STUDENT ARTIST IN RESIDENCE (SAIR) PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Student Artists in Residence (SAIRs) are students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee who are paired with a community agency for the academic year (Sept through May). Guided by “community mentors,” SAIRs get to know the people and operations at that agency and offer creative programming tailored to that community.

The culminating event of the SAIR program is the spring Flourish Festival – workshops, performances, and/or exhibits showcasing the community’s work in some way. These events are open to the public. SAIRs become part of the fabric of their community, making friends and connections with lasting impact, and collaboratively creating art experiences that are meaningful to community members. The SAIR Fellowship provides Room & Board September through May.

Sites we work with include:
- Ovation
- Eastcastle Place
- Islands of Brilliance
- Laurel Oaks
- Jewish Family Services

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

AS A STUDENT ARTIST IN RESIDENCE I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Take a one-credit class that meets monthly during the academic year.
- Setting a regular weekly or bi-weekly meeting with my Community Mentor throughout the year.
- Communicating clearly and consistently with SAIR management team and my Community Mentors.
- To open myself to being a present, supportive member of the community.
- To spend a minimum of 75 hours at the site per semester (5 hours per week).
- To reflect on my experiences in blog posts and field notes.

AS A COMMUNITY MENTOR I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Setting a regular weekly or bi-weekly meeting with my SAIR throughout the year.
- Communicating clearly and consistently with SAIR management team and my SAIR.
- Introducing the SAIR to my community – individuals and organizational structure.
- Designing a work plan with my SAIR that will outline our goals and plans for the residency.
- Attend Creative Trust (quarterly) meetings.
- Support the SAIR program with a $1,500 stipend, or room & board for the SAIR.
- Promote the SAIRs activities/news through our organizations communication channels and/or a physical location in the building dedicated to SAIR activities (bulletin board, exhibit space, etc.).
- Assist in securing consent for documenting the SAIR activities (SAIR team will supply a photographer)

For Additional Information about the SAIR Program please contact Laurie Marks at lmarks@uwm.edu