

Information for Applicants - RESIDENCY PROGRAM 2012

OVERVIEW

Located in Auburn's picturesque Auburn Botanic Gardens, the Auburn Arts Studio accommodates a wide range of contemporary and traditional arts practice.

The Residency Program offers free short-term 'day' residencies to cater to a variety of artists' and arts groups needs. The Residency Program will prioritise and have a focus on emerging and established individual artists and arts groups based in the Auburn LGA. The Residency Program will also be open to artists from outside of the area who are willing to engage with the local community and whose residency term will provide clear benefits to the local community.

The Residency Program aims to:

- Provide artists and arts groups with free short-term access to appropriate project development and 'making' spaces, equipment and resources.
- Provide professional development and capacity building opportunities, including promotional and exhibition incentives, for emerging and established artists and arts groups.
- Provide a secure, supportive, culturally engaging environment for the local artistic community by providing new networking opportunities which encourage the exchange of ideas, diversity in professional practice as well as intercultural dialogue.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria for the Residency Program will include:

- Originality of ideas
- Quality of Artist's work
- Career stage of Artist/
- Value of the studio to the professional development or capacity building of the individual artist/ arts group/collective or organisation
- Suitability of art form for the studio
- Length of tenancy required
- Commitment of time to using the studio
- Willingness to actively participate in the community engagement program

PLEASE NOTE: Preference will be given to artists living in the Auburn Local Government Area who successfully meet the selection criteria.

SELECTION PROCESS

Stage	Date
Applications close	Friday 18 November 2011
Interviews with shortlisted applicants	November/December 2011
Notify successful and unsuccessful applicants	December 2011
Signing of agreements and confirmation of timeframe for Residency	January 2012

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Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview as part of the assessment of their application. Members of the Selection Panel are appointed by Council. The Panel will include both arts professionals and Council staff. Applicants will be notified of results in writing. Selection Panel decisions are final and cannot be negotiated.

ACCESS AND USE

Successful applicants will be granted access to and use of the Auburn Arts Studio for free of charge. All consumables required by Artists (whether domestic or related to their arts practice) must be provided by and paid for by the Artists.

The Auburn Arts Studio is equipped with work benches, seating, studio and natural lighting, ventilation, clean up area and water, easels, mobile paint trolleys, drying rack, shelving and power (including 3 phase power). The Studio also includes access to a separate kitchenette and storage area, outdoor workbench facilities and toilet facilities.

Additional specialised equipment will be added to the Studio over time, however, successful Artists will be required to bring some of their own specialised equipment and tools and all consumables.

Due to security measures already established at the greater Auburn Botanic Gardens Precinct, the Residency Program will be restricted to the Garden's opening hours, which include:

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Mon- Fri, 9am-8pm; Weekends, school holidays and public holidays, 9am-8pm.
WINTER MONTHS: Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm.

Successful applicants must also comply with all necessary occupational health and safety laws and regulations.

INSURANCE

Artists will be individually assessed with regards to the level of risk involved in their activities. Some Artists may be required to be covered by their own public liability insurance. For further details or queries please phone 9735 1396.

AGREEMENT

Please note that successful applicants will be issued with a formal agreement governing all aspects of space and equipment use, responsibilities and obligations to the Residency Program. Access and use will be in accordance with certain prescribed conditions. In addition to these conditions, the general terms of the agreement will include statements in regard to indemnity and safety in line with occupational health and safety laws and regulations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require any advice, assistance or further information regarding the Peacock Gallery Residency Program 2011, please phone (02) 9735 1396 or email Jenny.Cheeseman@auburn.nsw.gov.au