



PLATTE CLOVE ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
A program of the Catskill Center

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Program Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Platte Clove Artists-in-Residence.

Since the early 1800's and the beginning of the American Landscape movement, the Catskill escarpment has remained an enduring source of artistic inspiration for generations of artists. Our residency, the only one in the country situated in the historic landscapes which were the inspiration for the Hudson River School, provides a tranquil and rustic workplace. A retreat for artists, working in a variety of disciplines, located in the living landscape where American art began.

The residency at the Platte Clove cabin is near the towns of Tannersville, Hunter, and Windham in upstate New York. Situated at the Catskill Center's Platte Clove Nature Preserve, artists will reside in a rustic cabin on the edge of 208 wild, pristine acres full of hiking trails, multi-tiered waterfalls, and old growth forests. The cabin is located along Platte Kill Creek, and on several popular trail heads. Hikers are commonly seen around the cabin.

In the cabin there is electricity, a wood stove, cook-top stove/oven, refrigerator, and a telephone. The cabin does not have running water—there is an outhouse behind the building and no showers.

The residency is open to visual artists, writers, poets, composers, performing artists, and environmental researchers who have an affinity for the natural world. Residencies can last up to 5 days – Sunday night through Friday night. The work produced should foster an appreciation of the environment through the aesthetics of art. An exhibition will be held biannually at the Catskill Center's Erpf Gallery in Arkville. The exhibited works will be chosen from pieces completed during the residencies or inspired by time in the cabin. The work may be traditional or experimental.

General Information

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The cabin has three twin beds on the second floor and a trundle bed on the main floor. Residents are required to bring their own linens and/or a sleeping bag. Local telephone service is provided, but cell service is spotty in Platte Clove. Residents are expected to bring their own food and potable water supplies for their stay. There is a wood stove in the living area for cool nights and though it is summer, it is advised that you bring a light jacket. Many of the inspirational vistas can only be reached by foot and hiking boots are recommended. You must also bring whatever equipment needed to conduct your work.

LOCATION

The Platte Clove cabin is located in a remote section of the Catskills. The nearest grocery store and hospital are 7 miles away. It is suggested that applicants have access to a car during the residency.

PETS

Pets are not allowed in the Platte Clove cabin.

ELIGIBILITY

The Artist-in-Residence program accepts residents on the basis of talent and need. It does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, marital status, or national origin. Please be aware that the Platte Clove cabin is located in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains. Applicants should be able to walk some steep grades and carry personal items down steps into the cabin. Unfortunately, the cabin is not wheelchair accessible.

DATES OF RESIDENCY

The cabin is open for residencies from July 1 through September 30. Residencies can last up to five days. The cabin is available Sunday night through Friday evening. Residencies don't occur during the weekend. The cabin is located at a trailhead near a beautiful waterfall. Visitation is light during the week, but during summer weekends over 100 people can visit the site.

ORIENTATION MEETING

There will be an orientation meeting at the cabin with all accepted applicants during June. Final date for this meeting is included in acceptance letters. This meeting is mandatory for all accepted artists.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE SHOW

Artists selected for the residency will be asked to submit artwork completed or inspired during the residency for inclusion in a show at the Catskill Center's Erpf Gallery.

FEES

There is a \$40 application fee for the Artist-In-Residence Program. The stay in the Platte Clove Cabin is free of charge.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by March 31. Final decisions are shared by May 1st.

TO APPLY

All Applications must be received by **March 31, 2017**. Applications must be submitted by email to: kpalm@catskillcenter.org and must include:

1. A letter of intent outlining your proposed project and/or goals while in residence. This letter will be a major component of the selection process. (Please do not exceed 700 words.)
2. A completed Application Form (Available at www.catskillcenter.org or by emailing Kpalm@catskillcenter.org)
3. A CV and/or current resume
4. Samples of your work. Samples should be emailed as attachments. With video, please consider utilizing Vimeo, YouTube, or a similar website. Please submit the following:
 - Visual Artists (painter, photographer, sculptor, etc.) – up to 10 images (.jpeg format preferred) of work no older than 3 years; please include for each piece: artwork name, size, media, date completed
 - Writer (Playwright, screenwriter, poet, fiction writer, non-fiction writer, etc.) - a sample of your work. Please limit your sample to no more than 10 pages. If more pages are submitted, only the first 10 will be reviewed by the selection committee.
 - Composer - a recording of an original composition. Please limit your sample to 5 minutes. If a longer sample is sent, only the first 5 minutes will be reviewed.
 - Filmmaker – a sample of one of your films. Please limit your sample to 5 minutes. If a longer sample is sent, only the first 5 minutes will be reviewed.
5. A \$40 application fee paid by check or credit card.

SEND APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

kpalm@catskillcenter.org

Questions: Call Katie Palm at: 845-586-2611 or e- mail: kpalm@catskillcenter.org

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