

Call for Artist Expression of Interest

June 29 – December 18, 2020

About

The Clayton Community Centre will offer creative spaces that nurture discovery and learning. The role of the Artist in Residence is to **dream big and make art with our community**.

Do you have a creative idea that involves groups of people? The Clayton Community Centre is uniquely well-equipped to accommodate visual, performing, and celebration arts. Artists with a multidisciplinary practice and diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

We are currently looking for one Artist in Residence that can commit up to 6 months—as well as additional artists for shorter length projects. We have multiple opportunities and can be flexible to accommodate availability. If this interests you, or someone you know, come to our information session on March 30, 2020. If you have general questions, please call Edward Westerhuis at 604-591-4750 or write to communityart@surrey.ca.

We offer artists paid time and space to create their work. The selected artist will be compensated for designing and leading group community projects. The artist will collaborate with staff to first develop a Concept Plan for how the residency will unfold.

Budget: up to \$12,000 for artist's time plus \$5,000 for materials to complete their project.

The Artist in Residence will have access to:

- An office workstation within the Visual Arts Studio
- A Visual Art Studio, with vaulted ceilings and capacity to hang artworks in progression (think of large celebration puppets)
- A Performing Arts Studio black box theatre, with lighting, sound, video projection, sprung floors, ballet barre and mirrors
- A Woodworking Studio with traditional woodworking machines and hand power tools
- Smaller music practice studios that can also operate as meeting spaces
- A large social space in the heart of the building that can be used for performances or other project activations
- A Surrey Libraries branch on the second floor, with collections on Visual and Performing Arts as well as Woodworking
- Recreation spaces, such as the gymnasium, fitness studio, weight room, and stationary bike studio
- Drop-in childminding

Info Session

Learn more about the new Clayton Community Centre and the Artist in Residence Program.

March 30, 2020 | 6:30-8:30pm | Surrey City Centre Library, 10350 University Dr | Rm 402

Program Guidelines

Purpose

The Artist in Residence program will provide artists opportunities to develop and lead community art projects with Surrey residents.

Program Goals

Your artwork and creation process will:

- Produce an ambitious project
- Engage diverse and intergenerational residents as co-creators
- Create opportunities for people to connect. Neighbours will meet, and learn about each other, and make something amazing

Term

The residency term starts June 2020 and concludes December 2020 with a closing performance and/or celebration event. While we are looking for one artist to complete a 6-month residency, exact project timelines are negotiable. Artists who apply may also be considered for other short-term projects.

Eligibility

The Artist in Residence program is open to emerging, mid-career and established professional artists working in, but not limited to, the following disciplines: Performing Arts, Visual and Media arts (including Film/Video), Dance, Music, Multidisciplinary, Craft, Theatre and Celebration Arts.

The artist must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, aged 18 years or older. Artists with a multidisciplinary practice and diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Residency Location

The City of Surrey is located on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Clayton Heights is a master planned neighbourhood north of Surrey's Cloverdale Town Centre. It is located north of Fraser Hwy and west of the Township of Langley border. Clayton is one of the city's youngest and fastest growing communities. From 2001 to 2014, West Clayton grew from under 1,000 to nearly 20,000 residents. For comparison, Clayton's population is roughly equivalent to the City of White Rock, within a land mass half the size.

During Clayton's development, single family rural homes were replaced by a mix of apartments, town homes, and single-family dwellings. The plan for this neighbourhood is to provide a mix of housing options and light commercial development within a highly walkable community. This high growth brought many young families to the neighbourhood. In 2019, the Surrey School District opened École Salish Secondary School within a 20-minute walk of existing Clayton Heights Secondary School.

Scheduled to open June 2020, the Clayton Community Centre will ignite curiosity by offering a variety of experiences to nurture discovery and learning. Architecturally striking, it was intentionally designed to integrate a library, visual and performing arts spaces and recreation facilities around a central shared social space. The Centre offers a safe, welcoming and inspiring space for everyone.

The facility is designed and constructed according to the Passive House high-performance building standard, meaning that it will consume up to 90% less energy than conventional buildings, reducing the City's carbon footprint and the operating costs of the facility.

Role of the Artist

- Propose a Concept Plan for the how their project will unfold over the course of the residency
- Lead and facilitate public activities that implement the project plan
- Deliver a tangible outcome, such as a temporary installation(s) or performances
- Be responsible for their own transportation. Having a personal vehicle is preferable.
- Commit up to 350 hours to develop the project, including 150 hours of facilitating community programming June – December 2020
- Deliver the project on time and within budget
- Collaborate with staff and provide progress updates
- Participate in interviews with local media, where appropriate/required
- Document their work through writing, photographs, and/or video
- Be available to deliver presentations, workshops or talks during Culture days (Sept 2020)
- Participate in post-residency debrief

Role of the City

- Provide an office, storage space and access to the Visual Art and Performing Arts Studios art studio and the wood-working workshop at Clayton Community Centre during the facility's open hours
- Assist the artist to apply for necessary permits and insurance and provide the forms to complete the Police Information Check
- Work with the artist to develop residency plan, including but not limited, to outreach strategy and residency milestone dates
- Set up a schedule with the artist and book spaces as required (e.g. multipurpose rooms, theatre, art studio, etc.)
- Provide an artist fee up to \$12,000
- Provide a maximum materials budget of \$5,000
- Draft the Artist in Residence program agreement between City of Surrey and the artist
- Recognize the artist as the official City of Surrey Clayton Community Artist in Residence for 2020
- Assist with the documentation of work and promotion of residency.
- Connect the artist with local resources, including volunteers, businesses, organizations, and other artists

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed based both on the strength of the artist's demonstrated ability and proposed project concept.

Artist Criteria

- Demonstrated artistic experiences;
- Demonstrated artistic excellence, quality of work and innovation;
- Demonstrated suitability for a project of this scope and size;

- Demonstrated ability and willingness to work extensively with community and City Staff through a collaborative process;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and to engage creatively and collaboratively with a variety of different populations;

Project Criteria

- The artwork's potential quality and the impact on the community
- The depth and quality of the community engagement
- Ability of proposed project to engage diverse and intergenerational audiences
- The strength of the community engagement opportunity and the mix of proposed activities during the artistic creation process and/or final project
- The feasibility of the project and the likelihood it can be completed as described in the proposal
- Subject matter of the proposed project is suitable for all vulnerable populations, including young children

Selection Process

- City of Surrey Staff will administer applications and shortlist artists
- Staff will then interview each shortlisted artist. This is an opportunity for the artist to ask any questions related to the residency program to ensure the residency would be mutually beneficial
- Applicants will be notified of their status as soon as adjudication is complete, approx. 2-3 weeks following the application deadline

Timelines

March 30, 2020, 6:30-8:30 pm	Information Session at Surrey City Centre Library
April 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm	Applications are due
April 27-May 7, 2020	Conduct interviews
Early May, 2020	Selected artist notified
June 29 – December 18, 2020	Artist Residency

Police Information Check

The shortlisted artists will be required to obtain a Police Information Check with a Vulnerable Sector Check from the jurisdiction in which they live before the residency begins. Fees associated with the Police Information Check will be reimbursed by the City.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to live in Surrey to apply?

- You do not need to live in Surrey to apply for this residency. The selected artist will be required to work out of the Clayton Community Centre and will be responsible for their own transportation.

Can I apply as a team?

- Teams are welcome to apply. If you are considering applying as a team, please contact City Staff early in your application process. While we are looking for one artist to commit up to 6 months, we can be flexible and can also consider artists teams for other opportunities.

Where will the artist be living?

- This is not a live-in residency. The artist will be responsible for their own housing.

Where will the artist be working?

- The artist will be provided a office space within the Visual Arts Studio at the Clayton Community Centre. The artist can also develop their project in different spaces within the facility and Clayton community, based on the needs of the project.

How do I get to the Clayton Community Centre?

- Artist is responsible for own transportation. The Community Centre is a 10 minute walk from the nearest bus stop on Fraser Hwy.

Does the Clayton Community Centre have a kiln?

- No. The Clayton Community Centre is not equipped for a ceramics program and does not have a kiln.

Application

Required Application Materials Checklist

Applications can be submitted by either:

- a. Completing the **Online Application Form** [Link]
or
- b. **Downloading and printing the Application Form** [Link] for mailing or delivering the application in person

Applications must include:

- 1. Completed Application Form
 - Form requires written responses for:
 - Artist' Statement (Max. 500 words)
 - Project Proposal (Max. 500 words)
 - Public Program Examples (Max. 800 words)
- 2. Resume of Curriculum Vitae (Max. 3 pages)
- 3. Up to 10 samples of your artwork (Digital Images, Videos, Music Files, or Writing Excerpts)
 - This is the only way the jurors see your work
 - Choose samples demonstrate your ability and illustrate your project concept
 - You can upload your files individually through the Application Form or you can group your work into a single .doc or .pdf file.
 - Add the links to websites with video/music files
 - Audio/video files should not be more than 5 minutes.
- 5. Media List
 - Include a separate list (.doc or .pdf file) that numbers each artwork with information including
 - artist's name
 - artwork title
 - completion date
 - medium/materials
 - dimensions
 - project/program name and essential info
 - your role in creating the artwork
 - why you are including it in your application

How to Submit Your Application

Option 1

Online Application From: [link to URL](#)

- Preferred method of sending materials
- Capable of uploading and sending large media files
- For all documents
 - Save as a .pdf, .doc, or .docx file
 - Include your name in the filename

Option 2

Mail or In-Person Delivery:

- Print copies of all documents
- Supply media on a USB Flash Disk
- Attention: Edward Westerhuis
Youth and Community Art Coordinator
Surrey City Hall, 6th Floor West
13450 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

Option 3

Email: communityart@surrey.ca

- Do not send files over 5MB
- For all documents
 - Save as a .pdf, .doc, or .docx file
 - Include your name in the filename

Deadline for submission is April 24, 2020 at 5 p.m.

****Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Contact

If you have any questions, or want to discuss your application, contact:

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