

## **SMUSH Gallery**

### **Info Sheet | Summer 2019 Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program**

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#### OVERVIEW

SMUSH Gallery is now accepting applications for our Summer 2019 Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program! This program offers artists of all disciplines space for studio work, rehearsal, performance, and exhibition in our beautiful storefront art space. Artists receive access to the space in select weeks throughout July and August, plus use of gallery equipment and publicity support. Non-profit and independent artists and organizations are especially encouraged to apply.

#### ABOUT SMUSH GALLERY

SMUSH Gallery is an art space dedicated to creative and community work. We produce a range of events and exhibitions in the disciplines of visual art, dance, literary arts, music, and more. We also host rehearsals, community events, and performance rentals. Visit [smushgallery.com](http://smushgallery.com) to see what we're up to.

SMUSH Gallery is a storefront, street level space in the Journal Square neighborhood of Jersey City. It is 12' wide by 35' long with high ceilings, a bathroom and small storage space in the back, and a large bay window facing the street in front. We are located at 340 Summit Ave, Jersey City, NJ, a ten minute walk from the Journal Square PATH station. Street parking and pay lots are available near the gallery.

SMUSH Gallery offers a stereo system, ceiling-mounted projector and screens, adjustable overhead track lighting, wifi, wood floor, natural light, central air, curtains for street-facing windows, 23 chairs, small platform, and a restroom. Please note that storage space is limited and that we do not offer theatrical lighting; please note in your application if you are interested in bringing your own equipment. SMUSH staff will provide technical guidance during the orientation.

#### DATES

Residencies are available the weeks of:

July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, and August 19.

Artists may apply for one to three weeks of residency time; residencies run on a weekly basis and begin on Mondays. The minimum residency period is one week.

Applications are due April 1. Decisions will be announced April 16. Confirmation is due April 23, and contracts must be signed and returned by May 1.

Each residency schedule will be set in collaboration with SMUSH Gallery, and on rare occasions artists may be asked to accommodate an existing event.

Artists will complete an orientation to SMUSH Gallery prior to the start of their residency period and will adhere to all rental rules, conditions, and procedures throughout their residency.

#### PROJECTS & PERFORMANCES

The Summer 2019 Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program is designed to support the vision of participating artists. To that end, residencies may be used for rehearsal/development, performance, and exhibition. Priority

is given to projects that will make great use of the space and time, regardless of the work's stage of development.

Please note:

- All public-facing events and associated promotional materials must be approved by SMUSH Gallery.
- Artists who offer a performance or exhibition manage their own events and their own sales, and they keep 100% of their proceeds.
- Artists may offer concessions in accordance with their own permits, licenses, and insurance.

## MARKETING

SMUSH Gallery offers publicity support to residency artists. Artists will determine the amount of support they choose to receive, but may elect to have their project listed on SMUSH Gallery's website, mentioned on SMUSH social media, and advertised on-site. SMUSH will produce publicity materials for the residency based on the artists' application materials and materials requested on acceptance. Artists are responsible for producing all further promotional materials.

SMUSH Gallery must approve promotional materials created by the artist prior to their public release. In any promotional materials, including posters, flyers, e-blasts, social media posts, etc., as well as any printed materials, artists must include the following line: This project is presented as part of SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2019 Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program.

SMUSH Gallery's location should be listed as: SMUSH Gallery, 340 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, NJ. SMUSH Gallery should be tagged in social media posts @smushgallery.

## MISCELLANEOUS

In the interest of participants' artistic freedom, SMUSH does not keep staff on-site during residencies. A staff member will provide an orientation to the space and will remain on call throughout each residency period.

## RATES & SCHOLARSHIPS

The fees of the Summer 2019 Interdisciplinary Arts Residency Program are \$550 per week. A \$300 non-refundable fee deposit is due with the contract on May 1, 2019, and the \$250 balance is due on or before the residency start date. A \$200 security deposit is also required. The security deposit will be returned within 30 days of the end of the residency, assuming no damages are incurred.

Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card; credit card payments incur a processing fee of 3%. NJ sales tax of 6.625% is required for all residency fees.

SMUSH Gallery offers limited scholarships based on a combination of need and merit. All projects are automatically considered for scholarships, and artists are invited to include a statement of need in their application.

## QUESTIONS?

Email us at [hello@smushgallery.com](mailto:hello@smushgallery.com). We look forward to receiving your application!