



## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Creative Residencies 2026 Flying Fruit Fly Circus and Circus Centre Melbourne**

Flying Fruit Fly Circus is pleased to invite submissions from emerging and established circus artists and artistic teams to be part of the 2026 *Under Construction* residency program across 2 locations:

**Flying Fruit Fly Circus 605 Hovell St, Albury NSW**  
and  
**Circus Centre Melbourne 50 Perry St, Collingwood VIC**

**Submissions will close at 5pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025.**

No applications will be accepted after this time.

Under Construction supports circus artists in Australia to develop and perform original physical theatre and circus works. It provides space and time for creative development in a supportive and like-minded environment.

### **Eligibility**

Albury: Under Construction is open to individuals or groups living in Australia with an independent arts practice in circus or physical theatre.

Melbourne: Under Construction is open to individuals or groups living in Victoria with an independent arts practice in circus or physical theatre.

**All residencies in this round must be completed by 30 June 2026.** A second round will be opened in early 2026 for the second half of the year.

### **Selection Criteria**

Consideration will be given to:

- The idea (*is it interesting, innovative, bold?*)
- The proposed use of time for creative development
- The track record and/or quality of the artists involved
- The benefit of the residency to the advancement of your project and/or careers
- The future potential of the project

## **Under Construction Residency - FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS, Albury**

### **What we offer:**

- \$5,000 cash towards expenses, and in-kind support of up to \$5,000
- Two weeks access to the Flying Fruit Fly Circus (FFFC) rehearsal facilities and equipment
- Free accommodation in our Circus House (4 bedrooms), a five-minute walk from FFFC, subject to negotiation of dates
- Advice, feedback and mentorship from the FFFC team
- Basic technical support for a work-in-progress showing or performance in the Borderville Theatre

### **What you offer:**

- A contribution to our FFFC community and young artists through skills sharing, knowledge and experience
- One informal showing or artists talk about your work to the FFFC community (staff, students and invited guests) during your residency, or a ticketed performance\*, to be negotiated
- Your positive creative energy

\*Ticketed performances will be on a door split agreement, with a \$500 guarantee to the artist.

### **Additional Information**

- Residencies are scheduled to use the spaces available at FFFC around the full-time training program. Subject to your technical requirements, spaces may change at different times throughout your residency.
- FFFC has limited technical and circus equipment that may be available for each residency subject to negotiation. Artists are responsible for organising any additional specific equipment.
- Our artist accommodation is comprised of two units. Each unit has two bedrooms with queen beds, one bathroom, kitchen, lounge room with pull out sofa bed, and laundry. Each unit can comfortably accommodate two adults or couples.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide Public Liability Insurance covering all artists on site for the residency and may be required to provide relevant Working With Children Checks.
- Travel to Albury is accessible by plane, train, bus, and car. It is located 3.5 hours from Melbourne and Canberra, and 5.5 hours from Sydney by car.

## **Under Construction Residency - CIRCUS CENTRE MELBOURNE**

What we offer:

- Two weeks access to agreed space and equipment at Circus Centre Melbourne (CCM) rehearsal facilities and equipment
- Advice, feedback and mentorship from the CCM team

What you offer:

- One informal showing or artists talk about your work to the CCM community (staff, artists and invited guests) during your residency
- Your positive creative energy

### **Additional Information**

- Residencies are scheduled to use the spaces available at CCM. Subject to your technical requirements, spaces may change at different times throughout your residency.
- CCM has limited technical and circus equipment that may be available for each residency subject to negotiation. Artists are responsible for organising any additional specific equipment.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide Public Liability Insurance covering all artists on site for the residency.

### **All Applications**

- Support material must include artist biographies and can include a URL to past work
- Applicants will be notified of assessment outcomes by Monday 18 August 2025
- Applicants are encouraged to talk through their applications with us before submitting. We are available up to 5pm Monday 4 August. You can request a meeting (in person, by phone or Zoom) by emailing [residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au](mailto:residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au)

### **Access and Support**

We encourage anyone who needs specific services, support or would like to discuss how they can fully engage with the application process or residency program to contact us on 02 6043 0777 or email [residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au](mailto:residencies@fruitflycircus.com.au)

This includes those who may need an alternative to the linked application form below (eg. word document application) or 1:1 support to complete the form.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Please apply for **Under Construction** using this [APPLICATION LINK](#)

**Applications must be received no later than 5pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025.**

If you are unwell or experience an unexpected interruption that means you will not be able to meet the closing deadline, please get in touch to discuss an extension.

If you do not receive email acknowledgement within two working days, please contact us to ensure that your application has been received.