

Summer Artist in Residence Program

July 3 – August 31, 2018

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Friday, April 13, 2018 by 4:00 pm

Note: late submissions will not be accepted

The residency is a legacy project of the City of Toronto's 2014 Cultural Hotspot project for South Scarborough and welcomes one visual artist during centre hours for the months of July and August. The Cultural Hotspot shines a spotlight on arts, culture and community, inspiring new ideas about where culture thrives in Toronto. The residency offers a working environment that supports the artistic process for emerging and mid-career artists.

RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

Goal:

- Provide the artist with the opportunity to think, experiment, work and create in the artistic, bucolic, yet urban, environment of Cedar Ridge
- Provide the artist with the opportunity to concentrate and focus on a specific project
- Provide the artist with the opportunity to exhibit and engage with the general public and other artists about their work
- Engage artists to add their contribution to the existing cultural vibrancy of
- Cedar Ridge Creative Centre

Site:

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, operated by Toronto Arts Services, is a vibrant arts and cultural hub housed in a 1912 historic mansion in South Scarborough. Serving the community since 1978, Cedar Ridge was founded by volunteers as Scarborough's first public gallery. Year round classes and workshops are offered in the teaching studios in addition to art camps for children and community outreach programs.

The residency building, one of three on the extensive property, is a cozy cottage steeped in history that backs onto a ravine with beautiful gardens sitting before it. The Gardener's Cottage – with studio space, living room, kitchen and bathroom – is the three-season home to the Community Arts Guild and two month home to the Summer Artist in Residence Program.



Gardener's Cottage

Residency Approach:

Art, often seen as an individual activity, has the power to unite individuals and communities across barriers of geography, language and culture. In 2018, Cedar Ridge (a Cultural Hotspot location) will be asking the resident artist to explore how the visual arts can illuminate, awaken and connect us to our common humanity.

Backgrounder: The residency site is located in Scarborough, home to some of Toronto's popular natural landmarks, such as the Scarborough Bluffs and Rouge Park and declared the greenest part of Toronto. The area, comprised of a mixture of neighbourhoods and communities that reflect Scarborough's development from a rural community to a densely populated suburb, has a history of art dating back to the establishment of sites like the Guild of all Arts (pre WWII) through to the present with Scarborough once again the location for the Cultural Hotspot, a project which celebrates arts and culture outside the downtown core.

Scarborough is one of the most diverse and multicultural areas of the Greater Toronto Area with a significant portion of the population composed of immigrants and descendants of immigrants who have arrived within the last four decades. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre itself is situated in one of the most highly diverse neighbourhoods in Toronto populated predominantly with new immigrants, refugees, Indigenous Peoples and other racialized ethnic groups in one of the City's designated underserved areas.

For the Artist:

- The use of a Gardener's Cottage studio during centre hours
- Exhibition space at the Cedar Ridge Gallery for two weeks (September 30 to October 11, 2018)
- Promotion of final exhibition through established City of Toronto public relations channels
- \$500 in art supplies
- Cedar Ridge Creative Centre's support connecting the recipient to the community, art networks and/or to pursue outside grants for the term of their residency
- Program Expectations:
- A two week long exhibit of the recipient's work will be mounted at the close of the residency (September 30 to October 11, 2018)
- Recipient is responsible for all production costs in excess of the \$500 in art supplies provided
- Recipient must work in the studio a minimum of 15 hours per week
- Recipient must give two public talks or workshops
- Recipient to actively participate in the promotion of the program and the opening reception through her/his own networks and efforts

ELIGIBILITY

- The residency opportunity is open to emerging and mid-career artists creating two-dimensional visual art pieces
- Emerging artists are defined as artists who have recently completed post-secondary training in the arts and/or have begun to exhibit their work in a public context, having a limited amount of experience in the field but are beginning to gain recognition for their art work through gallery exhibitions, grants, commissions or sales of their work
- Mid-career artists are defined as artists that have specialized training in the arts and maintained an independent professional practice for at least three years, are recognized as a professional artist by their peers, have produced an independent body of work and have made at least three public presentations of work in a professional context over a three year period
- Applicants must be residents of the City of Toronto and must not be enrolled in any arts degree or diploma program.
- Our priority is to reflect the diversity of the community we serve. Women, young adults 18-30, people with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, and members of racial minorities are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION

1. Requirements
2. A one-page description (maximum) of your project highlighting how it relates to Cedar Ridge and the Program Overview's theme of "embracing our common humanity ". Combined with how you visualize using your time at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre
3. A resume (three page maximum)
4. Any documents that you consider helpful to the jury in making its decision
5. A cover letter that states: your name, address, age, phone numbers, e-mail address, website (if available)
6. Note of any special medical or physical requirements Cedar Ridge should be made aware of
7. 8-10 good quality JPEGs of recent work that imply the general idea or impression of your work
8. Digital images' maximum dimensions should be 1920 x 1080 pixels, with a resolution of 72 dpi
9. Images must be labelled: number, name of applicant, title of the work, followed by the date (example: 01_J. Doe_Untitled_2018)
10. Corresponding list containing title, dimension and medium must accompany images

Proposals for residencies should be submitted to: [Cedar Ridge Creative Centre](#)

Subject: Artist in Residence Application – Your Name

Ensure that a PC computer can process all document and image files. It is your responsibility to ensure that submitted files are not corrupt, illegible or improperly formatted. Please send your entry information as a WORD (.doc) or PDF (.pdf) documents and all image files as JPEGs.

No fee is required for submitting an application.

- **Applications will be received until 4:00 pm Friday, April 13, 2018**
- Applications received after the submission deadline will not be considered
- **All decisions are final**
- Successful shortlist candidates will be contacted by email and/or telephone to set up a brief meeting with Cedar Ridge representatives
- The successful candidate will be advised by email and/or telephone and will be required to reply in writing advising that they accept the residency and are available from July 3 - August 31, 2018 and able to mount a show from September 30 to October 11, 2018

SELECTION OF THE ARTIST

- A jury composed of arts professionals and Cedar Ridge representatives review and discuss the applications and short-list all those that they perceive as meeting the criteria of the program
- Criteria applied to the applications during the short-listing process:
- Artistic merit and experience as exemplified in both written materials and documentation of previous work
- Understanding of the theme " embracing our common humanity " and demonstrated ability to support said subject, through provided materials
- Criteria applied to final selection process:
- consultation with Cedar Ridge representatives to determine best match for Cedar Ridge Creative Centre

