



## Call for Palestinian Artists

### WELCOME TO THE FRINGE

Welcome to the Fringe is a new initiative by British playwright David Grieg to introduce Palestinian artists to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. As part of the Festival, Palestinian artists are invited to participate in a programme of performances taking place at the Forest Fringe on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.

This activity will comprise a mixture of live shows and live-screened performances of Palestinian artists running alongside discussions and social events.

The concept is to provide an eclectic, exciting and varied mix of small scale work of all genres from Palestine. We are looking for performers of any type, but are especially interested in small scale acts presenting music, theatre, storytelling, dance, hip-hop, poetry, drama and stand-up comedy that can be performed by one or two performers with basic props and equipment. Ideally, the show should fit in a suitcase.

The Palestinian artists will present their performances on Sunday 23 August 2015. Part of the experience lies in viewing the shows of other artists and learning from artistic peers, so Welcome to the Fringe will pair each Palestinian artist with a UK artist in a 'buddy' system. This will open up Edinburgh's social and artistic networks to the visiting artists.

**Artists are expected to stay in Edinburgh during the period of 20-25 August 2015. The trip and travel costs will be covered by the project partners in the UK and Palestine.**

Welcome to the Fringe is supported by Forest Fringe, Northern Stage and The Gate Theatre in London, as well as by a very wide range of supporters from the artistic community in Edinburgh who have pledged their time and resources to the realisation of this project.

**Forest Fringe** *Forest Fringe is a community of artists making space for risk and experimentation at the Edinburgh Festival and beyond. It began in 2007 as a totally independent, not-for-profit space in the midst of the Edinburgh Festival and sought to build a community around this space in which experimentation and adventure were cherished and supported. A space that offered artists and audiences alike a different kind of opportunity – the chance to come together collectively, contributing their time and energy to make exciting, improbable, spectacular things happen.*

For more information, please visit: <http://www.forestfringe.co.uk>

**Interested applicants should fill in the application form attached and submit the required information to: [welcometothe fringe@gmail.com](mailto:welcometothe fringe@gmail.com)**

Deadline for application is 20 February 2015. The selection committee will include representatives from Palestine and the UK.

Partners in Palestine: The British Council and A.M Qattan Foundation.