

2024-2025 Abington Art Center Artist in Residence:

Application Deadline: April 8th 12:15 AM EST Fee: (\$30)

Residency Dates: June 2024 - June 2025

Description

Abington Art Center, located in Jenkintown, PA, is excited to present an open call for our year-long Artist in Residence program at the Little Meetinghouse!

Overview

The Little Meetinghouse is a charming one-room former Quaker Meetinghouse situated on the grounds of our 27 acre estate. The Artist in Residence will utilize the Little Meetinghouse and adjoining storage shed as a studio space, and in exchange, collaborate with the community through free, monthly, hands-on workshops that will enliven the Sculpture Park and bring in new audiences to the art center.

The Resident Artist will receive a stipend and project funding.* The Artist in Residence is encouraged to utilize the grounds of the Sculpture Park throughout their residency and will have the opportunity to display their artwork in our Community Arts gallery for a culminating end-of-residency exhibition.

*Amount contingent upon grant funding

Program History

In 2022, local artist Lisa Kelley approached Abington Art Center with the idea to develop an Artist in Residence program at the Little Meetinghouse. Inspired by the quaint empty building, Lisa envisioned a studio space where artists could create their own work and also engage with the surrounding community through community-centered art workshops. Our Artist in Residence Program has since launched as of June 2023, with Lisa Kelley being our first Artist in Residence.

AAC History

Applicants are encouraged to read about our history and message prior to applying:
<https://abingtonartcenter.org/about/our-history/>

Location

The Little Meetinghouse sits on the edge of the property along Jenkintown Road and can be reached by car or an inspiring walk through our Sculpture Park! A wooded path connects Alverthorpe Manor and the Abington Art Center grounds to the Little Meetinghouse.

Resident Artist Requirements

Abington Art Center is looking to work with a local artist and exhibit work that is representative of the rich and diverse community of Montgomery County. Selections will be made based on the quality of artist's work; artist's statement and biography; CV with exhibition/teaching experience;

and the ways in which the proposed workshops will engage with our community. Artists whose work prioritizes inclusivity, pluralism, and access are encouraged to apply.

Application Requirements

- Artist statement
- Artist bio
- CV with exhibition and teaching experience.
- Portfolio of 10 works
- Proposal of potential workshop ideas

Qualifications

Professional and Emerging Artists 18 years of age and older.

Must be able to submit PA Clearances (Needed for holding community workshops)

Abington Art Center will provide:

- Use of the Little Meetinghouse as a personal studio and to engage the community for one year
- Monthly Stipend
- Workshop materials funding.
- Curate end-of-residency exhibition in our Community Arts Gallery
- Opportunities to collaborate with the Studio School, Gallery and Events departments.
- Promotion for events

The Resident Artist will be required to:

- Facilitate monthly free community workshops (April-October) at the Little Meetinghouse.
- Create original artworks throughout their residency for an end-of-residency exhibition.
- Maintain a clean and welcoming studio environment.

Limitations:

- The Little Meetinghouse currently does not have heat or AC. Temporary electric space heaters are allowed, as well as a portable air conditioner
- Water is turned off from Early November - End of March
- Building is accessible November - March.

Conditions of use:

- The interior of the meetinghouse must remain in the same condition,
- Resident Artist will be responsible for any and all damages.
- Fire Safety: No open flames. A fire extinguisher is located in the storage room.
- The Meetinghouse is located next to a residential neighborhood and sound levels should reflect being a good neighbor!
- Not requiring winter workshops