



## **Volunteer Director: Sled Island Music & Arts Festival**

### **About Sled Island**

Since 2007, Sled Island's thoughtful, eclectic programming and independent spirit have fused with Calgary's youthful energy to produce a one-of-a-kind festival experience. Each June, the five-day music and arts festival brings together a community of over 250 bands, comedians, filmmakers and visual artists as well as over 30,000 attendees in more than 35 venues, transforming the city into an arts lover's paradise that has earned rave reviews from artists, fans and media across the globe.

### **Board of Directors**

We are currently seeking volunteers interested in adding their dynamic leadership qualities to our Board of Directors. The Board plays a critical role in the leadership and governance of the festival.

While we encourage applicants from a broad range of backgrounds, an effort will be made to balance the overall skills mix of the current Board by recommending individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Fundraising, community investment and sponsorships
- Finance
- Arts administration or governance
- Artists
- Legal

Previous board experience is highly valued. Additional skills of interest include the ability to develop strategic partnerships and build consensus. A passion for music and music festivals, Sled Island's unique programming, making Calgary awesome and a commitment to the role of governance is essential.

A time commitment of approximately 10 hours per month is expected throughout the year. Additional responsibilities may be required during the festival to support the staff.

### **How to apply**

We encourage interested candidates for this volunteer position to send a brief email explaining why this sounds like an opportunity you would like to explore, as well as your resume and brief biography to [board@sledisland.com](mailto:board@sledisland.com). Alternatively, you can reach out if you have any specific questions or would like to have an exploratory conversation with a member of the Board of Directors first.

Queries can be directed to Chad Saunders, Board Chair at [mr.chadsaunders@gmail.com](mailto:mr.chadsaunders@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submissions:** February 9, 2016

To learn more about Sled Island, please visit our website at [www.sledisland.com](http://www.sledisland.com).

### **Why volunteer for the Sled Island Board?**

- Be part of a music festival that's on the forefront of venue-based festivals.
- Work with an energetic board that shares a passion for supporting local artists.
- Shape the diverse music and arts landscape of Calgary.

### **Responsibilities**

- Attend regular monthly board meetings with the Executive Director.
- Manage/participate in a board committee.
- Provide governance and leadership for the festival.
- Review monthly financial statements.
- Support and participate in sponsorship and fundraising efforts.
- Clearly communicate the role of the festival and ensure that its value and contributions are understood and appreciated by all stakeholders.

### **Qualifications and skills**

The successful candidate will have:

- Passion and vision for the growth and sustainability of the festival in Calgary and the impact the festival has on the community.
- An appreciation of the festival's eclectic programming and independent spirit.
- Demonstrated understanding and experience with the fundamentals of governance and the value of board leadership to an organization undergoing growth.
- An open mind, with an ability to consider multiple and sometimes conflicting points of view in finding solutions.
- High ethical standards.
- Awareness of community issues that impact the festival and the role of the festival in the community.
- Ability to network, collaborate and engage with a variety of stakeholders.