

North West River Artist in Residence Program



The North West River Artist-in-Residence Program is a pilot program which is an initiative of the Labrador Institute and Grenfell Campus Art Gallery/Fine Arts Division, Memorial University of Newfoundland. It is situated in the Labrador Institute Research Station at North West River, Labrador. The residency is open to artists of all disciplines (including Visual Arts, Film, Audio, Music, Theatre, Writing and Curatorship) The residency welcomes artists who wish to research, develop and/or produce ongoing or new bodies of work. Artists will be expected to make a community presentation (workshop, public lecture, studio tour, reading, for example).

Subject to availability, residencies are from up to 4 to 12 weeks in duration. Submissions are reviewed on an ongoing basis

The Labrador Institute will provide accommodation and working space at the Labrador Institute Research Station in North West River. Participants are responsible for all travel and personal expenses including food and materials.

The Labrador Institute Research Station supports research in many areas so there may be opportunities for cross-disciplinary projects.

The Town of North West River was established in 1743 by a French fur trader as a year-round trading post and as such is the oldest settled community in central Labrador. The region, however, has been inhabited for thousands of years by the Innu and Inuit; and North West River has been used as a meeting place by nomadic fur traders for 3000 years. The region is culturally and historically rich—inhabited as it is by several cultures (Innu, Inuit, Metis and settlers). North West River is home to many indigenous art and crafts practitioners. The Town is located 33 km from Happy Valley/Goose Bay and exists in close proximity to the Innu community of Sheshatshui and Lake Melville.

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The North West River Artist-in-Residency Program seeks to support artists by:

- providing an extended period of time to research and develop current and new projects;
- exposing artists to a stimulating northern environment which is visually and culturally rich;
- providing possible opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration

The Program serves the regional community by:

exposing it to contemporary Canadian and International art practices;
and providing talks, workshops and other activities in the communities of Happy
Valley/Goose Bay and environs

Application process:

We welcome applications from many disciplines including: Visual arts (painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, performance, video installation), Film and Video, Curation and Creative and Non-fiction writing. Please keep in mind that projects that require little specialized equipment are best suited to the residency program and that there are limitations to the facilities:

In your application please include the following:

Project Description and program of work (2 pages Max)

Dates of ideal time of visit and second choice

A current CV (3 pages max.)

Contact information

Samples of work:

Visual Art:

10 to 20 jpg images, PC compatible, 72 dpi

Each image should be labeled with a number, artist initials and title and the set of images should be accompanied by an image list which includes: title, date, medium and size.

Time-based media (audio/video/film):

up to 3 files, 5 min. each which will open in Quicktime or Windows Media Player. The files should be labeled with a number, artist initials and title and a media list including title, date and medium

Music:

audio tape/CD, up to 2

Theatre:

Manuscript or manuscript in progress

Writing:

Writing samples—2 selections from published work (each 15 pages max), clearly labeled with author's name, title, date and publication details.

Please send applications to:

Grenfell Campus Art Gallery/Memorial University of Newfoundland

20 University Drive

Corner Brook, NL A2H 5G4

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Past artists-in-residence include:

Anne Troake, visual art/video

Amy Malbeuf, visual arts

John K.Samson, songwriting

Melissa Michelin, visual arts

Geoff Butler, visual arts, music

Eden Robinson, writing

