

Application for Artists in their Environment Studio Tour

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Please mail completed application and CD to:

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Applicants must be resident in Chelsea or La Peche unless applying as a visiting artist (Quebec resident).

Deadline for submissions for the 2010 tour is January 29, 2010.

Please ensure that you are sending all documentation, including images, as requested, and have responded fully to the questionnaire. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Website, if applicable:

Medium:

Documentation Requested:

1. 10 images, professional quality on disc

2. List of images including title, year, medium, size and price

3. Resume (suggested length 1 page, maximum 3 pages)

4. Artist statement (summary of your philosophical approach to your art/craft)

Questionnaire:

1. Describe the techniques used in your art/craft.
2. Are you a full-time or part-time artist/artisan?
3. How many hours a week do you dedicate to your art/craft?
4. How long have you been working in this medium?
5. Have you worked in other media, and if so, describe?
6. Who/what has significantly influenced the direction of your work? Describe how.
7. What makes your work unique?

8. Would you describe yourself as an emerging or established artist/artisan? What are your criteria for this designation?

9. What is the price range of your work?

10. In the past year, where have you sold your work? If you list a shop or gallery, include their phone number and website so that we may verify this information.

11. If you have any experience working cooperatively in a group (not necessarily as part of a studio tour), please describe.

12. Have you previously been part of a studio tour? Please describe.

13. The tour is artist-run. The jobs include the following; indicate which three categories you would be most interested in by assigning them a 1, 2 and 3. Note any expertise you may already have in these areas.

Leadership

Marketing

Advertising/Sponsorship

Publicity

New artist review

Brochure/Postcard

Email and snail mail list

Grants

Map

Signs, Banners

Translation

Website

Finances

Secretary

14. What experience and interests would you bring to the tour?

15. Is English or French your mother tongue? How would you describe your ability to communicate in the other language?

16. Where do you envision showing your work in your environment (e.g. in your home, studio, on a porch, tent outdoors etc.)?

17. Does your work lend itself to giving demonstrations during the tour?

18. Describe the parking at your home; how many cars can safely park there with easy access in and out?

19. Why do you want to be part of the studio tour?

20. What are your artistic goals for the next year?

FAQ's:

1. How are new artists/artisans for the tour selected?

Your e-mail submission is placed on a secure section of our website for review by all full members. All your identifying information is deleted. Applicants who meet the criteria for the first round are then interviewed in their home/studio by one or two full members during the months of February. Full members then meet to review the information collected, and the selection is made. We aim to have a mix of media and we also must meet the requirements of our lead sponsor regarding the proportion of craft and fine art participants.

2. When can I expect a response regarding my submission?

In March.

3. What is a probationary year?

This is the first year that an applicant participates. At the end of the Tour the other members decide whether an applicant will be invited to become a full member. Quality and presentation of their work is of primary concern and participation in the running of the tour is important.

4. Once I have been juried into the tour, may I switch to showing in another medium?

Your acceptance into the tour is based on the medium in which you have been juried. If at any time you switch to another medium, you are required to re-apply to the tour.

5. How much time will I be expected to contribute to help run the tour?

On average, 1 day a month. However in some cases this takes place over several days at a particular time during the year, depending on the requirements of the job.

6. Is there an annual fee for participating in the tour?

Yes, it is currently \$250. If there is a surplus it is refunded to members. We use the funds mainly for advertising and publicity.

7. How many artists/artisans are included in the tour annually?

We like to keep the number of participants at approximately 20. Artists/artisans are permitted to take a sabbatical year after five years. This creates spaces for new participants to join the tour. We typically have 4-6 new artists/artisans every year.

8. Who can be a guest artist/artisan?

A guest artist/artisan is someone residing in Quebec who is invited to join the tour for one year. We give priority to those who come from regions that are not well served by galleries and art tours in their region. Guest artists/artisans are expected to complete and submit the standard application form. They are reviewed at the same time as other applicants.

9. In the criteria for selecting successful applicants, is the choice of medium considered?

Yes, it most definitely is; we want to offer a variety of media on the tour.

10. How are decisions that affect tour members made?

We have a president and vice-president to overview the tour. Everyone takes on a role in ensuring that the tour is well-run. Many committees are made up of several members, some are run solo. Group meetings are held to a minimum (about 4) and everyone votes on issues that arise. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory.

11. When is the Tour in 2010?

Projected dates are: Oct. 2 & 3 and Thanksgiving Oct. 9 & 10

We also have fun! Between the two weekends of the tour we hold “The Tour of Tours”, in which we travel caravan-style from one studio to the next, viewing each others' work. This is followed by a giant potluck supper to celebrate our good fortune in being artists and artisans in the Outaouais!