

Attention: Winnipeggers!

MTC is looking for short-term housing options (“billets”) for travelling Artists in our upcoming 2025-2026 season. MTC Artists require accommodations for the duration of their contracts, which range in length from 1 to 9 weeks throughout the season. If you or someone you know has a space available – OR if you are leaving town for the winter and are willing to billet your space while you are away - we could use your help!

What does a billet space look like?

- **Private** or **semi-private** apartments are highly desired (e.g. granny suite, self-contained bedroom and bathroom, separate entrance, etc.)
- A **private bedroom** in a homeowner’s home with access to a shared cooking and living space
- **Walking distance** to the theatre – ideally within 5 km, but further locations with parking spaces/bus access are needed as well
- Must have internet and basic furnishings
- Must be clean, cigarette-free and bug-free
- Bonus if there is laundry and/or parking on site

Who will be living in my space? What do they expect from me?

Actors, Stage Managers, Designers, Directors, Choreographers, Craftspeople and more travel from across Canada to work with us. These are professional Artists who will be busy at the Theatre for most of their time with you. They are simply looking for a clean, safe, and welcoming home to sleep at night. They may need some room in the fridge, but are not expecting a maid service!

What does a billet host receive?

Visiting Artists pay homeowners directly, and they are often paying for these local accommodations on top of rent or a mortgage in their hometowns. MTC is looking for community supporters to make it possible to provide affordable options that match the standard across the country:

- Private room in a shared space starting at \$200/week
- Private spaces starting at \$350/week

Additionally, MTC can offer:

- Complimentary tickets to a performance of your hosted Artist's show
- Support through the billeting process, such as arranging keys/meeting tenants on arrival; facilitating communications, and facilitating suite changeover/cleaning if you are out of town

By welcoming our Artists into your homes, you make it possible for us to continue to bring the top theatre professionals from across the country to work on our stages!

Upcoming Billeting Needs for the 2025/26 Season*:

- October 9 to November 9, 2025
- October 26 to December 29, 2025
- December 14, 2025 to February 8, 2026
- February 10 to March 15, 2026
- February 15 to March 29, 2026
- March 1 to April 19, 2026
- April 19 to May 24, 2026

*Additional shorter accommodation needs exist within these dates, and others are always popping up – please get in touch to discuss availability of your space.

If you have a space that aligns with the above needs and are prepared to welcome a house guest, please fill out the form below with as many details about your space as you'd like, and e-mail your completed form to: lwatson@royalmtc.ca

MTC's Company Manager, Leslie Watson, will be in touch with any additional questions/information, and to schedule a site visit, before adding your space to our Housing List.

If you would like to discuss our Housing program further, or have any questions not answered here, please send an email to Leslie at lwatson@royalmtc.ca.

Please complete form on following page.

Please note: before any property can be added to our Accommodations List, MTC's Company Manager will schedule an in-person site visit to inspect the property.

Property Owner/Manager Name: _____

Owner/Manager Phone #: _____

Owner/Manager E-Mail: _____

Property Address: _____

Neighbourhood: _____

Distance (km) from MTC: _____

I consider my property to be:

walk-friendly to MTC (under 5km)

bus-friendly to MTC (over 5km, on a transit route)

car-friendly to MTC (over 25km, or over 5km requiring a bus transfer, or not accessible by bus after midnight)

Property Type:

Private Accommodation

Artist would have exclusive use of bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, livings areas

Semi-Private Accommodation

Artist would have exclusive use of bedroom, and shared use of (check all that apply):

Bathroom

Kitchen

Living Areas

Other (describe on next page)

Do you have a weekly rental fee in mind?* _____

**Artists will pay rent directly to the Property Owner/Manager, and are often paying for local accommodations on top of their rent at home. MTC will work with Property Owners/Managers to determine a fair weekly rental fee for their property.*

Are there any restrictions to the property's availability?

e.g. Only available January through March

Do any pets live on the property? Tell us about them!

Description:

Use this space to describe the suite/room:

Amenities:

Use this space to list amenities (e.g. parking, laundry, home gym, queer-friendly):

House Rules:

Use this space to list any house rules (e.g. pets, guests/parties) – note that MTC expects all Artists to abstain from smoking indoors

Photos:

Feel free to send along any photos of your property with your completed form.

Thank you! Once you have sent your completed form to lwatson@royalmtc.ca, you can expect a response within 30 days.