



The Neon Museum

National Artist Residency 2018

The Neon Museum invites qualified artists and groups of artists to submit proposals for participation in the annual National Artist residency (U.S. artists only). This residency calls for an artist or group of artists working in the fields of visual or performing arts to reside in Las Vegas, NV for eight weeks during the summer of 2018 engaging with both the Neon Museum and the extraordinary city in which it resides.

PROJECT SUMMARY: One (1) artist or group of artists working in the fields of visual arts, performance, sculpture or sound will be chosen to create a project inspired by the Neon Museum collection, sponsored and supported by the Neon Museum. The residency project will span eight weeks with some flexibility between June 1 and August 31, 2018.

The residency incorporates public programming that should include a workshop component or similar engagement project. An artist talk is scheduled at the beginning of the residency to introduce the artist's work to the community and a studio open house at the residency conclusion.

ELIGIBILITY: This project is open to artists based in the United States working in the fields of visual arts, performance, sculpture or sound over the age of 18. (Neon Museum employees are not eligible to apply.)

SELECTION: One artist or group of artists will be chosen. Selection criteria will include demonstrated artistic excellence, quality and clarity of proposal, quality and benefit of proposed public program, and a demonstrated ability to complete the project within the project schedule (found on page 2). Previous experience with workshop development and implementation, community programming and collaborative work would be an advantage, but not a prerequisite.

RESIDENCY PROVISIONS:

- The studio space provided comprises approximately 1,000 square feet within a 12,000 square foot downtown Las Vegas warehouse space with ceiling height of 19 feet and equipped with an evaporative cooling system. ADA accessible. The accommodation provided is in a furnished and air-conditioned downtown studio apartment with parking included. ADA accessible.

- The Neon Museum also provides access to onsite collection and archives where appropriate, marketing and publicity, photographic documentation and staffing support to assist with administering the public programming component.
- Please note that summer temperatures in Las Vegas can exceed 110 degrees so time outdoors is recommended to be limited. If any special provisions are required or for any questions please contact residency@neonmuseum.org. Note that staff may not be able to respond to your inquiry immediately, especially if submitted during the evening or over the weekend, so please plan accordingly as the deadline for your completed submission is firm and will not be waived.

PROJECT BUDGET:

- The artist or group of artists selected will be paid a stipend of a total of **\$2,000** plus a modest negotiable budget for materials if required.
- The selected artist/s will be provided a small travel stipend, studio space and lodging for eight weeks.
- No additional funding is provided to the artist by the Museum.

ARTWORK PROVISION: The Neon Museum requests the artist contribute a mutually agreed upon artwork to the Museum collection at the completion of the residency.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Qualified artists should:

- Provide Support Materials as described in the application. Support materials must adhere to the directions.
- Submission materials must be uploaded to a Dropbox folder. For more info on Dropbox go to www.dropbox.com. Please share your Dropbox folder to email address: **residency@neonmuseum.org** Please ensure you have received a confirmation notification within 24 hours of submitting your materials.

No mail submissions will be accepted.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5:00pm PST.**

Questions? Email residency@neonmuseum.org

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- **Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5:00pm PST:** National Artist in Residence application deadline. All applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by this day and time. Late submissions **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- **Monday, March 5, 2018:** Selected National Artist announced.
- Sometime between **June 1 and July 1, 2018** the residency period in Neon Museum Studio begins.
- The eight-week residency is to be completed before **August 31, 2018.**

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Please ensure the following support materials are included. Please adhere to all labeling and formatting guidelines to ensure a streamlined and organized jury review.

Support Materials Checklist:

Items #1-5 should be put in separate Word Docs that include your last name in the top right:

1. ___ Artist Bio (500 words max)
2. ___ Artist Statement (500 words max)
3. ___ Artist Resume/CV
4. ___ Proposal (1,000 words max)
5. ___ Two referees who can speak to your work as an artist, your ability to connect with audiences, and your ability to adhere to a timeline. Please include name, title, contact phone number and email address.
6. ___ Work Sample
7. ___ Completed contact information form with applicant signature.

For Work Sample:

- 8-10 digital images (72dpi) max of 4mb per image. (Title, Medium, Dimensions, Date).
- Video – please submit 2 to 3, two-minute selections. Or provide a web link for viewing i.e. Youtube, Vimeo.
- Image/Video index must be numbered to correspond with slides. (Title, Medium, Dimensions, Date).

For Proposal: (in separate Word Docs that include your last name in the top right. Please include the question and your corresponding answer.)

1. Briefly describe your work.
2. Why would you like to be an Artist in Residence at the Neon Museum?
3. What artistic goals do you hope to achieve during your residency? If you have a specific project in mind, please describe.
4. Is there a specific public engagement component you would like to implement during the residency? If you have previous experience with workshop implementation, community programming or collaborative projects, please describe.
5. How might you as an artist benefit from engagement with the Neon Museum collections and/or constituency?

6. How do your work, skills and interests make you a great fit for the Neon Museum and its mission to collect, preserve, study and exhibit iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts and cultural enrichment?

7. Have you visited the Neon Museum? (There is no right or wrong answer to this question! We just want to learn about you.)

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

(If group of artists, please list all members of the group)

NAME: _____

LEGAL NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WEBSITE: _____

MEDIUM/DISCIPLINE: _____

This application submitted by:

(Please Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

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