



RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE APPLICATION

October 16 – December 4, 2017

Richmond Hill Public Library (RHPL) invites professional visual artists to apply for its Artist in Residence program, and to share their skills and artistic vision with the Richmond Hill community.

PURPOSE

The **Artist in Residence** program is a new initiative that fulfills the Library's Strategic Plan to:

- Strengthen the community's connections with new creative resources
- Contribute vibrant spaces for artistic exploration
- Enrich the community's choices with new workshops, art displays, and other art activities
- Reinforce its capabilities to provide meaningful arts programming

OUTCOMES

The **Artist in Residence** program will:

- Create new work opportunities for artists
- Create collaborative opportunities for artists and the Library
- Explore the role that public libraries can play in the artistic process
- Feature resources and venues provided by Richmond Hill Public Library
- Create a vibrant new space for artmaking in Richmond Hill by having workshops, displays, and other art activities
- Connect with the community to co-create new programming

APPLICATION PROCESS

Admission to the **Artist in Residence** program is by application only. Please submit your Letter of Intent, Curriculum Vitae or Resume, and 5 – 10 digital files or links to your recent artistic work to programproposals@rhpl.ca, using the subject line 'Artist in Residence Application'.

Image requirements:

- In .jpg file format only
- A maximum of 1 MB file size each
- A maximum resolution of 1024 x 768 at 75 PPI
- Named using a “LastName_FirstName_01.jpg” format (e.g., Smith_John_01.jpg), with numbers (01, 02, 03, etc.) corresponding directly to your image script. In the image script, please provide title, medium, dimensions, and date for each image.

In your Letter of Intent, please describe the following:

- Tell us about your art (*What is your medium? What is your artistic philosophy?*)
- Tell us about your facilitation experience (*What workshops have you led? Do you have experience working with different age groups?*)
- What is your project? (*How will you feature RHPL resources and/or venues? How will you engage the public? What workshop ideas do you have? Please give titles and brief descriptions. In 2017, the Artist in Residence will teach 5 - 8 one-off group workshops for adults, 18+.*)

TIMELINES

- Applications are due September 5, 2017
- Applications will be reviewed between September 6 – 13, 2017
- The residency will take place from October 16, 2017 – December 4, 2017, with 5 – 8 one-off group workshops (for 10 – 15 adults, 18+) on Monday nights
- Minimum 8 hours of workshops, not including the preparation and travel time
- Programming schedule will be developed in conjunction with Library staff

ELIGIBILITY

The **Artist in Residence** program is open to emerging, mid-career, and established professional artists, as defined by the Toronto Arts Council:

A professional artist is someone who has developed their skills through training and/or practice; is recognized as such by artists working in the same artistic tradition; actively practices his or her art; seeks payment for his/her work; and has a history of public presentation.

The artist must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, aged 18 years or older. Preference will be given to residents of York Region.

FUNDING

RHPL will provide the total sum of \$2,400 for the residency period. This sum will cover all artist fees, travel expenses, materials, and any other project expenses incurred by the applicant.