

Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts Artist Residency

Description of residency program

ACUA is a non profit Ukrainian arts organization. It is the mandate of ACUA to facilitate and encourage greater appreciation and awareness of all the Ukrainian arts and their cultural significance. Emerging from the spectacular Ukrainian cultural event, Festival '88, The Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts has been celebrating Ukrainian arts for over twenty years. ACUA was founded in 1986, and came together as a volunteer council to interest visual and performing artists in their Ukrainian identity in order that their creativity stimulate growth of Ukrainian culture in Alberta. Through exhibitions, tours, festivals, educational programs, workshops, and special projects, ACUA promotes growth and provides support to the Ukrainian arts and artists living in Alberta.

The residency program is designed to promote artists of Ukrainian heritage, and to introduce non-Ukrainian heritage artists to Ukrainian arts and culture. The ACUA Residency program aims to give artists the time needed to focus on their project. We encourage all artists, poets, writers, musicians, and more in all media to apply.

Through the ACUA Residency program residents are provided with the opportunity to work with our Gallery, live and work in Edmonton, develop their individual projects and immerse themselves in the Ukrainian-Canadian atmosphere that ACUA fosters. The resident will also have the opportunity to critiques and mentorship given by the various artists the the ACUA Gallery represents. At the end of the residency the artist will have a solo show at our Gallery.

Duration of residency

The duration of the residency is the month of July. Artists will be notified of decision one week after the deadline, May 31.

Accommodation

Artists are free to find their own living accommodations, or choose to do a home stay for a fee. ACUA can provide information on various forms of accommodations, such as university residences and sublets.

Homestay would include private living quarters, shared bathroom, shared kitchen and dining/ living area.

Studio/ workspace

ACUA provides access to a 13 X 8 f studio space with private sink in the ACUA Gallery. There is also a larger workshop room available for period usage. Office facilities include camera, printer, scanner, projector, access to WiFi, and a small reference library. The Gallery has access to washroom and small kitchenette (fridge and microwave). The staff at the ACUA Gallery provide support regarding local information such as transport and materials.

Artist critiques from Gallery artists may be arranged by request.

Fees and support

The cost of the ACUA Artist Residency for the month of July is \$1050 CAD.

Artists willing to take part in the ACUA Residency are expected to self fund or apply for funding to cover costs involved. We are happy to support successful applicants with invitation letters.

Artists in Residence are responsible for covering their daily expenses, including food, supplies, visa, travel costs to and from the residency as well as accommodation.

Expectations towards the artist

All artists are expected to put in 30 hours of studio time per week.

A public exhibition will be held at the end of the residency to showcase the work created at the residency. All artists are also expected to give an artist talk, and or workshop during their residency. All artists are also expected to participate, and or attend all functions put on by ACUA during their residency. All artists also must leave one piece of work with ACUA, of the Gallery's own choosing.

Application Information Eligibility And Criteria

As a non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of Ukrainian Arts, applicants must fall under these three categories:

1. Be an artist of Ukrainian heritage or background, not necessarily creating artworks reflecting your Ukrainian background.
2. Be an artist from the country of Ukraine, not necessarily creating artworks reflecting your Ukrainian background.
3. Be an artist free of Ukrainian background, and during the residency focusing on learning and creating artworks related to Ukrainian culture.

Applicants must be at least 20 years old. A good level of English is required, or Ukrainian. Applicants must send in 10 images with an image list, a statement, a letter of intent, and a letter describing your Ukrainian heritage.

Selection Process

The artists are selected by committee.

**Email all applications to events@acuarts.ca.
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