

PTE WORKSHOP:

Sound Design for Beginners

Are you an emerging director, a drama teacher, participating in a Fringe show, or simply curious about the world of sound design?

Join PTE and Dasha Plett for a two-day workshop designed for beginners.

Date: Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th
Time: 10am – 4pm
Location: Prairie Theatre Exchange, third floor of Portage Place
Facilitator: Dasha Plett

Description:

This workshop is an introduction to sound design tools and principles as well as artistic ways to approach sound design for theatre. The workshop will focus on preparing you to use Qlab, a simple but powerful industry-standard tool for creative and technical theatrical sound design. Through demonstrations, discussions, and hands-on exercises, we will:

- learn the basics of Qlab's sound design tools
- discover online sources of free or low-cost sound effects
- learn how to use music and sound effects to create a compelling sonic world

Qlab's basic functions are free to use, but the software runs exclusively on Mac operating systems. Participants will get the most out of the workshop if they have their own Mac laptop. Those who do not have a Mac laptop are still welcome to participate and will be paired with someone with a laptop for group exercises. No prior experience with QLab is required to participate.

About the Facilitator:

Dasha Plett is a Winnipeg-based sound designer and composer. She has worked with the Buddies in Bad Times, Stratford Festival, Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, Prairie Theatre Exchange, Cercle Molière, Theatre Projects Manitoba, Mammalian Diving Reflex, Zaiba Baig, Frances Koncan, Waawaate Fobister, and Debbie Patterson. Her work has been nominated for the Dora Awards, Siminovitch Protege Prize, and Louis Applebaum Composers Award. Dasha is also half of We Quit Theatre, a nationally touring performance collective with Gislina Patterson. Visit Dasha online at princessdasha.com.



Cost for participants: This 2-day workshop is valued at \$170 per person. However, PTE will subsidize ALL participants as part of our commitment to providing accessible educational opportunities to our community.

Participants can choose between the following options:

Pay as you wish: \$150

Pay as you wish: \$100

Scholarship*: \$50

Scholarship*: \$0

*Limited number available, distributed by lottery

Additional details:

Snacks will be provided, participants are responsible for their own lunch

How to register:

[Register for the workshop at this link.](#) If you do not have access to a computer, please call the box office at 204-942-5483 to register.

Scholarship applicants - please email education@pte.mb.ca to apply so we can contact you after the lottery.

Registration Deadline: June 8th, 2026

Scholarship Request Deadline: June 5th, 2025

Scholarship recipients will be notified as soon as possible, and no later than June 8th, 2026.

For more information please contact: education@pte.mb.ca