

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



Spaceworks Tacoma: Artscapes, Creative Enterprise, Special Project Residencies

DEADLINE June 10, 2013 (midnight)

Spaceworks Tacoma is seeking artists, artist groups, non-profit organizations and creative entrepreneurs to energize empty spaces in Tacoma. Through this application cycle, projects will be identified to fill no- and low-cost vacant spaces through 2013. Please visit <http://spaceworkstacoma.wordpress.com/apply/> to apply.

Participants of Spaceworks are provided space, exposure, and consultation in exchange for creatively activating vacant spaces. The goal is to transform empty storefronts with creative energy and artistic enterprise, making Tacoma a stronger, more active city. We are seeking applications for all three Spaceworks tracks:

1) **Artscapes** temporarily places 2-dimensional, 3-dimensional or new media art installations in interior window storefronts. The program offers an artist stipend of up to \$500 to support the creation of new work and site-specific projects, or the installation of existing work. The Woolworth Windows are part of the Artscapes track with exhibition dates of Sept. 1 – Dec. 19, 2013. Other spaces may have different dates.

2) **Special Projects** offers dedicated practicing artists the chance to pursue projects and develop work in any discipline for up to six months. Space is provided dependent on space availability and project needs for up to six months. Residencies are not open to the public, except for special events or open houses.

3) **Creative Enterprise** provides artists, designers, crafters, consultants, organizations, community groups and other creative entrepreneurs the chance to test new products and services in a no- or low-cost space for up to six months. But it's not just about space, this track provides relevant and meaningful professional development and peer-to-peer support for participants to systematically grow Tacoma's creative class. These enterprises will generate destination quality activity that will engage and transform our community. All Creative Enterprises are expected to hold a set of regular weekly hours open to the public, including participation in occasional Spaceworks events.

"Providing space to artists and entrepreneurs is one way we can support and help grow innovation in this city. In return for rent-free space, we're looking for projects that will go above and beyond and really become part of the social and economic fabric of Tacoma." says Amy McBride, the City of Tacoma's Arts Administrator.

SELECTION CRITERIA: All applicants will be selected based on the following criteria. The review process is competitive and the review panel will be looking for a diversity of offerings.

- Quality of work as exhibited in the work sample
- Feasibility and ability to execute proposal
- Ability of the project to engage the community including passers-by
- Ingenuity and strength of concept/proposal
- Benefit to the community and appropriateness for the public realm

ELIGIBILITY

- Individual artists, artist teams, community groups, non-profit organizations or creative businesses may apply.
- Applicant cannot be a member of the Tacoma Arts Commission or an employee of the City of Tacoma or the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Eligible artists interested in Spaceworks must complete the online application for the specific track they wish to apply for. Part of the online application involves submitting the following items: work samples with descriptions, a resume, and a budget.

NOTIFICATION: Mid-July 2013

ABOUT THE SPACES

Spaceworks Tacoma works to identify interior spaces in downtown Tacoma as locations for these site-specific installations, residencies, and creative use. 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 will have active “For Lease” signs, which cannot be moved.

SPACEWORKS BACKGROUND

Spaceworks Tacoma is a joint initiative of the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber designed to activate empty storefronts and vacant space in Tacoma. The initiative makes no- and low-cost temporary space, training, and technical assistance available to artists, creative entrepreneurs, organizations, and community groups in order to nurture successful projects that transform Tacoma into a stronger, more active city. Since starting in July, 2010, Spaceworks has worked with over 100 artists or artist teams in 24 spaces around downtown Tacoma.

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