

Transcript-Intro Video for General Call For Artists

Derek Kwan: Hello! My name is Derek Kwan, my sign name is a D-handshape with an index finger pointing at my cheek. I am the new Artistic Director of Common Boots Theatre. I am a 40-ish, East Asian man. And right now I am signing in ASL, at the same time on the screen are open captions, a transcript is available, and my voice is recorded and overlaid on this video.

Welcome! Common Boots is holding a General Call For Artists and I would like to meet you! We are particularly interested in meeting theatre artists who are interested in physical theatre, clown, mask, puppetry, sound-led theatre, and sensory theatre who are based in Toronto, and Ontario. We especially want to meet artists who come from underrepresented, marginalized, and overlooked communities. This could mean gender diversity, race or ethnicity, neurodiversity, physical disability, Deaf, Blind, or other identities and intersections.

This General Call For Artists is an opportunity for us to meet the community of artists, outside of the constraints of casting for a project. So we would like to learn about you, your art, and your talents. We also want to remove as many barriers as possible. There are a number of options to submit your application, however if you have other access needs or require assistance, please contact us at: **submissions@commonbootstheatre.ca**. For full details, see the General Call For Artists.

Thank you and I hope to meet you soon! Bye for now!

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(Common Boots audio sting)