



Ellen Stewart International Award
Deadline postpone: OCTOBER 27, 2017

**Due to a technical problem in the web site, the deadline of the
Ellen Stewart International Award is postpone to OCTOBER 27, 2017.**

The **Ellen Stewart International** is an **award** given to an individual theatre artist or theatre company **who's work promotes social change, and community participation with a particular focus on the engagement of young people.**

Named for La MaMa founder **Ellen Stewart**, **The International Award** celebrates her remarkable lifetime achievements in the theatre and her dedication to creating a **world theatre which embraces all traditions and cultural identities.** Through the theatre, countless younger people were inspired by Ellen Stewart as artists and generators of personal and social change. With the support of the [ITI \(International Theatre Institute\)](#), [La MaMa New York and Italy](#), and the [Spoleto Festival of 2 Worlds](#), the recipient of The Ellen Stewart International will attend the ITI World Congress, receive an artistic residency at La MaMa Umbria to create a new work, and the financial and production support to present the new work at the **Spoleto Festival of 2 Worlds.**

Approximately ten (10) artists/ companies will be nominated by an [International Executive Committee](#). An [Honorary Committee](#) provides advice and support for the Award process. **Online profiles** will be created of the 10 shortlisted artists/companies to assure a wide international dissemination of their work. Through a participatory process, people can express their vote and endorsement. The final winner will be determined by the expert deliberations of the International Executive Committee taking into consideration the online consultations involving the extended communities.

Candidates can come from **any country/community in the world**. Candidates must exhibit **excellence and major achievements in the areas of socially-engaged theatre with youth involvement**. We are looking for as diverse an array of candidates as possible. Candidates should be available to spend a residency during the summer of 2018 at La MaMa Umbria in Spoleto, Italy.

Criteria for Ellen Stewart International Award:

- 1 Must be engaged in a practice that **uses performance as a means for social change, particularly with youth**.
- 2 The artist(s) who wins this honor **uses theatre as a mechanism for inspiring young people** to understand others so they can make a positive contribution to their community.
- 3 The winner must have a demonstrated commitment to **engaging communities through live performance** toward improving conditions in the society.
- 4 Must have at **least 5 years of experience** in engaging communities through theatrical performance, training and/or teaching.
- 5 Must be an individual or company who would commit to a Residency at La MaMa Umbria International during the **summer, 2018**.
- 6 Must have the support of three prominent members of the world theatre/performance community, whose letters are included in the Proposal.

7 Must be able to demonstrate how winning the Award will help the artist or company continue its work toward socially engaged performance, as exemplified by the art and work of Ellen Stewart.

What the Awardee Receives:

1 **Two weeks residency** at the world-famous artist residence: **La MaMa Umbria International in Spoleto**, Italy. La MaMa Umbria provides accommodation, meals and support for the development of a new or continuing project

2 The new project/performance will have its **premiere** at the famous **Spoleto Festival of 2 Worlds**.

3 Cash award in support to the project.

4 Presentation of the Award at a highly visible ceremony before an international audience with extensive press coverage.

5 Invitation to participate in International Theatre Institute's Congress.

To Nominate an Artist or Company:

1 Fill out the Application in English and email it to: estewartaward@gmail.com by **OCTOBER 27, 2017**.

2 Include **3 References letter**, including contact information for each.

3 Include **complete CV**

4 Press clippings, video, and other support materials that would strengthen the application (All documentation must be in digital form, accessible online)

Nominations may come from anywhere in the world.

[Download the Application Form](#)

More

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Festival dei 2Mondi

Is one of the most important cultural event in Italy and Europe, with a three-week schedule of music, theatre and dance performances each year from end of June to middle July.

[Link Festival](#)



**La MaMa ETC New York / La
MaMa Umbria (IT)**

Ellen Stewart founded La MaMa in 1961, dedicated to the artist and all aspects of the theatre. And in 1990 founded the Artistic Residency La MaMa Umbria in Spoleto.

[Link La MaMa](#)

