

# THEMATIC CONTENT GUIDELINES & BEST PRACTICES



THEATRE FESTIVAL  
5 & DIME • AUG. 21 & 22, 2021

The 5 & Dime is an organization that emphasizes social awareness and allyship in practice and in craft. We are in the ongoing process of holding ourselves accountable to these initiatives and invite our collaborators to do the same in their own work.

We celebrate, are working toward, and strive for INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, and ACCESSIBILITY in our practices and in the content we produce. We hold anti-racism, anti-sexism, anti-ableism, anti-homophobia, and mandatory explicit consent as core operational values.

Content submitted for the festival will be reviewed by a committee. Proposals we deem inconsistent with our company values will not be considered. These values are not about censorship but rather about striving for equity and justice in the arts and beyond. We will not consider and do not tolerate pieces *glorifying* any of the following:

- Hate-speech of any kind.
  - Rants.
  - Cultural incompetence, (mis)appropriation and/or misrepresentation.
  - Mockery of and/or reductive approaches to the representation of historically marginalized and underrepresented communities.
    - This includes but is not limited to race, gender, disability, and sexuality.
  - Weapons, violence and assault.
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- We support courageous and radical creative arts expression. We support bold and intellectually/emotionally provocative choices. Sometimes images akin to the above are deployed in the spirit of personal healing, activism, and social justice. In the event that an artist's work experiments with **radical social justice initiatives through theatricalized versions of the above mentioned imagery**, a member of our team may contact you for additional information/conversation to ensure that we can accommodate the demands of the piece at this time.
  - For the purposes of the vSAS-2021 fest, **we discourage the use of gratuitous nudity and/or explicit depictions of sex acts**. If an artist feels this imagery is essential to their story/piece, we invite them to contact a member of our team for more specific conversation on their pitch.
  - If our committee believes in the potential of your proposal but also notices it engages with particular imagery/topics problematically, we may reach out to you with the opportunity to **revise and resubmit**.
  - The 5 & Dime **does not tolerate plagiarism** of any kind. If your piece draws-from, sources, and/or adapts the existing ideas, material, and conversations of others, explicit consent to use those contents should be acquired and those sources should be named and credited. In the instances of adapting material in the public domain/public record, materials should be referenced/cited accordingly.

- It is the responsibility of each submission team to obtain consent forms/media releases for all participants in their project and acknowledge this has been completed by signing the CONSENT STATEMENT on your submission form. If your project includes **minors**, you are responsible for obtaining the consent of legal guardians whenever necessary.
- The 5 & Dime reserves the right to pull any piece from consideration/programming lineup at any point for any reason.