



Call to Artists: Downtown Community Artists-in-Residence 2019

Project Summary

DESCRIPTION: The Town of Chapel Hill's Community Arts & Culture Division, in partnership with the Orange County Arts Commission, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, and UNC Arts Everywhere, seeks four local artists to be Community Artists-in-Residence from mid-June to mid-August 2019 at a pop-up open studio in a vacant storefront at 109 East Franklin Street in downtown Chapel Hill, NC. Each selected artist will be awarded a \$1,000 stipend for this project and will conduct two community workshops that are free and open to the public.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all artists ages 18 and up residing in Orange County, NC.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 11:59 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 2019

Project Overview

- Selected artists each will receive approximately 12' x 12' of studio space and at least 8' x 12' of wall space, inside of the larger 109 East Franklin street storefront (formerly the Ackland Museum Store; see photos below) with 24-hour, 7-days a week access. Selected artists will collectively share storefront window space and additional wall and floor display space.
- Electricity, air conditioning, overhead spot lights, kitchenette, restroom, tables, chairs, and wifi are provided; other supplies are the responsibility of the selected artists-
- Exhibitions are permitted and must be coordinated with Community Arts & Culture staff.
- Sales are permitted and no commission is required.
- The four selected artists will agree to cooperate in the use and scheduling of the space and to take a flexible, team-oriented approach to this prototype pop-up residency.
- Each artist will commit to being in the studio at least twelve hours per week from June 14 to August 12, 2019 and must make the studio freely open to public visitors during those hours.
- Each artist will commit to being in the studio for the June, July, and August 2nd Friday Artwalks in the evening from 6 – 9 pm.
- Each selected artist will also agree to conduct two separate workshops related to their artwork during the two-month residency. These workshops will be jointly designed with Community Arts & Culture staff and may take place at other locations than 109 East Franklin Street.
- Selected artists will agree to abide by usage guidelines for the space. Artists will be responsible for the removal of all items brought into the space (including trash) and for assisting with returning the space to its original state at the end of the residency.

Community Arts & Culture Mission and Values

We seek artists and proposals that advance our mission and align with our values. The mission of Chapel Hill Community Arts & Culture is to inspire creativity and celebrate community for a

better Chapel Hill. Our values are:

Inclusion

Arts and culture are for the many, not the few. We embrace diversity and advance equity within our community and the world.

Experience

Arts and culture can transform us. We champion moments that shift our perspective and ask us to be a part of something larger than ourselves.

Understanding

Arts and culture enlighten minds and open hearts. We foster creative curiosity that supports both individual development and collective growth.

How to Apply

Artists should upload application materials to the Community Arts & Culture URL below. No links, discs or hardcopy portfolios will be considered or returned. File formats other than those requested will disqualify the application. A complete application will include the following:

Eight Images of Previous Work

Eight images representative of the artist's style of work and the media to be used during the residency. Please submit each image as a separate .jpg file at approximately 900 pixels for the longest dimension and no larger than 600 KB.

Image List

A list of the Eight Previous Work Images by file name, including media and dimensions as a separate .doc, .docx or .pdf file.

Written Proposal

A one-page summary as a .doc, .docx or .pdf file that addresses the following:

- The artist's primary media and artistic approach
- How the artist's work relates to mission and values of Community Arts & Culture
- The artist's general concept for their use of the space
- Times available for open studio hours
- Ideas for two separate public workshops
- Please detail the types of art media, solvents and supplies to be used in the space (oil vs. acrylic paint, turpentine vs. OMS, etc.)
- Please indicate if artist has general liability insurance or is able to acquire it

Please upload all digital application materials by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 2019 to:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/87c32f0964894f4090942615b13d0f41>

(files submitted in a single .zip file is preferred, though files may be uploaded individually)

Selection Process

An Artist Selection Committee that may include representatives of the Cultural Arts Commission, Community Arts & Culture, UNC-CH Arts Everywhere, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, and the Orange County Arts Commission will review applications and select project

artists. Selections are based on the artistic excellence of previous work; the feasibility of the proposed media, studio hours and activities; and the goal of exhibiting a diversity of artists and artistic styles. Community Arts & Culture staff will notify applicants of selection results and will make further arrangements with selected artists.

Schedule (subject to change)

- May 19, 2019: Deadline for submission of application materials.
- May 31, 2019: Artists contacted with Selection Committee results.
- June 10-13, 2019: Selected Artists move-in dates.
- June 14, 2019: 2nd Friday Artwalk, 6 – 9 p.m. Kickoff event
- July 12, 2019: 2nd Friday Artwalk, 6 – 9 p.m.
- August 9, 2019: 2nd Friday Artwalk, 6 – 9 p.m. Finale event
- August 12-16, 2019: Estimated date for end of residency, studio closes to the public. Space returned to its original condition.

Additional Information

To learn more about the Town of Chapel Hill’s Community Arts & Culture Division, visit: www.chapelhillarts.org.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

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Disclaimer

The Town of Chapel Hill reserves the right to refuse any or all submissions or works, to refuse any finalist, and to waive informalities in procedures should it be determined that submissions or works are not adequate, or for any other reason prior to a written arrangement being reached.

Photos

See photos of space on next page.

