



OUR  
SPACE IS  
SPOKEN  
FOR

# CREATIVE SPECIALISTS

**Twin Cities Media Alliance (TCMA)** equips people, organizations with the power of media arts to shape narratives that advance equity and justice. Our work invests in helping people become bold storytellers and creating spaces for bold storytelling that centers the lived experiences of people on the margins and shifts what is perceived possible for our collective future.

**TCMA is now accepting applications for Creative Specialists for its media arts project Our Space Is Spoken For.**

Our Space is a multidisciplinary public art storytelling project, produced by TCMA, where BIPOC artists work in teams to adapt and publicly perform St. Paul BIPOC residents' stories—who we call community storytellers—in spaces inherent to their stories. The process to create Our Space is documented by film, including the actual

performances, and publicly screened in December 2021.

With the many kinds of changes in movement that have occurred in our communities from COVID-19 to the murder of George Floyd, the Our Space 2021 theme is movement, defined as a change or development of the way one moves in terms of physicality, one's mind, socially, in community, and well-being.

**To learn more about Our Space—including watching the inaugural Our Space documentary film—visit [ourspacespoken.com](https://ourspacespoken.com).**

As creative specialists, you will use your expertise to support Our Space artists in enacting and amplifying their vision of their public art performances. Scope of work may range from simple consulting to building and technical assistance. Hours may vary but will be compensated accordingly.

## ABOUT YOU

We're looking for a skilled, "yes, and..." collaborator who understands how to serve in a supportive role. You have experience working with BIPOC artists and communities, are collaborative and curious, and possess high attention to detail and superior project management skills. You can commit to attending day-of Our Space artists' performances, set up and strike, rehearsals and relevant production meetings for the artists teams you are working with.

We're looking for Creative Specialists from any background in these areas:

**Costume design**

**Makeup Artists**

**Theatrical/Performance movement**

**Lighting design**

**Sound design**

**Projection artist**

**Set construction**

**Prop fabrication**

**Movement specialists**

**Vocal coaches**

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# PROCESS

After you submit your application, we will review your application and notify all candidates on their stance, regardless if they're moving forward or not. For those moving to the interview phase, we will conduct a Zoom interview the week of June 21st.

If selected as a 2021 Our Space creative specialist, you will be added to a roster with at most one other person listed under your stated creative discipline. Our Space artists will use this roster to select creative specialists who they will utilize in the development and creation of their public art performance piece. *Inclusion on the roster does not guarantee selection by an Our Space artist team.*

Selected Creative Specialists will be invited to participate in a panel discussion and skills showcase for Our Space Artists throughout the month of July. This skills showcase is to show the artists the capacity of what you do, and help them imagine where they can take their performances with your help.

If paired with an artist team, technical work will primarily take place August - September.

## COMPENSATION

Creative Specialists will receive a stipend of up to \$1200 per artist team, depending on scope of the work (to be negotiated upon hiring).

# HOW TO APPLY

Please email [hello@tcmediaalliance.org](mailto:hello@tcmediaalliance.org) with the subject line: **Our Space 2021 Creative Specialist Application** with the following information and materials:

**1** Name and basic contact information

**2** Bio

**3** Resume or statement of work (no more than two pages, this can include past work and notable related accomplishments)

**4** 3-5 Work Samples (links to videos, PNG or JPEG files for images; please do not submit video files.)

**5** In your email, please note the primary creative specialist area that you are submitting your candidacy for (e.g., makeup artist, costume designer, lighting design). If you have more than one area of expertise in the creative specialist categories, please indicate a secondary option. Note, your application materials should also demonstrate experience in your secondary area.

Application is open until filled. We'll start reviewing applications **Friday, June 18, 2021.**

If you have questions regarding the Creative Specialist call, please reach out to **Amelia Palacios at [amelia@tcmediaalliance.org](mailto:amelia@tcmediaalliance.org).**

*Twin Cities Media Alliance is an equal opportunity employer committed to working with people who reflect our values and mission. We encourage submissions from candidates who identify as Black, Indigenous/Native American, people of color, or other historically marginalized communities.*