

Studio Space at Convergence 2011-2012



Description:

Convergence provides more than just a space in which to create. We provide a community of support through our resources of space, professional development classes and workshops, spiritual exploration, access to professional counseling services, etc.

In order to benefit from and contribute to this community, it is essential that a studio artist at Convergence see themselves as a resident artist. The benefit of our community comes in developing a mutual relationship, one in which we all contribute to one another's growth and well being. All of our activities and campus life are created to nurture this development.

Goals and Benefits for Studio Artist Space

- To nurture individual artists through working space and facilities, artistic development, supportive community, income from their profession, and public exposure
- Affordable studio space for resident artists for one to two years
- 24-hour access to facility
- Five semi-private studios: from 100 to 150 square feet; one-year agreement renewable for one additional year; available on a competitive, juried basis
- Common space: gallery, kitchen, lounge
- Two sinks. One in studio space and one in bathroom located on the top floor with studios.
- Artists may display and sell artwork in-studio without a commission charge.
- Studio artists will have the opportunity to be included in one group exhibition per year in the Convergence Gallery and are eligible to propose solo shows as well.
- Artists will be featured on the Convergence website as part of a reciprocal agreement and Artists agree to place a link to Convergence on their website as well.

The facilities are designed to allow artists to work in an environment that encourages individual expression and artistic growth. Convergence strives to include a mix of artists, spanning different stages of experience and specific expressions in a variety of visual media. We aim for a lively working environment, where artists feel free to develop and exchange ideas with their peers

Requirements of studio participants:

- Artists must maintain studio space at professional standards and be welcoming of Convergence visitors.
- Artists must keep a reasonable number of hours on site. (No less than 40hrs a month).
- Attendance at Quarterly meetings of all artists and partner arts organizations.
- Participation (as available) in campus improvement days and events.
- Convergence is a community of creative people. As such, studio artists are expected to participate in community events and actively develop collegiate relationships with other artists and performing arts organizations on campus.
- Contribute to the supportive atmosphere of creative and spiritual exploration of fellow artists by adopting a co-operative attitude and approach to space usage.

Studio Artist Selection Process

Deadline for submissions is June 17, 2011. Decisions will be made by or before June 24, 2011. Artists will be expected to move into the space no later than July 1, 2011.

- Required application materials are:
 - Completed application form
 - Current artist statement and resume
 - 3-5 digital images of work

Applications and images may be emailed to Jsmith@convergenceccf.net or sent to Convergence 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302.

- Selection criteria include:
 - Professional experience
 - Work which in some way qualifies as experimental, visionary or revolutionary art
 - Quality of work
 - Evidence of necessary technical skills
 - Interest in other Convergence programs
 - Desire to be a contributing member of a creative community exploring the connection between mind, body and spirit.
- Selected applicants will be contact by phone or email to schedule an interview.

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Convergence is offering artists the opportunity to apply for one of 3 vacant studios. Studios are located in the Lab building at 1819 Quaker Lane in Alexandria, VA. Studio space is available for rent: **\$175**, utilities included, per month for one year, at which point, artists may resubmit an application for continuance in the program. This is to be an incubation time. Artists may keep their studio for a maximum of two years.

The Arts Center at Convergence is a creative cluster of studios, galleries, offices, rehearsal, performance and public space. We are seeking out a diverse group of artists in a variety of media who are active, self-motivated, interested in the exchange of artistic ideas, and open to sharing their artistic processes with others. A panel comprised of Convergence staff and artists will select artists based on the quality of work, professional commitment, and interest in participating in a stimulating and creative environment. Selected artists will be asked to interview with the panel prior to acceptance.
