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**International Performing Arts for Youth (IPAY)
Jim Rye Fellowship Application – Showcase 2012**

About the Jim Rye Fellowship (formerly called Jim Rye Scholarship)

The International Performing Arts for Youth's Jim Rye Fellowship offers an outstanding opportunity for graduate students to be involved with the inner workings of a major performing arts for young audiences conference. After a competitive application and review process, Jim Rye fellows are provided with a year long membership in IPAY as well as Showcase conference registration. In addition, mentors with experience in the student's field of interest help the scholar navigate the conference and facilitate the student's introduction to other professionals in the field, allowing them important networking opportunities.

In return, the fellows provide valuable assistance to the conference organizers, helping the conference run smoothly by providing help as needed, taking on projects such as assisting with registration, serving as liaison with artists, conducting audience surveys, working the IPAY booth and serving as reporters or recorders for educational sessions and discussions.

The late Jim Rye was the Artistic Director of the Birmingham Children's Theatre. Jim served on the Showcase Committee for many years, his company performed and exhibited, and he served as a mentor for many up and coming professionals in the field. We honor him by supporting the up and comers in today's ever expanding field of performing arts for young people.

2009 Fellow Amanda Kibler says about her experience as a Jim Rye Fellow:

IPAY changed the course of my career more than I ever expected when I first attended Showcase in Tampa in 2008. There I discovered the power of international theater and the excitement of what is happening around the world. I also found a community of people excited to talk to grad students both in the Exhibitor Hall and around the entire conference, people who went out of their way to chat with me and check in to see how I was doing. After that first year, I was inspired to apply to be a Jim Rye fellow to make even stronger connections throughout the Showcase. As a Fellow, I felt empowered to approach even more artists and presenters. Sitting down over dinner or right after a performance, I engaged in deep meaningful conversation that challenged my assumptions and empowered me to voice my opinions. I have continued many of the connections I made at Showcase, reconnecting at festivals and conferences. As a Jim Rye Fellow, I felt (and still feel) surrounded and supported by a unique group of TYA professionals from around the world.

About IPAY

International Performing Arts for Youth [IPAY] is the premiere membership organization in the world today servicing and supporting the professional community of performing arts for young audiences. Our membership is comprised of a growing worldwide network of artists, producers, presenters, agents, educators and students that are dedicated and involved in producing, presenting and promoting all forms of theatre, music, dance, circus, puppetry and more. We share best practices and industry resources, provide an annual community meeting place, and stimulate international dialogue and collaboration. IPAY is a bridge that brings together creative expression with business practicality, critical responsiveness and professional development.



Jim Rye Fellowship Application – Showcase 2012

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

University Affiliation _____

– Degree Pursuing _____

Have you ever attended Showcase? ____ Yes ____ No

Are you available to attend the upcoming Showcase conference from Jan 18-21, 2012, in full?
____ Yes ____ No

If no, please describe the conflict:

I understand that the fellowship offers a one year membership to IPAY, and covers registrations fees to Showcase 2012. Hotel and travel costs are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient(s). ____ Yes ____ No

Please note: Rye Fellows will be required to attend a new member orientation and a first time Showcase attendee orientation on Wednesday morning, January 18.

Please address the following questions in no more than two (2) pages:

- Why are you interested in becoming a Jim Rye Fellow?
- What area(s) of the performing arts for youth interest you the most and why?
- What are your career aspirations and how can this opportunity help you to achieve them?
- What skills will you bring to the IPAY Showcase as a Jim Rye Fellow?

*Submit completed application along with resume to:
Fax: 267-519-3343 Post: 1417 North 2nd Street, Studio 24 Philadelphia, PA 19122*

Application deadline is December 1, 2011. Applications must be received by close of the business day at 5PM EST.

I have read and understand the conditions of the application for the Jim Rye Fellowship.

Signature Date

