

## Creative Enterprise/ Artist Residency

**DEADLINE:** Rolling, applications are reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

### SPACEWORKS OVERVIEW

Spaceworks Tacoma is a joint initiative of the City of Tacoma, Shunpike, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce designed to activate empty storefronts and vacant space in downtown Tacoma. The initiative makes no- and low-cost temporary space available to artists, fledgling creative entrepreneurs, organizations, and community groups who transform vacant spaces through artist residencies, creative enterprises, and art installations (Artscapes).

### CREATIVE ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW

An element of Spaceworks Tacoma, Creative Enterprise provides designers, crafters, consultants and other fledgling entrepreneurs with the chance to test new products and services in a physical space. We are currently looking for artists who can move into spaces on a rolling basis for three or six month durations.

Creative Enterprise is seeking artists or artist teams who:

- have an idea for a creative business (for-profit or non-profit) that benefits Tacoma's artistic community (this could mean selling original artworks, offering classes, etc.) but do not have the resources to rent a space and develop a full-fledged business
- will primarily be selling services and/ or merchandise
- are able to hold set business hours and an event or open house every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5-8pm
- can create an enticing visual display for passersby
- **OR, if** you have an idea that does not fit the scope of any of the current tracks, but you feel could benefit Tacoma's artistic community – use this application

Selected artists and/or artist teams will be:

- required to pay utilities
- required to hold set business hours and an event or open house every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5-8pm
- required to take out general liability insurance
- strongly encouraged to have a free consultation before moving into a space

### ARTIST RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

An element of Spaceworks Tacoma, an Artist Residency offers dedicated practicing artists the chance to pursue projects in any artistic discipline. We are currently looking for artists who can move into spaces on a rolling basis for three or six month durations.

Artist Residency is seeking artists or artist teams who:

- will primarily use a space to develop artwork
- are dedicated to producing art on a regular basis
- feel that a dedicated space would allow them to bring their work to another level, by being able to work on a different scale, work in different materials, spend more time on work, etc.
- are able to hold an event or open house every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5-8pm
- can create an enticing visual display for passersby

Selected artists and/or artist teams will be:

- required to pay utilities
- strongly encouraged to have a free consultation before moving into a space
- are able to hold an event or open house every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5-8pm

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant can apply as a single artist or as an artist team
- Applicant must live in Washington State
- Applicant must be 18 years old or older
- Applicant cannot be a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission or an employee of the City of Tacoma, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, or Shunpike
- Former Spaceworks participants are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to artists who have never participated in the program before.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Quality of work as exhibited in the work sample
- Ability of the project to engage the community
- Ingenuity of concept/proposal
- Appropriateness for the public realm
- Feasibility and ability to execute proposal

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## **ABOUT THE SPACES**

Spaceworks Tacoma has identified several interior spaces in downtown Tacoma as locations for these site-specific installations. Spaces will vary in size and amenities; selected artists will be paired with an appropriate space for their proposal. Spaceworks reserves the right to pair selected artists with spaces at its discretion. Keep in mind that the available spaces can be rather raw and windows can be expected to have active "For Lease" signs, which cannot be moved. Participants will be required to provide all furniture and, in some cases, fixtures.

## **SPACEWORKS PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS**

- Eric Cederstrand
- Johnson Simon LLC, Ted Johnson and Herb Simon
- Steve Shaub
- George and Al Howe
- Linmar Management, Inc., Jeff Wohler
- Roberson Building Company, Shannon Tiegs
- Ruby Chambers
- Neil Walter Company, Michael Norman
- Broadway Center for the Performing Arts
- Tacoma Contemporary
- King's Books

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please contact Rebecca Solverson, [rsolverson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rsolverson@cityoftacoma.org) or (253) 591-5560 OR visit [www.spaceworkstacoma.com](http://www.spaceworkstacoma.com)

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Eligible artists interested in this project must submit the following four items:

## ONLINE APPLICATION

Go to [http://www.SurveyMonkey.com/Creative\\_Enterprise\\_Residency](http://www.SurveyMonkey.com/Creative_Enterprise_Residency) and fill out the online form.

Please submit the following items by email to [rsolverson@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:rsolverson@cityoftacoma.org) with "Spaceworks\_Your Last Name" in the subject line. If your email is over 6 MB in size, you may need to send attachments in several batches. Do not send zip files.

## WORK SAMPLE

- Up to 10 digital images that demonstrate the artist's past work and/or products and/or services you plan on providing.
  - File Format  
Submit only "High" quality JPEG files (do not use GIF, TIFF, or other formats.)  
Do not embed the images into PowerPoint or submit moving image or audio files.
  - Image Size  
Images must be at least 72 ppi resolution. Images smaller than 600 pixels per side are not recommended.
  - File Size  
Files must be less than 5 MB each
  - File Labeling  
Files must be titled with a number indicating the viewing order, followed by the applicant's name. The numbers must correspond to image descriptions as listed on the Work Sample Description Sheet. Use a "0" in front of single digit numbers and use only letters, numbers, and underscores. For example: 01\_Smith.jpg; 02\_Smith.jpg. If using Mac OS 8 or later, be sure to include a ".jpg" extension at the end of each image title.
- AND/OR One DVD of the artist's past public interactions
  - Please submit the portion of the work that you want the panel to view. If the DVD contains several pieces, please indicate which 'chapter' you want to be viewed. The panel will view a minimum of 1 minute and a maximum of 3 minutes of each video.
  - DVD discs can be mailed to: Art Program, Spaceworks Tacoma, 747 Market Street, Room 900, Tacoma, WA 98402
- AND/OR up to three Online Videos of the artist's past public interactions
  - Please provide the exact web address(es) where the online videos can be viewed. The panel will view a minimum of 1 minute and a maximum of 3 minutes of each video.

## WORK SAMPLE DESCRIPTION SHEET (one page or less) including:

- Applicant's name, address, phone, and email address in the upper right corner
- Numbered order in which the images and/or videos are to be viewed
- Title of each work represented in the image or activity depicted
- Media & dimensions (H x W x D"), if applicable, or description of activity
- If work is presented as part of a collaboration, explain your role in the larger project

## RESUME

- Resume should not exceed 3 pages
- If submitting as a team, a current resume should be submitted for the contact person and all relevant team members
- Name your resume file with your last name like this: "Smith Resume"

## BUDGET

- If you are applying for a Creative Enterprise, please outline a preliminary budget. Essentially, let us know what resources you need to pull off this project and where you expect revenue to come from.