

SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2021 Arts Residency Program Info Sheet

OVERVIEW

SMUSH Gallery is hosting Summer 2021 Arts Residencies! This residency 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 throughout July and August, plus use of gallery equipment and publicity support. Non-profit and independent artists and organizations are especially encouraged to apply. This program is run in line with our [Mission, Vision, and Anti-Racist and Equity Commitments](#).

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 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 (aux/Mac adapter and USB connection), 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 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, August 16, and August 23.

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 accepted from February 15 - April 1, 2021. Decisions will be announced by April 30, 2021. Dates for confirmation and return of contracts will be communicated on acceptance.

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

SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2021 Arts Residency Program is designed to support the vision of participating artists. To that end, residencies may be used for rehearsal/development, ideation, performance, and/or

exhibition. Priority is given to proposals/projects that will be of great use to the artist, regardless of the work's stage of development.

Please note:

- All public 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 keep 100% of their proceeds.
- Artists may offer concessions in accordance with their own permits and licenses.

MARKETING

SMUSH Gallery offers publicity support to residency artists. Artists will determine the amount of support they choose to receive, but may elect to be listed and linked 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 any 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 2021 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.

For projects developed in residence, future performances/exhibitions must be credited with the following: *Developed with support from SMUSH Gallery's Summer 2021 Arts Residency Program.*

RATES & SCHOLARSHIPS

The fees for the Summer 2021 Arts Residency Program are \$550 per week. A \$300 non-refundable fee deposit is due with the contract, and the \$250 balance is due on or before the residency start date. A \$200 security deposit held by cash or check 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, credit card, or PayPal; credit card and PayPal payments incur a small additional processing fee. 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. Artists are invited to include a statement of need in their application.

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 be available by phone throughout each residency period.

QUESTIONS? Email us at hello@smushgallery.com. We look forward to receiving your application!