



# AETANI CENTRE

Art Making • Life Shaping

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## CeramAIR - CERAMICS RESIDENCY

In Partnership with the Arts Council of the North Okanagan and the Vernon Community Arts Centre

### 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
- Residency: January 2 – April 15, 2017
- Solo exhibition: March 31 – April 15, 2017

Applications are accepted online only: [Apply Online](#)

### **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.*

### **CeramAiR**

The program provides ceramic artists the ability to work in a supportive community environment of like-minded individuals, to share their expertise and vision, to inspire excellence and create work at the highest level in a nurturing and creative environment. The artist is provided with accommodations at the Caetani Centre, and is also provided with use of a **shared** studio workspace and equipment at the Vernon Community Arts Centre (VCAC) operated by the Arts Council of the North Okanagan (ACNO).

The residency is a multi-faceted experience that will include opportunities for teaching, community outreach, interaction with other artists, and studio care, and will culminate in an exhibition of new work.

### **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, ACNO & VCAC 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. The artist may propose additional events and community programming if they choose.

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.

### **Exhibition Opportunity**

Residents will have the opportunity to exhibit their work in the Vernon Community Arts Centre's *Lobby Gallery*, with technical support from the VCAC. Curatorial support is provided by the Caetani Center, and the artist will contribute to and receive a small publication about their residency and exhibition.

### **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 with a major in ceramics, 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 techniques.

The successful CeramAIR Resident has a genuine commitment to working with clay, 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 and facility.

A selection committee composed of arts professionals will review and select candidates for the program. Selection is based on the body of work presented, cv and project proposal.

### **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.

### **Application Process**

Open to emerging and established visual artists in ceramic or overlapping interdisciplinary practices.

Applications are accepted online only. Please contact the Caetani Cultural Centre if you experience any difficulty.

### **Funding – Please note**

- The residency does **NOT** include travel expenses, food, health insurance, art materials, shipping costs, 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 on-site
- Bed linens, towels, and cleaning supplies are provided by the Centre.
- Coin operated laundry onsite
- Access to internet, and library
- Artists are responsible for their own travel, health insurance, food requirements, materials, equipment, and should have their own transportation.

### **Transportation**

The Caetani Centre residential accommodation is within walking distance to most downtown shopping amenities and the Vernon Community Arts Centre is located about a 15 minute walk from the Caetani Centre. Parking is available at both Centres.

Arrangements for transport of materials may be arranged through volunteers and staff whenever possible, but is not guaranteed. Taxi service is also available. A complimentary bicycle and helmet are also available for the resident's use (at their own risk).

### **Library & Resources**

The Caetani Centre has a small library and additional resources. Artists-in-residence have access to a telephone and internet. for business purposes. The Vernon Community Arts Centre also has a library, computers, printers, wifi, etc., for AIR research.

## **Shared Studio Facilities and Equipment**

Shared studio/work area is included for the residency at the Vernon Community Arts Centre. Classes are sometimes conducted in the vicinity of the studio and the CeramAiR will be given notice ahead of time of class schedules.

The purpose of the Arts Council of the North Okanagan is to stimulate, encourage, support and develop the varied artistic and cultural projects and activities in the Greater Vernon. The Arts Council operates the Vernon Community Arts Centre, a public arts facility which houses 8 professionally equipped studios. VCAC is located in scenic Polson Park which allows easy access to many outdoor services and amenities.

- Studio access at VCAC is during regular open hours (not 24 hour access). VCAC Regular Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Arts Centre is open for limited hours on weekends, and access during these times is dependent upon individual arrangements with the Arts Council.
- Resident Artists are required to pay for clay and additional materials they use. All fees for firings and use of studio glazes are included in the price of the clay. Studio residents share common housekeeping work and may contribute limited time to VCAC as well.
- Use of VCAC ceramic equipment includes: 2 electric kilns (specs available upon request), small outdoor Raku kiln, spray booth, slab roller, 10 electric wheels, plaster molds and drying bats and an assortment of misc. tools and materials.
- The clays stocked at VCAC are all Cone 6 with the exception of WSO (which is cone 10 and usually used for Raku workshops).
- Currently our list of clays and prices (before taxes) are; M340(\$50/box), M370(\$60/box), M390(\$54/box), IMCO sculpture (\$60/box), F95(\$60/box), P300(\$70/box), Navajo Wheel(\$70/box) and WSO(\$64/box). Resident Artists can inquire about other types of clay.
- The AiR's designated workspace is approximately 9' x 20' (180 sq. ft.) including working tables and the communal community studio space is approximately 1,100 sq. ft. plus glaze and kiln room.
- A well-stocked glaze/chemical mixing room.

**Please note:** 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.

### **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 Vernon Community Arts Centre is located about a 15 minute walk from the Caetani Centre, in beautiful Polson Park.

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.

### **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 in the Okanagan Valley. 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 Caetani AiR artists and projects please [visit our website](#).

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