



High School Art Mentorship Program

Salem Art Association

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Overview:

The Salem Art Association (SAA) seeks talented freshman, sophomore, junior and senior high school students to join the High School Art Mentorship Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Students in public, private or parochial schools as well as those who are homeschooled are welcome to apply.

SAA is a 501c3 non-profit arts organization which has been serving Salem and surrounding communities since 1919. SAA has three core programs: the Bush Barn Art Center, the Bush House Museum and Community Arts Education. Each year, through these programs, SAA supports local artists of all ages and experience levels through opportunities to showcase their work; connects the community to the arts through free-of-charge art exhibitions and events; provides an ever-expanding experience of Salem's heritage; and brings arts education to schools in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, reaching thousands of children. Additionally, SAA also organizes the nationally-recognized Salem Art Fair & Festival each summer which is the largest event of its kind in Oregon.

Participant Responsibilities:

- Fulfill a ten hour apprenticeship/internship with a professional working artist based on their proposal, discipline and specific medium of interest
- Fulfill five volunteer hours at SAA – opportunities include helping at special events, or assisting with tasks at the Bush Barn Art Center or the Bush House Museum
- Participate in creating a body of work(s) in chosen discipline or medium to present in an exhibition or semi-private presentation
- Gain skills in public speaking, organization and presentation
- Learn about art history and current art trends
- Visit professional artists' studios and/or other arts related businesses/organizations/museums
- Learn about professional museum and gallery work
- Experience how a 501c3 non-profit arts organization works
- Meet and network with students from surrounding high schools through attending bi-monthly meetings at the Salem Art Association
- Contribute to the development of a dynamic high school art program

Meetings:

Meetings last from 3:30-5:00 pm and are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the [Bush Barn Art Center](#). The first introductory gathering will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Deadline:

To be considered for the program, please complete and submit the application attached and include any other requested materials, by **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**.

High School Art Mentorship Program Application

Student Name: _____ Phone #: _____

In the fall of 2017, your grade (circle one): 9th 10th 11th 12th

High School Name: _____ School Address: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of parent or legal guardian: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please complete the following supplemental information on a separate sheet of paper:

1. List any employment you have held or are currently holding.
2. How will you travel to the Bush Barn Art Center for meetings.
3. In a 250 word essay, discuss any artists that inspire you and ones that you admire, your interests and goals in the arts, including your discipline (music, visual arts, theater, etc.) and why you would like to participate in this program.
4. Describe what kind of apprenticeship/internship you are interested in, including art form, discipline and/or medium and what you would like to accomplish. What would your ideal experience consist of? Each student will be responsible for completing a ten hour apprenticeship/internship with an artist. The resulting artwork may be part of a culminating exhibit or presentation created by participants.

Process:

- Submit your completed application and two letters of recommendation from teachers or principal including names and contact information
- Interviews will be scheduled between October 10, 11, 12, 2017. The program has 15 spaces available.
- First meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 3:30-5:00 pm at Bush Barn Art Center

Please submit the above form and supplemental information to:

ATTN: Susan Powers, School Programs Coordinator
High School Art Mentorship Program
Salem Art Association
600 Mission Street SE
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Please contact Susan Powers at 503-581-2228 or susan@SalemArt.org if you have any questions or would like more information. Many thanks for your interest in the High School Art Mentorship program.