

The 2025 Ockrent Fellowship Application Information

The Ockrent Fellowship will grant an early career choreographer or director/choreographer the opportunity to join the choreography team, led by Choreographer Ellenore Scott on *Ragtime* on Broadway in New York City starting August 14, 2025 through opening night October 16, 2025.

The Mike Ockrent Fellowship was established in 2001 by the family of the late director. It provides an opportunity for an early career director or choreographer to support an experienced director or choreographer on the creation of a Broadway musical or play. The Fellowship provides an in-depth understanding of the skills necessary to create theatre on a Broadway scale.

The Production: RAGTIME is a sweeping musical adaptation of **E.L. Doctorow's** novel that follows three fictional families in pursuit of the American Dream at the dawn of the 20th Century: Black pianist Coalhouse Walker, Jr. and his beloved Sarah, Jewish immigrant Tateh and his little girl, and a wealthy white family led by matriarch Mother. All grasping for the same dream, if only they can hold on to it. *You can read more about the production [here](#).*

Award Amount: \$7,650

Eligibility: Applicants must be Members or Associate Members of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.

Important Dates:

Application Deadline: Monday June 30, 2025

Interviews: July 2025

Start Date: August 14, 2025

First Preview: September 25, 2025

Opening Night: October 16, 2025

Materials for the Application:

- Please write a one-page letter of intent, addressed to Ellenore. This letter of intent should include why you think you would be well suited as the Ockrent Fellow for RAGTIME. Please also talk about how this fellowship fits into your overall career goals, how its connected to your work as a choreographer or director/choreographer, and why now would be the right time in your career trajectory for an opportunity like this one.
- A resume (two pages max)
 - Please do NOT send a letter of intent longer than a page or a resume longer than two pages. This will make you ineligible for the Fellowship.

Please make the email subject 2025 Ockrent Fellowship Application – LAST NAME

Completed application: Please send your letter or intent and resume in a single PDF with 2025Ockrent_LASTNAME as the document title to hkuttens@sdcfoundation.org. If you have any questions, please reach out to Hannah Kuttens at hkuttens@sdcfoundation.org.