

CALL FOR EMERGING BLACK ARTISTS



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Emerging Black Artist Residency

Call released: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Applications accepted until: Monday, February 26, 2024 by 11:59 PM

Positions available: 3

Participant honorarium: \$750 per artist

Program Description

Lakeshore Arts' Emerging Black Artist Residency is an 8-week program spanning this spring season. The program invites three emerging Black artists to work on their existing or new arts projects that will ultimately be displayed at an exhibition at LSA's Community Project Space (CPS).

LSA will offer the artists:

- Access to the CPS for studio time two days per week.
- Access to our art supplies.
- One-on-one consultations with a professional curator who will curate a group exhibition of the artists' works.
- One workshop with a guest facilitator in support of the artists' professional development.
- Support from LSA's staff.
- An honorarium of \$750 for completing the program and displaying works.

Participant Criteria

We are looking for artists who meet the following criteria:

- Artists, identifying as Black, in the first 5 years of their professional art careers.

- A demonstrated commitment to the arts.
- Priority given to those living in Etobicoke.
- A specific and feasible goal for the residency period.
- Eligible artistic disciplines & mediums include:
 - Visual Arts, such as drawing, paintings, lens-based work, some sculpture mediums, and textile-based work.
 - Performing Arts
 - Crafts, such as textile-based work and leather work.
 - Digital Arts
- Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate the following artistic practices:
 - Practices requiring a ventilation system (e.g. oil painting, aerosol painting, woodwork)
 - Ceramics
 - Metalwork

Residency Days and Location:

Dates*: Twice weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays from March 20 to May 10, 2024, followed by an exhibition reception on Thursday, May 30, 2024. Wednesdays are mandatory. Fridays are optional open studio days.

Location: In-person at Lakeshore Arts' CPS (2422 Lake Shore Blvd. W, Etobicoke, ON)

*Dates are subject to change based on participants' availability, inclement weather, and other unforeseen circumstances.

Program commitments:

- Available for agreed-upon time commitments.
- Attending at least one of the two open studio sessions per week for the full run of the residency.
- Consulting with the curator about artworks.
- Completing artworks for display in exhibition.
- Attending the opening reception.
- Participation in a final evaluation of the program.

The Workspace

The Community Project Space is approximately 250 sq. ft. of gallery space, with laminate wood flooring. It has a storefront window looking onto Lakeshore Blvd. West to the south, as well as two steps up to the entrance doors. There is a portion of the west wall that is brick, and a portion of it that is white gallery wall. The east wall is white as well, and includes a doorway to a staircase to the basement (storage and single-stall bathroom). To the north side of the CPS there is a welcome desk, where an LSA staff sits, a small kitchenette (fridge, kettle, microwave), and office/storage space, and a window that opens. The CPS has 8 tables and 30 chairs, 5 power outlets, and a small 2-seat couch. There is natural light during the day, as well as fluorescent and LED lights. There are up to 2 parking spaces behind LSA, and a Green P parking lot as well.

How to Apply

Please submit a completed application form at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/rfHREeQhImPrKyTF9/>. You will be prompted to outline:

- 1) A short biography (250 words max.).
- 2) Artist statement (250 words max.).
- 3) Artistic medium in which you will be working.
- 4) Your residency goal(s) (feasible short-term goal(s), achievable within the residency period).
- 5) A list of art supplies or equipment you may need access to.
- 6) How the program will impact your artistic career (250-500 words).
- 7) Upload link for images, or a link to portfolio, website, professional social media accounts.

Please submit your email application by Monday, February 26, 2024 by 11:59 PM.

LSA thanks you in advance for your application; however, only those selected will be contacted.

About Lakeshore Arts

Lakeshore Arts (LSA) is an award winning non-profit community arts organization and one of six LASO's (Local Art Service Organization) in the City of Toronto. Founded in 1993, Lakeshore Arts is dedicated to engaging all peoples using multidisciplinary

art forms as a way of enriching lives and strengthening Toronto's communities. The organization values accessibility, transparency and respect, focusing on creating impact using the arts as a catalyst for engagement and social change.

LSA is located in Etobicoke/Adobigok (Place of the Alders in the Ojibwe). This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work in this territory alongside many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

Learn more at: lakeshorearts.ca