



Artist Communities Alliance Announces the 2022–2023 McKnight Artist Residencies Consortium Partner Programs

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Artist Communities Alliance (ACA) announces its 2022–2023 residency partners for the McKnight Artist Residencies consortium program.

Fifteen artist residency organizations were selected to participate in the second year of this consortium program created through a partnership between the McKnight Foundation and ACA.

The [McKnight Artist Residencies consortium](#) aims to build equitable capacity* in the artist residency field while providing [McKnight Artist Fellows](#) with funded national and international residency opportunities. In its first three years, up to 98 McKnight Artist Fellows will participate in residencies at the 23 partner sites.

The McKnight Artist Residencies partner organizations are:

Art Omi | Ghent, NY, USA
ACRE | Steuben, WI, USA
Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE) | Homestead, FL, USA
Blue Mountain Center | Blue Mountain Lake, NY, USA
BOOM Universe Residency | Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Camargo Foundation | Cassis, France
Crosstown Arts | Memphis, TN, USA
Headlands Center | Sausalito, CA, USA
Hedgebrook | Whidbey Island, WA, USA
Hyde Park Art Center | Chicago, IL, USA
Kala Art Institute | Berkeley, CA, USA
The Studios at MASS MoCA | North Adams, MA, USA
The New Quorum | New Orleans, LA, USA
Santa Fe Art Institute | Santa Fe, NM, USA
Wassaic Project | Wassaic, NY, USA

ACA selected these partners from a competitive pool of residencies worldwide, weighing, among other factors, geographical diversity, the creative disciplines supported by the residency and organizational approaches to equity and access. Partner residencies will receive resources and guidance to assess and build their equitable capacity through a full-year curriculum, peer working groups and dedicated training on ACA's Healthy Residency Framework.

"The McKnight Artist Residencies consortium has created a unique opportunity for learning and connection within the artist residency field," said Zoey Arnold-



Conner, the Grants + Development Administrator at Artist Communities Alliance. “We are grateful to work with leadership and staff who are committed to creating environments where any artist can thrive. We look forward to supporting these programs as they continue to build more equitable policies and practices within their residencies.”

ABOUT ARTIST COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

Artist Communities Alliance (ACA) is the international service organization for artist residency programs and artist-centered organizations. ACA's mission is to advocate for and support artist residency programs to advance the endeavors of all artists. Founded in 1991, ACA currently has more than 250 members in 50 U.S. states and 20 countries and works on behalf of 1,500 residency programs worldwide. Since 2004, ACA has provided more than \$4 million in direct grant funding to artists and artist residency centers.

ABOUT THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION'S MCKNIGHT ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Founded on the belief that Minnesota thrives when its artists thrive, the McKnight Foundation's Arts program is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the country. Support for individual working Minnesota artists has been a cornerstone of the program since it began in 1981. The McKnight Artist Fellowships Program provides annual, unrestricted cash awards to outstanding mid-career Minnesota artists in 14 different creative disciplines. Program partner organizations administer the fellowships and structure them to respond to the unique challenges of different disciplines. Currently, the Foundation contributes about \$2.8 million per year to its statewide fellowships. For more information, please visit mcknight.org.

**Equitable Capacity*, a concept coined by ACA's Executive Director Lisa Funderburke Hoffman in 2020, refers to the strengthening of an organization's "muscle" to be equitable in policies, practices, and processes to create a higher functioning organization.