

# TRESTLE

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MEMBER  
Handbook

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**definition: a type of structure built  
to pass over obstacles**

**Like Trestle's definition, we are designed to be a support for artists, providing opportunities for them to show their work, network, and learn from each other.**

## **ABOUT US**

Trestle Art Space is an arts organization that provides studio space to contemporary artists. Located in the Sunset Park and Gowanus areas, TAS offers affordable 24/7 studio space access in New York City with open studio space and private studios.

Trestle Art Space also supports Trestle Gallery, a non profit visual arts exhibition space that shows 8-12 exhibitions each year. Trestle's programming includes drawing sessions, art talks, critiques, screenings, performance art events, technique-focused art classes, professional development opportunities, and two professional development residencies.

## **TRESTLE GALLERY'S MISSION**

Trestle is a 501c3 non-profit contemporary art space located in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, that was established in 2012. Our mission is to foster creativity and community by offering exhibition, education, and networking opportunities for contemporary artists and curators. We provide a place for creative people to focus on the development of their art and their career. Our mission is carried out through four core programs: Contemporary Exhibitions, Professional Development, Community Classes, and Residencies.

# INCLUDED IN MEMBERSHIP

## Basic Membership

- 2,000 square foot studio space for making artwork.
- Use of all tables, easels, taborets and open wall space in studio.

## Open Studio Membership

- 2,000 square foot studio space for making artwork.
- Use of all tables, easels, taborets and open wall space in studio.
- Personal locker to store supplies.
- Personal drying rack to store works in progress.

## Private Membership

- 2,000 square foot studio space for making artwork.
- Use of all tables, easels, taborets and open wall space in open studio.
- Personal studio space with locking door (member supplies all furniture, equipment, etc. for their personal studio.)

# AND ACCESS TO...

- 24/7 Entry.
- Utilities/A/C/Wifi included.
- Shared Slop Sinks, Kitchen.
- Free monthly critiques (optional) on the first Tuesday of the month.
- 10% off of classes, and free figure drawing.
- Representation on Member Registry & Member Wall (Artist to provide photo of their artwork.)
- Optional participation in annual salon exhibitions.
- Members who participate in one of the Member Salons automatically qualify for Artist Rate membership to select museums in NYC (ex: Moma, Whitney, and Guggenheim.)
- Optional participation in open studio events.

# RULES AND GUIDELINES

① Respect other artists' privacy and space.



No unsolicited critiques.



Use headphones when listening to music.



No spray paint, airborne materials, toxic odors, in the studio.



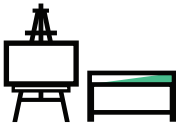
No smoking in any part of the building.

② Clean up after yourself.



**Open Studio Members:** Please put your artwork in your drying rack and supplies in your locker.

**Private Studio Members:** All belongings must be stored in personal designated space.



Put easels, tables, and taborets back where you found them.



**Leave the space the way you would like someone else to leave it for you.** No one likes mystery oil paint on his or her clothes or artwork.

③ **If you did not bring it, do not use it.** This applies to materials, tools, supplies and food. Use only what is yours, no matter how convenient.

④ Cell phone use is allowed in the kitchen and halls, not in the open studio.



Trestle has open ceilings, keep in mind that voices and conversations may be heard by other members.

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**60 Minute Rule:** You may leave an area set up for up to one hour, as long as you leave a note.



Please be mindful of others who may need work space.

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Do not pour turpentine or other chemicals down the drain. You are responsible for disposing of all hazardous materials properly.

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No sleeping overnight.

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Studios are not to be used as storage facilities. If it appears that the studio is being used primarily as storage, membership will be terminated.



**Failure to follow these rules may result in termination of membership.**

## STORAGE

Each open studio member gets a drying rack and locker. You may store one level crate on top of your locker. Please do not push the limits of storage.

- Additional lockers are **\$30** per month (subject to availability.)
- Additional storage racks **\$45** per month (subject to availability.)
- Large storage racks are first come first serve.

## OPEN FIGURE DRAWING

Figure drawing sessions are held on Mondays 7 - 10PM (short pose) and Saturdays 12-3PM (long pose).

Figure drawing sessions are free for members.

## WORKSHOPS

Members receive a 10% discount off workshops. Please check the various calendars around TAS or the online calendar for class schedules.

## TRESTLE EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

- Members receive a 50% discount on Trestle Open Call submissions.
- Optional participation in Salons.

## PAYMENT & CONFIRMATION

Memberships can be paid with ACH, credit card (Visa/Mastercard), check, or cash.

- Payment is due on the first of each month
- Late fee is \$20 after the 5th of the month

Membership is granted upon signing a studio contract alongside the first and last month's rent, as well as a damage deposit. With exception to particular circumstances, damage deposits will be returned within two weeks of termination of membership.

## TERMINATION

**Trestle Art Space requires 30 days written notice by the first of the month of termination or change in membership.**

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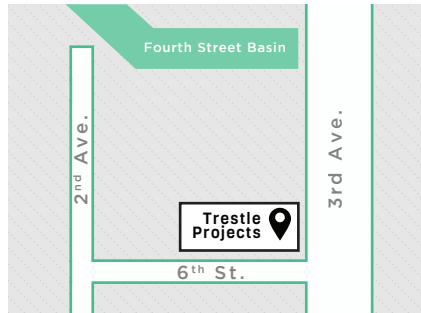
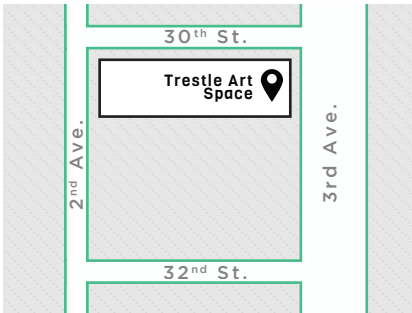
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