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Residency Open Call

The Bernard Betel Centre is a 55+ community centre with over 2,300 active members. We strive to provide meaningful and creative programming to support healthy lifestyles. The Bernard Betel Centre will host a residency program which will provide free studio space and storage in exchange for an artist-led workshop series for the members at our centre. This would be suitable for single artists or small collectives. Artists/collectives applying to the residency may practice in any medium including but not limited to painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, design, architecture, photography, installation, performance, video and film, filmmaking, new media, and audio. The studio space, located in the Steeles Ave. West and Bathurst St. area, will be available for artists/collectives on Wednesday (6:30pm-8:30pm), Thursday (5pm-8:30pm), and Sunday (9am-3:30pm), and includes a sink, tables, chairs, easels, and plenty of natural light.

We ask that the workshop series designed and run by the artist/collective will reach 5 – 15 members each session. Please be mindful that our members range from 55 – 105 years of age. The workshops can be drop-in style or a registered program. The workshops should work toward a finished piece(s) or performance.

The residency will span from October 1, 2018 – December 28, 2018 with possibility for extension.

Activity is imagined principally to be desk-based. Small scale production might be possible but the room is not suitable for fabrication or loud noise. No heavy equipment or ‘wet’ materials may be used.

The studio space will not be available for public exhibitions, events or open meetings. Access to the building will be by invitation and pre-arrangement only.

Only non-commercial activity will be considered. Preference will be for artists or groups that don't receive regular funding.

The Bernard Betel Centre will not provide any materials or funding for the artists' independent work. All supplies purchased for the workshops must be approved by a Bernard Betel Centre staff member.

A letter of agreement will be signed between the Bernard Betel Centre and the artist/collective.

The artist/collective will have access to the studio space labelled as “Craft Room” on Wednesday (6:30pm-8:30pm), Thursday (5pm-8:30pm), and Sunday (9am-3:30pm). The room is approximately 1,000 sq. ft. The artists/collective will have access to three locked drawers for storage (2ft x 1ft each) and locked storage for canvases. Heating, light, furniture, and wi-fi will be provided by the Bernard Betel Centre.

Artists may propose larger work spaces for short durations of time, if needed. This proposition will need to be approved by a Bernard Betel Centre staff person.

Applications

Please submit applications to jenm@betelcentre.org by 5pm on Friday, June 1, 2018. Applicants will be notified by Friday, June 15, 2018.

Applications include a CV, an artistic statement, documentation of previous artistic projects (if possible), and detailed syllabus for the workshop series. The syllabus should include class content, supplies needed, necessary equipment and an outline of the final piece(s) or performance. Supporting documentation of artistic projects would be helpful, of a maximum of two sheets of information (and/or a maximum of five images and two links).

Applicants will be accepted after an interview with Bernard Betel Centre staff at the Bernard Betel Centre.

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