

Youth Artist in Residence - Program Description

Overview

The 2023 Youth Artist in Residence (YAR) is open to all aspiring artists aged 16-18 living within School District 22. The selected artist(s) will be provided a dedicated studio space, have access to artist and administrative support, access to facilities and equipment during open hours, an honorarium to purchase materials and supplies, and the opportunity to showcase their completed work in an exhibit at the VCAC Centre Gallery. The **2023 Youth Artist Residency runs Tuesday, July 4, to Friday, August 25th**. The YAR Exhibit is scheduled for August 24 to September 10th. **The application deadline is 4:00pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. See application form for more details.**

The objectives of the YAR program are to give young aspiring artists the opportunity to:

- Explore and develop their creative processes
- Discover and learn a variety of art medias and techniques
- Interact and connect with artists and arts organizations/groups
- Create a body of work to be exhibited at the end of the residency

Selection Process

A committee panel of local arts & cultural professionals from various disciplines will review the applications and choose the finalist(s). The selection is based on artistic integrity, motivation, ability, and demonstrated support to participate in the YAR program. Selections are made without regard to race, religion, gender or national origin. Once the selection has been made and the Agreement Letter is signed by all parties, the youth artist(s) will begin the *Artist's Orientation* period.

Artist's Orientation

The Artist's orientation period will consist of the following:

- a tour of the facility and YAR studio
- an introduction to the VCAC organization and staff
- training of facility equipment (where applicable)
- being assigned a private locker to secure materials, supplies, and valuables
- setting up a schedule to meet with the program coordinator for support and progress checks
- working alongside the program coordinator to create a set of goals that include scope of work, learning objectives, quantity of work, etc.

Artist's Residency Terms and Conditions

The Artist agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions:

- the artist has access to the studio when the VCAC is open for business
- the artist will be in the studio for a minimum of 15 hours/week
- the artist will present their work at the end of the residency in a special exhibition
- the artist may audit a workshop or class on the approval of the instructor and program coordinator
- the artist understands that their studio space will be shared periodically with other VCAC programs
- the artist may request flexibility in their schedule if changes occur during the residency; the program coordinator retains the right to decline these requests
- the artist will maintain and follow health and safety practices

Financial Management & Residency Budget

A \$250 honorarium from the Okanagan Artists of Canada Society will be gifted to the artist(s) for the purchase of art materials and supplies. The VCAC will also provide in-kind contributions, including: supervision, creating and distributing promotional materials, coordinating the Opening Reception, and general administrative support. The artist will be responsible for all expenses related to housing, transportation, and meals for the duration of the residency. All other financial administration of the Youth Artist Residency revenues and expenses will be the responsibility of the VCAC.

Reporting Protocol

Any incidents or issues will be reported immediately to the manager of the Arts Centre.

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