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COVID 19 - ARTISTS SUPPORT PLAN 2021

Production of Short Stories

GUIDELINES

1. Project Description

The Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage in line with the Covid-19 Artist Support Plan 2021 is proposing to provide a financial support to local authors through the production of Short Stories.

The collections of Short Stories will be compiled and published in the form of a “*Recueil Littéraire*” and displayed in the Centres de Lecture et d'Animation Culturelle and will also be used for the promotion of Mauritius as a cultural destination on inbound and outbound Air Mauritius flights.

A Financial assistance of Rs 10,000/- will be granted to an eligible applicant for the short story based on any of the below themes.

2. Themes

The short stories may be in any language written and spoken in the Republic of Mauritius based on the proposed themes below:

- *Linite/ Solidarite / Lape*
- *Listwar nou bann zanset*
- *Listwar lil Moris*
- *Kiltir Morisien*
- *Metie lokal*
- *Lakwizinn Morisien*
- *Progre sosial ek / ou swa lekonomi Moris depi lindepandans*
- *Lepep Morisien*
- *Ko-abitasion pliri-etnik Morisien*

3. Conditions

The following conditions are applicable:

- (a) Applicant should be of Mauritian Nationality and 18 years old/or above;
- (b) The support plan is applicable only to artists who are either registered with the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage or with the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA). Failure to provide any of these certificates will lead to non-approval of the application;

- (a) Participation is opened to any local author who has published a book/novel/collection of poem/collection of short stories during the last five (5) years;
- (b) Priority will be given to Citizens of the Republic of Mauritius who have resided in Mauritius for a period of at least 1 year preceding the application date;
- (c) Only one submission is allowed per author;
- (d) The short stories can be in any language spoken and written in the Republic of Mauritius based on any of the above themes and should contain a minimum of 3000 and a maximum of 5000 words;
- (e) The short stories will be reproduced in a “recueil littéraire” and will be the property of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and the Ministry reserves the right to make use of the works for promotional purposes;
- (f) The author hereby agrees to amendments, if any, being suggested by the proof readers. The amendments will be brought to the attention of the author accordingly;
- (g) Application not made on the prescribed form or incomplete application will not be accepted;
- (h) The Ministry shall at no point in time be responsible for any copyright infringement made by the applicant;
- (i) The Ministry reserves the right to award assistance only to the compliant applications;
- (j) The Ministry reserves the right to accept or refuse any application and such decision shall be final and irrevocable.

4. The following projects will not be eligible for application:

- (a) Short stories which: -
 - (i) erode the moral values of society;
 - (ii) serve to create conflict or misunderstanding in our multicultural society;
 - (iii) are controversial in terms of politics and social issue;
 - (iv) is inconsistent or in contravention with public defence, public safety, public order, public health and public morality;
- (b) Short stories which have been submitted to the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage as part of the Covid-19 Action Plan 2020.

5. Documents to be submitted together with the Application Form:

- (i) Copy of National Identity Card of the applicant;
- (ii) A hard and soft copy in pdf format of the manuscript;
- (iii) Copy of registration certificate from the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage and/or the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA);
- (iv) CV and list of published book(s)/ novel(s) by the applicant.

6. Application Form

Application forms may be collected from the Artists Desk of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, 1st Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Pope Hennessy and Maillard Streets, Port Louis. The application can also be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage: <http://culture.govmu.org>.

The Project name: **Short Stories** should be clearly marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

7. Closing Date

Application forms should reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, 1st Floor, Documentation Unit, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Jules Koenig & Pope Hennessy Streets, Port Louis by Friday **18 JUNE 2021**.

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