



## **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](mailto: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 15, 2017
- Applications will be reviewed between September 16-18, 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.