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APPLICATION FOR VISUAL ARTS RESIDENCY

Springville Center for the Arts is seeking artists for visual arts residency programs.

Springville Center for the Arts is a rural multi-arts center located in Western New York State. Our main facility is an 1869 former church which houses the Olmsted Gallery, a theater and smaller workspaces. We recently launched Art's Cafe, an AIA-award winning redevelopment of a dilapidated building into a small performance space, arts workshop, artist housing and publicly accessible green roof centered around a bakery-cafe.

Every residency is different, some artists need only a quiet space to work and others benefit from a series of community engagements over a longer time period. We will consider a full range of applications; however, the most competitive candidates will include a blend of community engagement and artistic development, with a duration or multiple visits which provide the time needed for substantial artistic and community growth.

AN EXAMPLE:

Bryan Metzdorf is an artist and commercial designer who has conceived and executed immersive, experimental retail and commercial spaces for brands across the country. As part of a collaboration with the Albright-Knox's Public Art Initiative, during a three week program in October 2020, Metzdorf created several studies and finished works that were on view at Art's Cafe and created a public mural. Metzdorf designed the mural, titled *Before and Not Yet*, on-site, borrowing from the existing architectural language and colors of Main Street in Springville. He also engaged artistically with local students in grades K-12 through SCA and Springville High School.



TO APPLY:

To apply, send a letter of interest to scaartsubmissions@gmail.com. Your letter should include:

- ▶ An artist statement
- ▶ Information on your artistic work history
- ▶ An explanation of how you see this residency being critical to advancing your career or next project
- ▶ Links to or images of work samples
- ▶ A description of the types of community engagements that might be possible
- ▶ Proposed artist fees
- ▶ Approximate times of year when the proposed residency is possible

Feel free to reach out for more information to assist in preparing your application.

Funding is limited. The best partnerships will likely be in situations where the artist sees value in the residency beyond just receiving a stipend.

Program slots are available beginning in January, 2022. June-Mid August are limited due to an existing theater touring program and youth workshops that limit our housing options. This opportunity is open to any visual arts discipline and may include painters, sculptors, designers, muralists and more. Performing artists are also free to apply but through a different process (visit SpringvilleArts.org).