

Monday, December 8, 2025

WestFest 2026 TOP FLOOR Application Now Open!

Company: WestFest Dance Festival

Location: New York, NY

Compensation: \$250 performance stipend in appreciation of your work

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Photography by Alexander Berg; Choreography by Dylan Richmond.

Calling Choreographers! Applications for WestFest Dance Festival's TOP FLOOR program are now open! Application Deadline: January 9, 2025. **Apply by Dec 15 for an early submission discount**

WestFest: Top Floor 2026 presents two programs of visionary artists at The Kitchen's Westbeth location: a historic 3,000+ square foot loft space with 25 windows overlooking the Hudson River. Stepping away from our traditional proscenium venue, this year's program invites artists to share work for an immersive three-sided audience within a loft environment. Complete with old wood floors and soaring ceilings, the space will be professionally lit to create an intimate and atmospheric performance experience. Selected artists will present an up-to 8-minute piece—new or adapted—across three shared performances.

THE VENUE: Top Floor will take place in the historic 4th-floor loft at The Kitchen's Westbeth location (163B Bank Street).

Please note the following considerations:

- Thrust-style seating with audience on three sides
- Limited but intentional set lighting
- No wings; offstage entrances and exits; no hidden crossover
- Performance area: 19 ft wide × 25 ft deep
- Uneven hardwood floors (no marley)

Upon acceptance, artists will have an opportunity to view the performance space.

This venue is different from Top Floor's typical home—expect a distinctive, intimate, and atmospheric setting.

THE PROCESS & TIMELINE:

Each artist will have the opportunity to show a new or adapted work (8 minutes max) in two nights and one matinee of shared performance.

Tech Rehearsal: 30-minute tech slot assigned between Mon-Tues, March 16-17 (*Exact time shared upon acceptance*)

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 18 (*Exact time shared upon acceptance*)

Performances:

Program A: Thurs, March 19 at 7 PM, and Sat, March 21 at 4 & 7 PM

Program B: Fri, March 20 at 7 PM and Sun, March 22 at 4 & 7 PM

SELECTED TOP FLOOR ARTISTS WILL RECEIVE:

- FREE production costs
- Professionally captured and edited photos
- Performance video
- Dedicated social media post and promotions on all WestFest platforms

- \$250 performance stipend in appreciation of your work

APPLICATION:

Early Bird Submission Deadline - December 26, 2025: \$25

**Additional \$5 off (total \$20) for early submission by December 15!*

Regular Submission Deadline - January 9, 2026: \$35

[Click HERE](#) for more information and to apply!

With any questions, reach out to info@westfestdance.com.

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