



2010 CALL TO ARTISTS FOR ARTIST RESIDENCIES

INTRODUCTION TO THE 8TH STREET AIR PROGRAM

In the center of downtown Boise's Cultural District, the renovated 8th Street Marketplace @ BoDo is home to numerous restaurants, locally owned boutique shops, entertainment venues, and offices. The Marketplace also hosts artists-in-residence, as does the Alaska Building on Main Street and 11th and Renewal's basement at 8th and Fulton. So far a total of fourteen artists—painters, poets, actors, dancers—have been in residence, pursuing their creative passions. The program continues in 2010 with support from Adrian + Sabine Sustainable Marketing and Boise's Department of Arts & History.

Residency spaces are offered to Idaho artists for three-month blocks of time, with no space rental fee for the selected artists—a significant value in today's downtown retail marketplace. Artists do need to purchase their own insurance policies to cover liability issues while in residence, which varies from \$75-\$300 depending on the insurance the artist has access to. Participating artists will be asked to leave one piece representative of their work behind for a gallery/archive of the artists in residence.

Residencies will be available for time slots in March-May and June-August. Artists of any discipline—painters, writers, filmmakers, dancers, poets, and musicians—are encouraged to apply.

Affordable studio space is a scarce commodity in Boise. For that reason many artists work out of their homes painting in spare bedrooms or editing film in the basement. Although these residencies are for a short duration, they offer artists an opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on their work, experience a new venue in the urban center, and share their craft with a wider audience. Artists may choose to work on a special project while in their space or continue working on a body of paintings, writing, music, or choreography in progress.

Artist-in-Residence studios will be open to the public on First Thursdays so that the community can interact with the artists and experience their new work. A & H and the building owners will develop additional programs to feature the artists depending on what kind of work they do. The sponsoring partners are committed to contributing to the vibrant culture of Boise and investing in the talent of home-grown artists. This program marks an exciting chapter in the historic district that is connected to the rich artistic fabric of Boise.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Artists interested in participating will apply by January 29th with 1) a letter of interest, 2) resume with art practice history (past exhibitions, performances, publications), 3) work sample (up to ten 72dpi digital images not larger than 9 x 12" on a CD, manuscript under five pages, sample music clip or video/dvd of performance under 5 minutes), and 4) letter of recommendation. A selection panel facilitated by Boise's Department of Arts & History (A & H) will choose artists for up to eight residencies for each three month block. The selection will be based on artists' commitment to a selected discipline and quality of art as evidenced through work history and samples. Serious consideration will be given to emerging artists with more limited work history but great promise and established artists with proven track record. The panel is looking for creativity, passion, and active engagement in an artistic practice. Restrictions to artists may apply due to safety concerns or noise factors. Decisions will be made by mid February.

OTHER RESIDENCY SPACES MAY BE AVAILABLE

Boise City is currently negotiating with other building owners to secure additional artist in residency spaces. All those who submit for this project will be automatically considered for those opportunities as well, as they are available.

The program is sponsored by the 8th Street Marketplace owners and Adrian + Sabine Sustainable Marketing. It is facilitated in partnership with Boise City's Department of Arts & History. Boise Weekly is the media sponsor.

Application Deadline: **Friday, January 29, 2009, 5pm**

Send Applications to: 8th Street Marketplace Artist-in-Residency
Boise City Department of Arts & History
PO Box 500
Boise, ID 83701-0500

Or Deliver to: 8th Street Marketplace Artist-in-Residency
Boise City Department of Arts & History
Boise City Hall
150 N. Capitol Boulevard, 1st floor building two
First Floor, Building Two

Timeline:

App Deadline: Friday, January 29
Panel Review: First week of February
Interviews with Potential Artists: Second week of February
First Residency: March 8-June 4
Second Residency: June 7-September 3

Application Checklist:

- letter of interest
- resume/art practice history
- work sample
- letter of recommendation