted our *Intercultural Conversations* in a meaningful way.

We recently had the pleasure of working closely with an esteemed colleague, Claude des Landes. Claude undertook to assess our programme, reaching out to many of you for feedback regarding both successes and challenges. Based on Claude’s analysis and recommendations, we are pleased to implement two programme modifications on *a pilot basis* for 2019-2020:

- 1) Introduction of a second competition, with submission deadlines now in both September and April
- 2) A new grant category to finance “Talk-Backs”

Please see our website (<http://colefoundation.ca/community/>) for details and to apply. We are hopeful that these modifications to our programme will have a positive impact, and look forward to reviewing the results in the Spring of 2020 to determine if these initiatives should be implemented on a permanent basis.

We would like to thank Claude for his valued work and insight, and are delighted at the positive results of his survey.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the Montreal theatre community in this important initiative.

Barry Cole
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