



Buchanan Center for the Arts Public Call for Artists Artist in Residence Program

Deadline: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:00PM CST

Overview

The Buchanan Center for the Arts is seeking an artist for the new Artist in Residence program in Monmouth, Illinois. The residence will run from approximately September 1 – November 21, 2020. This residence is an opportunity for the artist to engage with the community to create public art, teach classes at arts partner locations, as well as create a body of work for exhibition at the end of the program.

We believe that art promotes social innovation, makes valuable contributions to society, and enriches our community. The selected artist will have the opportunity to expand his/her own civic and social practice while teaching and working with our residents to create artwork. The goal of this residence program is to infuse creativity and artistic perspectives into everyday life and to support artists who value community building as part of their practice.

Selection Process

Selections will be made based on the criteria listed below. A selection panel comprised of members from the Buchanan Center for the Arts board of directors and community arts partners will review all the applications. Finalists may be selected to be interviewed by the selection panel in person or virtually. The selection panel will review all submitted applications by the deadline of July 7, 2020, with a final decision expected by Friday, July 31, 2020.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will use the following criteria in determining the finalist:

- Innovation and creativity in prior projects and portfolio.
- Demonstrated craftsmanship and technical knowledge of creating public art.
- Experience in or the ability to create public artwork displays in collaboration and partnership with community volunteers and private sponsors.
- Ability to create a plan to protect the completed public art from weather commonly found in Monmouth, Illinois.
- Ability to teach arts education classes in a community center setting.
- Completeness of the application process as outlined in this announcement.

Anticipated Timeline

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| • Tuesday, July 7, 2020 | Applications due |
| • July 2020 | Applications reviewed/interviews conducted |
| • July 2020 | Artist selected |
| • Tuesday, September 1, 2020 | Residence begins |
| • Fall 2020 | Public art project and art classes at site locations |
| • Week of November 17-21, 2020 | Exhibition and gallery talk |



Location

The location of the public art will highlight and enhance the current public art and green space owned by the BCA – Pattee Plaza on the Public Square. This area has high pedestrian traffic and both the art center and the Pattee Plaza are often central places of gathering for all ages. The public art is expected to be a focal point of interest on the square for our downtown business neighbors, visitors, and residents.

BCA Artist in Residence Goals and Outcomes

- Complete public art working with community volunteers.
- Teach weekly art classes at arts partner locations.
- Create artwork for exhibition and present a gallery talk on the experience at the end of the residence program.
- Infuse creativity and artistic perspective into everyday life and to support artists who value community building as part of their practice.
- Serve as an ambassador for the arts and strengthen our community's support of the arts.

Education/Experience

Candidates must have relevant experience in arts and culture and a background in any of the following areas: public art, fine arts, mixed media, theater, music, urban design, architecture, sociology, anthropology, urban studies, community development or other arts-related disciplines. Experience working directly with other artists, non-profit organizations, and/or community-based groups is desired.

Successful Candidates Will Demonstrate the Following

- Experience collaborating effectively in various disciplines, e.g., visual arts, theater, storytelling;
- Experience and/or ability to manage projects involving community partners and budgets;
- Demonstrated interpersonal communication and public presentation skills; and/or
- A collaborative, friendly, self-motivated, and adventurous attitude.

Budget

All expenses for materials, installation and essentials will be provided by the Buchanan Center for the Arts. The selected artist will receive a \$5,000 stipend.

Eligibility

Artists age 18 and over living in the United States are eligible to apply to this open call to artists. Artists' practice should involve a strong community engagement/social practice component and their work should demonstrate an interest in engaging with community volunteers and arts education.

About Buchanan Center for the Arts

The Buchanan Center for the Arts (BCA) was founded in 1989 through the estate of Grace E. Buchanan. Located in an historic building on the town square in Monmouth, Illinois, the BCA hosts annual exhibitions, offers educational classes, and serves the community as a special event venue. We advocate for artists and support their work through our gallery and gift shop. We expanded our arts programming in 2017 with the construction of Pattee Plaza, a public art and green space. The BCA is an economic driver of our local economy and plays a valuable role in the renewal, revitalization, and preservation of our downtown.

Our founder Grace E. Buchanan deeply believed arts, music, dance, and theater should be open to all. She knew these aspects enhance our capacity to see and hear the beauty in our lives and deepen our understanding of the human response to the world. Her legacy is now a space where all residents can experience and explore the arts. During 2019, the Buchanan Center for the Arts celebrated 30 years of the arts in Warren County that included the launch of our inaugural Artist in Residence program.

About Monmouth, Illinois

Monmouth is a city in and the county seat of Warren County, Illinois, United States. With a population of approximately 9,500 residents, it is the home of Monmouth College and contains multiple parks and green spaces. It is the host of the Baconfest, the Prime Beef Festival, and Christmas on the Square. Monmouth is also known regionally as "Maple City", and has a downtown with retail businesses, restaurants, a wine bar, bakeries, a public library, and an arts center.

How To Apply

All qualified and interested artists must be met to be considered. All applications, submissions and questions should be directed to Kristyne Gilbert at buchanancenter@mtcnw.net / 309.734.3033 / 64 Public Square, Monmouth, Illinois 61462. All submissions are due by 5PM Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

- A letter of no more than two pages stating your interest in and description of your basic approach to the residence program.
- Resume.
- Submit four images of previous work related to public artwork/displays. Should be medium to high resolution (50dpi, 800x600px minimum) JPEG files.
- Samples of your other work. Up to four images with descriptions to include title, date, size, medium, public art location, commissioning organization, item description, and budget.
- The names and contact information of three references.