
WORK_SPACE & *Galleries* @ WORK_SPACE

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DATE: February 1, 2023
RE: Artist-in Residence Applications (accepted on a rolling basis, first round due 4pm on Feb. 27, 2023)
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The **Galleries @ WORK_SPACE*** is launching an **Artist-in-Residency (AiR)** program which will provide a CT-based artist a monthly stipend, private studio space and opportunity to showcase their work in return for assisting WORK_SPACE in producing exhibits and events that bring our diverse community together through art and culture.

The Residency will start when a qualified candidate is found and will run for 6-18 months. The following will be considerations in the selection process; however, none are mandatory.

- **Home Residence.** Do you live in or near Manchester?
- **Artistic Discipline.** What artistic mediums do you specialize in?
- **Solo-Artist Experience.** What type and amount of training and/or artistic experience do you have in creating, displaying and promoting your own work?
- **Art Collaboration Experience.** What experience do you have working with other artists - either co-creating work and exhibits or serving as a resource, mentor champion of other artists?
- **DEI.** Do you have knowledge of and interest in creating a hospitable, safe, equitable, inclusive and accessible space where diverse populations, perspectives and lived experiences are represented, shared and celebrated?
- **Community Engagement.** What is your experience with arts organizations and/or artistic projects in CT?
- **Teaching and Community Development.** Do you have experience teaching workshops to a variety of audiences, and facilitating programs that unite people through the creation and appreciation of art?
- **Gallery Know-How.** What is your experience in the management or promotions of exhibit spaces?
- **Fundraising.** What is your experience in fundraising and/or grant writing?
- **Marketing.** What is your experience in marketing, promotion and art sales?

Expectations & Responsibilities: Working with the WORK_SPACE Manager and staff, the AiR will identify preferences and priorities to make up much of their contribution. Possibilities include:

- Produce and Curate Art Exhibits and Displays
- Coordinate Live Performance Series
- Create and Deliver Art Workshops
- Help the Town of Manchester earn a Cultural District Designation from the State of CT
- Establish Partnerships with more Artists and Art Organizations
- Secure Sponsors and Funding Opportunities
- Create Online Gallery or Store

Time Commitment

- Creating community and coordinating exhibit and events from idea to implementation includes marketing, relationship building and logistics. The Artist-In-Residence must have time to work with staff to produce shows and programs that engage artists and audiences.

- When the Artist-in-Residence accepts the private studio and honorarium offered, they are expected have a presence on-site, ideally to be here 2-3 times a week during regular open hours (M-F 10a-4p) and at our monthly 2nd Saturday Open House (10a-2p). There is flexibility depending on exhibit and program schedule, however the intention is that the AiR spends at least 10-12 hrs a week working on WORK_SPACE projects and the rest of the time focused on producing their own work.

Compensation

- **Studio/Office Space:** Valued at \$675 per month, the AiR will receive full membership to WORK_SPACE with 24/7 access to their own studio space: 114 sq ft office on the 1st floor with a window, tiled floor and sink.
- **Professional Honorarium:** The **Galleries** include 3 separate art spaces and gallery shop, produce 5-9 art exhibits a year, host a monthly 2nd Saturday Open House and numerous events related to each exhibit. In addition to the complimentary studio, the AiR could earn up to \$675 per month for their role in expanding art and culture in Manchester.
- **Exhibition Space:** Although the Main Street Gallery is reserved for community exhibits, the AiR will have space at WORK_SPACE to showcase and sell their work. This includes performance opportunities if relevant.
- **Programming & Marketing Budget:** Working with the WORK_SPACE Manager and Staff, the AiR will have a budget to produce and promote arts programs/exhibits.

*WORK SPACE & our Galleries

The Town of Manchester launched **WORK_SPACE** in January of 2018 to create a community of creative professionals within our walls while serving as a downtown destination that attracts and engages people to meet, learn, create and work. With a focus on diversity, inclusivity and accessibility, we offer an affordable, flexible and hospitable environment where creative professionals share space and ideas while contributing to and benefiting from the local community.

Although we have always displayed local art throughout the 2 ½ story historic building, in 2019 WORK_SPACE inherited the Main Street Art Gallery on the 1st floor from Manchester Community College. WORK_SPACE has the potential to showcase (and sell) hundreds of works of art at any given time. We also create networking opportunities, host community discussions, produce live performances and facilitate art & business workshops.

The Galleries @ WORK_SPACE has since become a central part of Downtown's revitalization and a destination for our members and visitors from all over CT and beyond. Consisting of the **Main Street Gallery, Loop Gallery, Creative Commons** and **Gallery Shop**, the **Galleries @ WORK_SPACE** believe art is a tool for social change. We are seeking an AIR to help us:

- explore & celebrate diversity,
- promote & foster inclusion,
- showcase & inspire creativity,
- provoke & challenge thought, and
- appreciate & expand perspectives.

The Artist-In-Residence joins the Poet Laureate, Town Troubadour, multiple arts organizations, galleries and public art in Manchester that demonstrate Manchester's commitment to the arts. A commitment which will hopefully lead to Manchester being designated as a Culture District by the State of CT. We hope the AiR will be part of this evolution.