



CULTURAL CONSULTANT, RUBY SLIPPERS THEATRE

Ruby Slippers Theatre is hiring a Cultural Consultant for its upcoming production of *Dil Ka* by Lee Nisar, co-presented by Blackout Arts Theatre Society, at Presentation House Theatre March 22 – 31, 2024.

Mission and Vision:

Ruby Slippers Theatre's mission is to illuminate underrepresented perspectives and inspire independent critical thought by giving voice to diverse artists from across Canada, including significant Québec works in English translation. Ruby Slippers Theatre's vision is a world where diversity is celebrated through a deeper understanding of each other, and fundraising initiatives will be designed and directed to create opportunities for under-represented communities, such as the IBPOC community, through the Advance Theatre Festival, Mentorship, and main stage programming. "Diversity" includes all cultural backgrounds, orientations, ages, identities, and abilities.

A staged reading of *Dil Ka* was part of Ruby Slippers Theatre's Advance Theatre Festival in 2022. The script received a development workshop presentation in 2023. More information about the upcoming mainstage production in 2024 can be found here: <https://www.rubyslippers.ca/dil-ka/>

Collaborates with: Director Tricia Trinh and Playwright Lee Nisar; Cast and Creative Team

Classification: Term Contract / Hourly;

- From Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2024: 3 days per week during rehearsal
- From Mar 4 – 15, 2024: 2 days per week during rehearsal
- From Mar 18 - 22, 2024: 3 days per week during rehearsal

Project Dates:

- Rehearsal: February 26, 2024 - March 21, 2024
- Performance: March 22, 2024 - March 31, 2024 [10 Performances, 1 Invited Tech/Dress]

Remuneration: \$25.00/hr / contract term; approximately 60 hour contract (up to a maximum of 80 hours)

Please complete the online Google Application Form and upload your cover letter and resume by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on Thursday, February 22, 2024: <https://bit.ly/RST-CC>

Please direct inquiries about the position to: grace@rubyslippers.ca or alison@rubyslippers.ca

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Position Overview:

The Cultural Consultant works most closely with the Director and Playwright of Ruby Slippers Theatre's production of Dil Ka. This is a hybrid position working in a combination of online meetings/attendance, as well as in person, on location. The script meeting and rehearsal attendance described above, includes attendance by the consultant at 2-3 run throughs, tech, dress rehearsal, and the preview performance. The consultant is also expected to be available via email as questions and discussions may arise.

Responsibilities:

Provide consultation to the Director and Playwright (and Performers as applicable) on:

- Urdu language translation and pronunciation
- Muslim religious practice and lived experience
- Pakistani/Northern Indian lived experience
- Cultural influences on family dynamics
- Cooking traditions and history, particularly biryani
- Ideally, queer lived experience (not a requirement)

Knowledge and Experience:

- Feminist-forward framework
- Sensitivity to the intersectionality of cultural, religious, generational, and gender identity and expression when facilitating communication and dialogue
- Lived experience that speaks to the role's consulting responsibilities
- Ideally, some professional cultural consulting experience in a theatre environment or elsewhere
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills
- Understanding of the British Columbia arts community