



The Arts & Entertainment District of Cumberland and the Allegany Arts Council are pleased to announce a program specifically created for artists. **Studio Sessions** will take place January 10-27, 2023, and will serve as a place for artists to create, collaborate and practice.

### What is Studio Sessions?

The Arts & Entertainment District of Cumberland is charged with promoting creative enterprise by inviting artists to live, work and sell within the District. Artists and creatives interested in buying or renovating spaces within its borders are eligible for a series of tax incentives, abatements and opportunities to promote their work.

In 2022, the Allegany Arts Council was awarded a Project Restore grant through the **Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development**, a program intended to allow existing and potential businesses the opportunity to create retail and other space to spark economic growth. The award of this grant enabled us to rent the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 9 N. Centre Street for one year. Throughout this year we have hosted a variety of activities – concerts, life drawing programs, community events and performances, and now, an artist pop-up and creator space.

### What is the schedule for Studio Sessions?

January 10-27, 2023: Studio Sessions  
January 10, 2023: Studio Sessions Artist Welcome Breakfast  
January 27, 2023: Studio Sessions Artist Closing Breakfast and exhibition work to be turned in  
February 4, 2023: Studio Showcase Public Opening  
February 4-25, 2023: Studio Showcase Exhibition  
February 28, 2023: Exhibition work may be collected

## **Who is eligible to participate in the Studio Sessions program?**

Artists working in all mediums are invited to participate in the Studio Sessions program, but eligibility requirements do apply and artists should carefully review them prior to making application. As space is limited, preference will be given to current Allegany Arts Council artist members, but we welcome any and all applications. There is no cost to the artist to participate and it is not necessary to reside in Allegany County to be part of the program.

Participating artists are expected to promote the program, work in a supportive and inclusive manner with other participating artists, and in cooperation with program staff. Program organizers reserve the right to deny any application or request a participating artist leave the program if he/she/they do not comply with program guidelines.

## **What is expected of me as a participating artist?**

The goal of the Studio Sessions program is to highlight artists, both new and veteran, who are interested in a possible studio space of their own. The program will feature a rotating opportunity to view artists work, space for collaboration, demonstrations, public viewings, and culminating in an exhibition at the conclusion of the program to present participating artists new works.

Participating artists will agree to the following:

- Participating artists will be required to be present and working in their studio space at least 18 hours per week during the three-week program. Artists will be expected to sign in and out daily. The Studio Sessions program will be open from 11:00AM-5:00PM, Tuesday-Saturday, during the program timeframe – artists may choose the days/times that work best for their individual schedule.
- Participating artists will be required to participate in two (2) demonstrations during the program timeframe, which will be scheduled and promoted. Artists should prepare for a 30-60 minute session for each demonstration.
- Participating artists will be expected to complete 2-3 new works during the program timeframe which will be exhibited in the Studio Sessions Showcase in February. Works must be completed and turned in on Friday, January 27, 2023.

## **What does the Studio Sessions program offer?**

Participating artists will receive the following:

- Free, 3-week usage of 8'x8' studio space with black pipe and draping
- Easel
- Table easel
- Chair
- Artist signage
- Marketing and promotion of the Studio Sessions program
- Printed artist guide
- Electricity (electric availability is limited on a first come, first-served basis)

## **What else do I need to know?**

Applications are due by Friday, December 16, and announcements will be made on Friday, December 23, 2022, for the Studio Sessions program.

Applicants should send a short bio, headshot, and up to three (3) work samples which will be included in the printed booklet and used for marketing and promotion of the program. The work samples should be no 1000px in width and 600px in height, 72 dpi.

Artists are permitted to sell previous works during the Studio Sessions program, but all transactions must be managed by Allegany Arts Council staff members. Artists will complete a slip to be given to Arts Council staff, who will calculate the artist's 65% commission. Checks will be paid to all artists at the conclusion of the exhibit in February. Works included in the Studio Sessions Showcase will also be subject to a 35% commission to the gallery.

Space will be available for artist collaboration during the program time, and we invite any artist interested in working, creating or collaborating to join those spaces during this timeframe.

Participating artists will be permitted to leave their supplies and work in the pop-up space, where it will be secured and monitored nightly.

## STUIDO SESSIONS ARTIST APPLICATION

### Applicant Information

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Best telephone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### Artist Medium

Please provide a list of all mediums in which you actively practice:

---

---

### Artist Web Presence

Do you have a website? If so, please include URL below:

---

Do you have social media accounts? If so, please include below:

---

I have provided the following items as part of my application:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Artist Bio (up to 350 words)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Headshot or personal photo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to 3 work samples

*\*Items should be e-mailed to Deb Litman at [dlitman@alleganyarts.org](mailto:dlitman@alleganyarts.org).*

If selected to participate in the Studio Sessions program, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- Work at least 18 hours per week during each of the program weeks and sign in/out daily.
- Participate in two (2) scheduled demonstrations lasting 30-60 minutes, which will be open to the public.
- Complete 2-3 new works which will be featured in the Studio Showcase exhibition following Studio Session program weeks.

- Allow AAC to actively follow and market my progress via social media and other marketing platforms.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Westendorff, Executive Director  
Allegany Arts Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **STUDIO SESSIONS SCHEDULE**

January 10-27, 2023: Studio Sessions

January 10, 2023: Studio Sessions Artist Welcome Breakfast

January 27, 2023: Studio Sessions Artist Closing Breakfast and exhibition work to be turned in

February 4, 2023: Studio Showcase Public Opening

February 4-25, 2023: Studio Showcase Exhibition

February 28, 2023: Exhibition work may be collected