



THE SALEM ART ASSOCIATION STUDIO 2027 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Salem Art Association (SAA) is offering a 2027 Artist-in-Residence (AIR) Program in the SAA Studio.

The mission of the SAA Studio leans toward providing an experimental space for making and communicating new ideas in artmaking, even if just new for you. Individuals and collaborations with artists at all stages in their careers are welcomed. BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Veteran, and other underrepresented communities are strongly urged to apply.

The SAA Artist-in-Residence program offers:

- An experimental space for artists to develop their work and collaborate.
- An opportunity for the community to engage with working artists. The Studio is generally viewable by the public during SAA open hours. A sliding wall can either open or enclose the space for public viewing/access.
- General professional development support for artists.
- An exhibition in SAA's Focus Gallery for one month, for two slots.

No stipend or financial support is currently available. Artists provide their own housing, materials, meals, and transportation. SAA strives to maintain a balance between supporting emerging and established artists. A Studio key is available to the artist so that the space can be utilized outside of Bush Barn Art Center open hours, as SAA recognizes the need for flexibility in the creative process and to accommodate various schedules and time commitments. SAA prefers a non-toxic environment in the Studio and surrounding building/park space and is committed to the physical and bodily health and safety of our artists, staff, and visitors.

2027 RESIDENCIES

All artists, of any medium, may apply for the **March (in Studio)/April (exhibition)** and the **September (in Studio)/October (exhibition)** slots.



2027 Residency Dates

IN STUDIO:

March
September

2027 Focus Gallery Exhibition Dates

IN FOCUS GALLERY:

April
October

Application Due Date

November 30, 2026
November 30, 2026

(ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES) 1 – 3 WEEK RESIDENCIES

In addition to the scheduled AIR slots, we seek to have artists actively using the Annex Studio throughout the year whenever possible. We welcome proposals for other ideas or time frames that you might be interested in! Email SAA at kathleen@salearmart.org. 1 – 3 week Residencies are available depending on calendar availability.

For 2027, availability is within -

January

May

November

December

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The SAA Studio is located in the Annex at the Salem Art Association/Bush Barn Art Center, which is in the picturesque Bush's Pasture Park just outside downtown Salem. Completely renovated in 2016, the Studio can accommodate printmaking and artists working in a variety of media. Separated from the Studio by two large, sliding doors (which can be left open to encourage public interaction while working), is a large main gallery for exhibitions and workshops. The Studio is approximately 348 square feet, and the main space is approximately 741 square feet.

Artists will have access to a key with which they can access the studio. The Studio has its own entrance, a sliding door inside, a window overlooking the park, a skylight, and track lighting. There are storage cabinets along one wall. There is an available printmaking press in the studio space. The press is a Dick Blick Master Etch. The bed is 23 inches wide. Several eight (8) foot long tables and chairs are available. The studio contains a ventilation booth with hood, washout sink, and a double sink. Wifi is also available in the space. There are some limitations to what can be accomplished in the facility, for example there is currently no darkroom, no glass or ceramic facility, and the consideration of sound in close proximity to others.

AIR ARTIST AGREEMENT

- Offer a community engagement component (such as brown bag lunch, slide show, lecture, workshop for youth, etc.).
- Work 15-20 or more hours per week in the Studio. *If you have a full-time job or other time commitments, don't worry! You will have a Studio key and access code, and can use the space at your convenience!*
- Read the Art Safety Manual and adhere to the use of materials as discussed. Employ safe studio practices if there is the use of solvents and/or chemicals, and follow specific safety protocols which will be reviewed with the artist.
- Sign an agreement with SAA regarding professional goals, personal conduct, and that you will follow safe studio practices and procedures. Any inappropriate behavior will unilaterally terminate the agreement.
- Leave the space and equipment undamaged. Walls clean (if necessary repainted), floor clean, etc.
- **Completed artwork, which will be exhibited in the Focus Gallery.** If you are applying for an AIR outside of this option, this does not apply.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

(Please contact Kathleen Dinges Rice for assistance as needed, we are happy to discuss! Any combination that shares your ideas is great and encouraged. You don't need to provide all of what is listed below.)

- Residency month. (Please apply for each month separately.)
- Artist Biography
- Proposal of intent stating project and artistic goals, art medium, community engagement component, your artistic/creative practice, and why this would be a good fit for you at this time.
- Answer: How will this AIR support the making of new work for you?
- Two references
- Work samples, including website or social media links/handles
- CV, if applicable
- Provide a list of any tools, chemicals, or potentially hazardous materials you may use and how those materials will be safely stored and disposed of. A solvent garbage can will be provided. Ventilation is provided by windows and doors and a ventilation booth with hood.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The AIR Committee consists of staff at SAA and previous AIR participants and considers the following, amongst other, criteria:

- How SAA can support area artists and how meaningful this AIR could be for said artist.
- Artistic quality of artwork and merit of proposal ideas.
- The amount of risk the artist will be taking in their own art practice, or the experimental nature of the proposed work will be considered.
- Ability to engage with the community in a dynamic way.

SUBMISSIONS

Please send digital submissions to Kathleen Dinges Rice, Artists Resources and Outreach Director, at Kathleen@SalemArt.org. Mailed submission should be sent to:

Salem Art Association, Attn: Kathleen Dinges Rice
600 Mission Street SE
Salem, OR 97302

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact Kathleen with any questions or inquiries via phone at 503-581-2228 x312 or via email at Kathleen@SalemArt.org.

