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2017 Fresh!AIR :: ART & ENVIRONMENT THEMED RESIDENCY

In Partnership with the Allan Brooks Nature Centre

Application Process

Open to emerging and established visual artists in any medium; installation, earthworks, sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, digital media, etc.. Applications are accepted on-line only.

Dates/Deadlines

Please note that dates are tentative and may change slightly

- Deadline to Apply: July 24, 2016 (midnight)
- Successful applicants will be notified by August 26, 2016
- 3 x 8-week residencies:
 1. May 1 - June 30, 2017
 2. July 4 - August 31, 2017
 3. September 5 - October 31, 2017

[Apply online](#) Applications are accepted on-line only

Please contact us if you need assistance or experience any difficulties.

NOTE TO ALL INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS: Please ensure that you apply far enough in advance and that you are able to travel, have visas and passports in order and are able to accept a residency for the dates specified prior to making application.

“The Okanagan is considered as one of the three most endangered ecological regions in Canada.”

The Caetani Cultural Centre (C3) is partnering with the Allan Brooks Nature Centre (ANBC) for the Artist-in-Residence program entitled Fresh!AiR, a themed program which centres on nature, culture, science, environment, conservation and social issues. The ANBC collaboration is intended to serve as a catalyst in broadening and enriching community awareness and the understanding of art and sustainable biodiversity.

This residency includes an eight week stay at the Caetani Cultural Centre and studio space at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. Artists are responsible for their own transportation, food and supplies. Major Allan Brooks was a distinguished bird artist with significant contributions made through his art to the field of Ornithology. Community organizations such as Allan Brooks Nature Centre and the Caetani Cultural Centre offer opportunities for the Artists to base themselves in the Okanagan Valley while focusing on their work and contributing to workshops, presentations and/or exhibitions locally.

Professional Development, Opportunities & Obligations

The Resident Artist Program offers individuals the opportunity to further develop their work, and to establish professional practices and standards. Both Centers offer the support of their staff and facilities to help Resident Artists reach the next stage of development in their careers.

The Caetani Centre and ABNC will facilitate workshops, receptions, and public programming based around the participating artist's work. All organizations work together to provide additional opportunities for public educational programs, artist presentations, and feedback from other artists and mentors.

As a relatively new program, the Caetani Centre is interested in feedback and constructive criticism, and requests that the participant submit an exit survey upon completion of their project.

Artists-in-Residence are requested to leave a piece of art in the community, if possible.

Selection of Applicants

The program is open to both emerging and established artists. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of post-secondary training completed or in progress, be self-directed and able to work independently. Preference is given to candidates who have demonstrated artistic excellence as well as interest in experimentation and innovative ideas.

The successful *Fresh!AIR* Resident has a willingness to work with the local community, and a desire to grow in the development of their own work. They bring a high level of professionalism and competency to the studio that enriches the quality of our programs.

A selection committee composed of arts and environmental professionals will review and select candidates for the program.

Sponsored Artist Support

Whenever possible, the program will strive to provide an honorarium (Canadian funds), however this is not guaranteed unless specifically noted prior to the start of the residency. Honorariums are payable at the end of the residency following successful completion of the program. All honorariums are dependent upon funding.

Reservation/Deposit

For sponsored AIR programs, the successful applicant is required to submit a reservation/cancellation deposit of \$200. This will be invoiced via PayPal and can be paid on-line in Canadian funds. The deposit of \$200 will be refunded via PayPal upon the arrival of the artist at the Centre for the specified program.

Cancellation

In the event of cancellation by the artist after committing to the accepted program, the Caetani Cultural Centre reserves the right to retain up to and including the full amount on deposit. The Centre will make every effort to find a substitute artist to take the place of the accepted artist in the event of cancellation. A minimum \$50 processing fee will be retained if another artist agrees to take your place.

Please note:

- ***The residency does not include travel expenses, food, health insurance, art materials, shipping, exhibition costs, or other personal expenses.***
- ***Most participants apply for grants to institutions, foundations, universities, government agencies, etc. in their country/province of origin to assist with funding their stay.***
- ***Double-occupancy can be considered for an additional fee of \$5/night (\$150/mo). No pets or children please.***

We are happy to support any successful applicants for funding prior to attending the residency with letters of support, etc.

Accommodation at the Caetani Cultural Centre

The Caetani Centre does not provide daily cleaning of the studios or rooms, or daily meals. Residents are expected to maintain their studio spaces and rooms, shared common areas of the kitchen, bathroom and other common areas in a clean, tidy and orderly manner, with respect for the other residents using the space.

Residential Accommodation

- Private one bedroom (queen-sized bed, desk and chair, clothing storage).
- Double occupancy can be considered. No pets or children, please.
- Shared 4 piece full bathroom. (Additional access to bathrooms on-site.)
- Shared kitchen/dining area.
- Shared communal gathering space in the Library
- Parking for one vehicle onsite
- Bed linens, towels, and cleaning supplies are provided by the Centre.
- Coin operated laundry onsite
- Access to phone, wireless internet and library
- Artists are responsible for their own travel, health insurance, food requirements, materials, equipment, and should have their own transportation.

Studio Facilities

Included at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. The Allan Brooks Nature Centre is located on acres of pristine grassland in the Commonage area, just a 10 minute drive south of Vernon, with amazing views of lakes and mountains. The opportunities for *en pleine aire* are endless...

- **Indoor Studio:** measures approximately 12' x 20', with 8' ceiling height; although please note that part of this space is shared with the Allan Brooks for their additional storage.
- **Outdoor Studio:** The most successful residencies make full use of working out in the field and taking advantage of the lakes, mountains and surrounding natural and wild environments.

Studio Space is only available during open hours for the Allan Brooks Nature Centre, Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Access may be provided outside of regular operational hours with arrangements made with the ABNC.

Please note: There is limited access to equipment. If you have special equipment needs you should contact the Centre to ensure that this program is suitable for your expectations prior to making application.

Transportation

Artists are responsible for their own transportation. The Caetani Centre residential accommodation is within walking distance to most downtown shopping amenities, however the Allan Brooks Nature Centre is located about a 10 minute drive south of Vernon (partially up hill). Past artists have often used the nature centre studio as a base while working in the field in the Greater Vernon region. If you do not have your own car, artists should budget a minimum of \$1000-\$1500 if car rental is required for the entire 8 week period. Parking is available at both Centres. Alternate arrangements for transportation may be arranged through volunteers and staff whenever possible, but is not guaranteed. Taxi service is also available to the site. A complimentary bicycle and helmet are also available for the resident's use (at their own risk).

Location, location, location...

Canada is a very large country, which many visitors do not understand until they arrive here. For an idea of how large our province is, please visit this link: [How Big is British Columbia?](#)

The Caetani House is located two blocks from downtown Vernon, and is within walking distance or public transportation to shopping, as well as most public facilities and amenities. Bike trails and bus service are available in the region, and also to larger centres.

The Allan Brooks Nature Centre is located about a 10 minute drive South of the Caetani Centre. In the heart of award winning wine country, the Greater Vernon community offers hiking trails, nature centres, a public art gallery and arts centre, performing arts centre, recreation centre, Vernon Community Music School, commercial galleries, library, science centre, and shopping. We are located between three lakes: Kalamalka Lake, Okanagan Lake and Swan Lake, and 25 minutes from world class cross country and downhill skiing, and mountain biking at Silver Star Mountain. 30 minutes from Kelowna International Airport. 5 hours from Vancouver by car, 6 hours from Calgary. Vernon has a small airport with limited access.

Climate

Summer: You may think of Canada as the Great White North, however, Vernon, British Columbia can get very hot during June, July and August in particular, ranging to over 30°C occasionally. Generally, the Okanagan Valley is hot and dry during the summer months, however there are exceptions to every rule. Winters are generally becoming more mild, ranging from around +10° to -10° C, however temperatures can also reach as low as -25°C or more in late December or January. Usually this kind of cold does not last more than 2 weeks, but this can fluctuate during the winter months. In the Spring, temperatures warm up rapidly in the region, with April daytime highs reaching 20°C. Participants are encouraged to bring a variety of clothing for all weather conditions.

Getting from Kelowna Airport (YLW) to Vernon:

Shuttles:

Airport Shuttle Bus services are outside of the south terminal building entrance near pre-board screening; follow signs. Click [here](#) for fees and scheduling.

BC Transit:

The BC Transit bus stop is on Airport Way, near the rental car lot, near the the end of the railway tracks. Hwy 97 has a bus stops near the junction of Airport Way and the highway. Click [here](#) for the 'Route 90: UBCO Connector' schedule.

Taxi:

There are currently several local taxi companies licensed to operate from the Kelowna Airport and one limousine service and all are readily available. Approximate fare to Vernon is \$85 CAD.

For more detailed information on getting to and from the Kelowna Airport click [here](#)

To view the previous successful Fresh!AiR artists and projects please visit our [website](#).

Fresh!AiR is made possible with support from the Greater Vernon Regional District and the Allan Brooks Nature Centre – Thank you!

