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2027 MSE Cohorts

Application Submission and Program Calendar

Sept 1 – Oct 1, 2026	Makers Space Experience Open Application Period
Sept 8, 2026 5:30 – 6:30pm MT	Makers Space Experience Informational Webinar (Optional) Click Here to Register
Oct 1, 2026 5:00pm MT	Deadline for Application submissions
Oct 30, 2026	All applicants will be notified of their application results <i>NOTE: If you do not see an email from Keshet regarding the status of your application by October 30, 2026 please check your spam, or reach out to us. ALL applicants will receive correspondence.</i>
Nov 13, 2026	Deadline for MSE acceptance confirmation and completion of related program participation paperwork and background checks by selected Makers
Jan 28 – Feb 7, 2027 Sat, Feb 6, 2027	MSE Residency Period – Cohort 1 Choreographers' Showcase Performance (participation optional)
July 22 – Aug 1, 2027 Sat, July 31, 2027	MSE Residency Period – Cohort 2 Choreographers' Showcase Performance (participation optional)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is eligible/not eligible to apply for the Makers Space Experience?

Eligible applicants:

- 21 years of age or older
- Have NOT been part of the Keshet Makers Space Experience in the past five years (2022-2026 participants).
 - NOTE: If you were an artist brought in by a previous maker during this time period, but not the actual applicant, you are eligible to apply.
- Individuals interested in participating in a community cohort.
 - If you are looking for a residency in which you are primarily doing work away from the studio/cohort setting, this is not the right residency for you.
- Artists interested in utilizing their art form / artistic practice / artistic voice to make a positive impact. We are interested in the many ways one can define and approach “positive impact.”
- Artists who can commit to the full 10-day cohort.

Non-eligible applicants:

- Under 21 years old
- Has been a “maker” in the Keshet Makers Space Experience in the past five years (2022-2026 participants).
 - If you were an artist brought in by a previous maker during this time period, but not the actual applicant, you are still eligible to apply.
- Applicants who are unable to commit to the full 10-day cohort time period (i.e. if your schedule does not allow for you to arrive for the orientation period, or if you would need to depart the cohort early for another engagement, this would not be the year to apply).

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of time I need to commit to in order to participate in the Makers Space Experience?

Yes. The Makers Space Experience is a 10-day residency period. In order to participate, you must be able to commit to the full 10-day residency period.

INCLUDING the Orientation Dinner on the first night of the residency period.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Cohort Dates: Jan 28-Feb 7 & July 22-Aug 1, 2027

- Must be able to begin programming with orientation on Thursday, January 28 (Cohort 1) or Thursday, July 22 (Cohort 2) at 6:00pm, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Must be able to participate through the final wrap-up events on Saturday, February 6, with plans to depart on Sunday, February 7 (Cohort 1) or Saturday, July 31 with plans to depart on Sunday, August 1 (Cohort 2).

How are artists selected for the MSE?/ How do you determine which artists you select?

Each application is reviewed by our selection committee using the following rubric. Scores are totaled and the selection committee uses the cumulative scores in a facilitated discussion review process to select the final cohorts.

We recommend reviewing this rubric as you complete your application so you can get a sense of what the reviewers are interested in learning from your application.

Due to the volume of applications, Keshet is unable to provide individual feedback on scoring at this time.

1. Followed directions <i>Please note that the Google Form does not auto word count, so the applicant is responsible for adhering to the stated word count, if applicable.</i>	0-10 points
2. Use of studio space <i>Is the applicant clear about what they will use the studio space for, and that space use/access is an important/helpful part of this residency? Will the space be used for project development, movement exploration, deepening of process, etc.?</i>	0-10 points
3. Timing/why now <i>Applicant is clear on how NOW is an important/meaningful time for this residency for the applicant (personally, career trajectory, etc)?</i>	0-15 points
4. Program fit <i>Does the applicant's work, approach, and application reflect why they believe Keshet & the Makers Space Experience is the right fit for them at this point in their career?</i>	0-15 points
5. Community orientation <i>Does the applicant prioritize community engagement in their work? Does the application demonstrate the applicant's connection with their community or intentional engagement with the community?</i>	0-15 points
6. Arts business classes <i>Applicant ranked all offerings of Keshet Arts Business Classes</i>	0-10 points

7. Quality and Intentionality of work samples The applicant's work samples and descriptions accompanying each sample highlight how their current work supports their application.	0-10 points
8. Cohort model <i>Is the applicant at a moment in their career where they are open and available to new ideas and new experiences in a cohort/community setting?</i>	0-15 points
	Total 0-100 points

How many Makers will you be selecting?

Each MSE cohort period consists of up to 6 makers (or maker “groups”). Makers should clarify in their application if they are applying as individual artists or a team of multiple artists who plan on sharing rehearsal space.

- PLEASE NOTE: Keshet provides housing resources in the form of one room per application. If more than one maker is coming as part of this application, you will either want to be comfortable sharing a room with that person/s. Or will want to plan to secure housing options at your own expense for these individuals.

What is the living situation during the MSE?

Housing is included as a part of the MSE. Keshet is currently undergoing exciting construction and renovations to build dorm rooms for our visiting artists! Due to the timeline of our construction, 2027 MSE housing will likely be offered as a dorm room, with shared restrooms inside Keshet Center for the Arts (similar to a hostel style!). If for some reason our construction is delayed and this is not an option, Keshet will provide alternative options for housing that are within walking distance. Either option of housing will provide one room per Maker for the full residency period.

Do I need professionally created work samples?

No, your work samples can be finished works, or rehearsal footage. There is no expectation for you to have professionally created work samples for this application. We are merely interested in getting a sense of you, your aesthetic, your work, your ideas for this residency, or however you think best to use these work samples to share more about yourself, your work, your desired goals for this residency.

Video samples should be submitted via YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, or Dropbox links. If a password is required to access samples, it must be provided on this application form. Due to the volume of applications, we will not be able to reach out to you for passwords or inaccessible links, and your application will unfortunately be deemed ineligible. Samples on social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, etc. are strongly discouraged. Work samples should not be promotional videos, highlight montages, or trailer reels.

If I am bringing collaborators with me, do you provide housing for them as well?

No. You are welcome to share your room with other collaborators.

If you require additional space, you are welcome to book other lodging accommodations for your collaborators. If you choose to secure your own housing, Keshet does not provide a stipend for housing and you waive any responsibility from Keshet booking any of your housing.

Does Keshet provide dancers and/or other artistic collaborators for me to work with during my residency period?

No. Keshet does not provide dancers for your residency.

However:

- Occasionally Makers will end up working with each other in informal ways throughout the residency period.
- Occasionally Makers will reach out to dancers in the local community to work with them during their residency period
- Often Makers will bring collaborating artists with them. This is a common occurrence. It's important to note that housing should be considered for this practice as Keshet provides a single room for each Maker. Collaborators are welcome to share the hotel room if you enjoy each other's company to that level!

Am I able to bring my pets with me to this residency?

Service animals are certainly allowed at Keshet. However, other pets should be left at home.

Does Keshet provide any transportation resources for me? Related: What is public transportation like in Albuquerque?

The Makers Space Experience does not include transportation resources.

You will need to secure your own travel to/from Albuquerque. Once in Albuquerque, Keshet is approximately 10-15 minutes from the airport.

Keshet does not provide ground transportation. However, Uber and Lyft are great options for low-commitment, ground transportation needs.

You will be staying either at Keshet or in walking distance to Keshet. There are three grocery stores within walking distance (Smiths, Whole Foods, Walmart Neighborhood Market), a great local restaurant called The Daily Grind which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus Green Jeans Farmery, a community of small local restaurants, brewery, distillery, coffee shop, etc. The public transportation system here is not very robust, nor timely, so you will need to secure your own ground transportation. Some options are bike rentals, car rentals, Uber/Lyft, carpools with new Keshet friends, Rail Runner (train) for outings to Santa Fe, etc.

Do I need to pay to participate in the Makers Space Experience? And if so, how much is it?

No. However, as a reminder, Keshet does not cover the cost of travel, ground transport, food, etc. Additionally, if you have other needs while you are participating in the MSE (video, photography, editing, etc) these may be outside contracts you would negotiate separately. If you are bringing collaborators with you, housing is not provided for the collaborators (unless they are cuddling up with you in your room, which you are welcome to do!).

Is there a per diem provided? Or other financial compensation for my time?

No. The Keshet Makers Space Experience does not provide per diems or other financial compensation for participation. The 2027 Cohort periods include free studio space use, free classes, free business workshops, and for those coming from out of town – housing for one artist/Maker for the duration of the 10-day residency period.

The in-kind value of the MSE residency award can be calculated at approximately \$3,560 for a single maker. If you are bringing more than one person to your MSE, you can increase the professional development in-kind value, as this resource is provided for all participants in the MSE:

\$910	Professional Development: 8 movement classes (valued at \$20 drop in rate); and 5 business classes (valued at \$150/class)
\$1,400	Space Use – averaging 40 hours of studio space use (valued at \$35/hour)
\$1,250	Housing – 10 nights, (valued at \$125/night)
	Additional in-kind values based on your plans during the MSE:
	• For those choosing to work with our tech team and/or costumer: ◦ Lighting ◦ Costuming ◦ Tech rehearsals ◦ Theater use • For those choosing to utilize Keshet's company photographer for a fun photoshoot experience ◦ Professional photography

Do you have equipment (video, photo, sound, computers) we can use while we are there?

Keshet does not provide video equipment, sound editing equipment, photography equipment, etc.

We can also provide you with contact information of local filmmakers, sound engineers and recording studios, dance photographers, etc. with whom you can contract as you work on your project/s. We cannot guarantee their availability. Prices are set by these individual artists and all contract negotiations would be between you and them.

Can I use your computers for personal or work related use while I'm there, or should I bring my own?

It is recommended that you bring your own computer. Keshet does not provide computers for use by Makers.

Do I have access to other classes or activities at Keshet while I'm participating in the MSE?

YES! During your MSE time period, you – the maker/s (and any collaborators you bring with you) – have free access to all Keshet classes and performances. This includes Keshet Makers Space Peer-Led Classes, Keshet Community Classes, Keshet Ideas and Innovation Community Workshops (business workshops for arts entrepreneurs), and Keshet performances.

It seems like my Peer Led Class might be making money for Keshet, how come I don't receive that income?

The intent of the Makers Space Experience is to facilitate community exchange. Makers Space Classes tend to be primarily attended by your peer Makers, Keshet staff, and students from Keshet's Pre-Professional Program - *all of whom take classes for free*. While it is also marketed to general members of the community (some of whom might choose to pay for classes), in these cases, the fees received are generally quite nominal. All Keshet programming (classes and performances) are offered on a sliding scale, with a free option ensured for all participants at all times. When fees *are* received for classes, these fees support the underwriting of space and programming utilized by the Makers. The classes are structured as an opportunity for community building and exchange of knowledge.

For the peer-led classes I teach while part of the MSE, do you provide accompanists or do I need to bring music?

Keshet does not provide accompanists for your classes. Keshet has basic sound (aux cords) in all studios.

Can you tell me more about the Choreographers' Showcase and what it means if I want to participate?

February 6 and July 31, 2027, Keshet will host our community Choreographers' Showcases. Any Makers from the Cohort period are welcome to present work in the Showcase. This is NOT a required element of the MSE. You are also welcome to just come watch the show! If you choose to submit work in the show the parameters are as follows:

- No more than 9 minutes

- Can be a finished piece, a work in progress, an excerpt from a longer work, etc.
- A two-hour tech block will be provided for you to set lights, sound, etc. Whatever you can accomplish within this two-hour period will be the technical elements that will accompany your piece.
- A required full-cast tech rehearsal will take place the night before the public showcase.

If I choose to participate in the Choreographers' Showcase, do I receive any comp tickets, compensation, and/or a % of the ticket sales?

Comp tickets: All Keshet performances offer tickets on a sliding scale, with \$0 options for all tickets. Therefore, you essentially have unlimited comp tickets you can offer to people in the community who you might encounter!

Compensation/% of ticket sales: No, participating artists in the Choreographers' Showcases do not receive a percentage of ticket sales or other compensation. Any ticket sale revenue is utilized to offset production and marketing costs for the event.

If my Makers Space project is a full production I'd like to complete and premiere at Keshet, can I do that? And if so, what are the resources Keshet will/won't provide?

The cohort-based MSE is not a program in which a full production would be premiered at Keshet. However, if you would like to show an excerpt of the work within the community Choreographers' Showcase, that's fantastic! Time limits are 9 minutes, and technical capacity is limited.

If premiering a full production is something you are interested in, this would not be a good fit for the Makers Space Experience, but would be something that could be considered for Keshet's Presenting Voices Series, which is a more extensive residency program and does include the presentation of a fully-mounted production. The Presenting Voices Series has a very different curation process, and interest in participation should be discussed with Keshet staff. Other options for premiering a full work can include space rental of our space, feel free to discuss pricing options with Keshet staff.

Can you tell me more about what the schedule will look like during the 10-day residency period?

Every day includes open studio use options.

Most weekdays will include open studio time (studio space assignments will rotate through Keshet's studios of various sizes), a peer-led class (morning), and an arts business class (late afternoon).

The final weekend will vary depending on if you are participating in the Choreographers' Showcase or not.

We generally try to find a night or two to have a fun shared meal together as a community.

Often outings get planned to beautiful NM locations for fun photo shoots (usually preceded by exploring the Keshet Costume Shop for some goodies to borrow for the shoot).

This structure generates approximately 30-50 hours of individual studio use time utilized during the residency, depending on what other optional activities each Maker would like to incorporate into their experience. Historically, each maker ends up averaging about 3-6 hours of studio time per day, in addition to other activities (movement classes, business workshops, photo shoots, groups feedback time, mixers, etc).

When will I be notified about the status of my application?

Keshet will notify ALL applicants about the status of their application by October 30, 2026. If you do not see an email from us by this date, please check your spam folder! And if you still can't find anything, please email us directly at info@KeshetArts.org and we will resend your notification letter.