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Call to Artists - Artist in Residence

Maple Ridge, BC: The Artist in Residence Program in Maple Ridge provides an opportunity for professional artists to create arts/culture-based community engagement on projects and activities that have a meaningful impact in exchange for studio space and living accommodations. We have one home suitable for live-work studios: Fern Crescent in Silver Valley. The program's purpose is to enhance community cultural development and pride of place by activating and animating neighbourhoods, public facilities and/or parks through programming and community engagement activities on topics of interest or themes identified in the City's strategic plans with artists and community members.

The residencies are based on terms of approximately three years, commencing Winter 2023 and ending in Winter 2026, with renewal in each year subject to successful review and evaluation for all parties. In exchange for a minimum number of hours of community-engaged programs and activities in approved project(s), artists are offered a lease for the house at no charge to be used only as an active live-work studio and house (excludes utilities, tenant contents insurance, telecommunications. See application for details).

During each residency, the artist establishes a presence in the municipality and neighbourhood as appropriate. This may include neighbourhood placemaking, festivals and special events (Culture Days, Canada Day, Celebrate the Night) and outreach into public spaces and facilities or with community partners which links with the five themed areas:

- Connecting people with nature (also includes environmental)
- Inclusion and Access (also includes age-friendly)
- Heritage and storytelling
- Indigenous cultural heritage and arts
- Youth and family arts and culture

We invite professional Canadian artists in all disciplines as individuals or collectives/organizations and artist teams to respond. Artists with experience working with children and youth and diverse communities and have an inclusive arts practice are especially encouraged to apply. The expression of interest call application details are available at www.mapleridge.ca/1511/Calls-for-Submissions.

A non-mandatory information session and viewing of the spaces will be available on November 2, 2022 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Application Deadline November 4, 2022

For additional information including on how to submit an application for further questions, visit us online at www.mapleridge.ca/1519/Public-Art-Calls please contact Maple Ridge Parks Recreation and Culture at 604-467-7433 or email culture@mapleridge.ca