

# VisArts at Rockville

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## Call for Resident Artists Studios

**VisArts** at Rockville is proud to announce the Call for Resident Artists Studios for the new Visual Arts Center in Rockville, projected to open in July, 2007. **VisArts** will house eight artist's studios available for rent. This national call is projected to draw exceptional artists from across the US. The range of media will include, but not be limited to: painting, ceramics, photography, sculpture, jewelry, glass, mixed media, fiber, and media arts.

A panel of jurors, Shirley Koller, Curator American Association for the Advancement of Science, Harriet Lesser, Director of Education and Programming at **VisArts**, Norman Parish, Owner of Norman Parish Gallery, Georgetown, Franklin White, Professor emeritus, Corcoran School of Art, will evaluate applications and work samples. **VisArts** juried artists' status and all its benefits are valid for a term of three years from the date of jury selection. Juried terms are renewable once, after re-evaluation, for a total of six years. Those artists who wish to be considered for senior artist status may do so after completing their six-year residency. They may be considered for an additional two years. This competitive process will inevitably lead to some rejections in the jurying process, and we are acutely aware of the disappointment that can result. Please be assured that we take our responsibility to the artists and to **VisArts** very seriously. If the artist is not accepted for studio space, he/she may apply again.

**VisArts** studios range from 230 to 900 square feet. Studio rents are based on household income and currently range from \$10.50-\$15.00 per square foot on an annual basis. Additional charges are: a common area charge, an energy surcharge and a \$100 annual fee. All terms of the lease will be given at the time of acceptance.

**VisArts** takes no commission from the artists' work sold in the studios.

**VisArts** offers all juried artists paid teaching opportunities at **VisArts** and with its numerous community partnerships, its highly successful summer arts camp program and its mentorship program for High School students.

## Facts about VisArts

### • Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am-9:30 pm

Friday: 10:00 am-11:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am- 11:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00-5:00pm

### • **VisArts** will be housed in a 28,000 square foot building containing

\*A retail shop on the ground floor

\*2 main galleries

\*Children's discovery center

\*2<sup>nd</sup> floor exhibition/sales area

\*2500 square-foot event/conference room

\*Classroom studios for: glass, wood, printmaking, drawing and painting, photography

and digital film animation.

### • Location

\*New Town Center, Rockville Maryland [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) for the webcam

\*City-suburban location on the Metro Red line, accessible by bus and car as well.

\*Surrounded by a regional public library, restaurants and retail shops.

## Selection Criteria

- \*The artist must present an excellent body of work for consideration.
- \*Artistic medium of applicant must be compatible with others if in a shared studio space.
- \*Applicant must demonstrate the ability to perform volunteer services to support **VisArts** programs and operations
- \*Applicant must submit a complete and current resume
- \*Applicant may submit up to 12 slides or digital images (300dpi) of work completed in the last 3 years.
- Note:** If the actual work looks significantly different than the presented images **VisArts** may refuse the applicant.
- \*Applicant artist must have satisfactory personal references and agree to a credit check.
- \*Applicant artist will be notified of the result of the jurying by letter, within one week of the final jurying date.

Note: These studios are intended both for making art and the sale of work by the resident artist only.

## Artist Responsibilities:

- \*Artist(s) must keep studio open a minimum of 30 hours per week during operating hours
- \*Artist must obtain a business license
- \*Artist must attend one artist meeting per month
- \*Artist must be available for the two yearly "Open House" events at **VisArts**
- \*Artist must donate one piece of art for the annual art fundraiser coordinated by the Exhibition department
- \*Artist's studio must be open during gallery openings, eight times per year, Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm
- \*Artist is required to volunteer 10 hours a month in any of **VisArts** programs.
  - For example:
    - Assisting/organizing an outreach event
    - Offering a public demonstration of medium 2x per year
    - Assist with exhibit installation
    - Assist with office support
    - Teach a course or other teaching opportunities
    - Give a lecture

## Application Checklist

Please include the following materials in your application packet:

- Completed application form
- Current resume
- Note: If necessary, **VisArts** will ask for a studio visit.
- Up to 12 slides or digital images of pieces completed in the past three years. **Slides must be labeled on the front with title, medium, artist's name, size, and the top of the slide must be marked. Slides not following this criterion will not be viewed.**) Digital images must be 300 dpi.
- Slide or digital image list.
- Check or money order for \$50 (non-refundable processing fee)
- Self-addressed, stamped return mailer (Your slides and materials cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope WITH CORRECT POSTAGE. Materials without a SASE will not be retained following the jurying process.) If the artist is accepted, all application materials will be kept in the **VisArts** gallery archives.

**Application Postmark Deadline: ONGOING**

Mail to:

**VisArts** Studio Applications,  
155 Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Application responses must be printed or typewritten. Please make sure that you have provided all requested data and have included all required materials. Please refer to the attached checklist before final submission. Applicants will be notified of the selection results as soon as possible.

**VisArts** is not responsible for items lost in the mail.



**Studio Artist's Application Form 2007**

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Application Fee: \$50

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Discipline: Painting\_\_\_ Ceramics\_\_\_ Photography\_\_\_ Sculpture\_\_\_ Jewelry\_\_\_ Glass\_\_\_  
Mixed Media\_\_\_ Fiber\_\_\_ Media Arts\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Contact Information:** Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ URL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**History:** Have you previously applied for or maintained studio space with our organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever maintained a studio space with another organization? Which one? Dates?  
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**Education and Career Goals:**

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**Professional Achievements:** (List and date three professional achievements that you consider to be the most important thus far in your career as an artist)

**Please write a brief statement about how your work manifest's your intent and ideas as an artist:**

**Please write a brief statement regarding your plans to contribute to the growth and reputation of VisArts at Rockville:**

**Check List:** (material to be included in application packet)

**WRITE YOUR DISCIPLINE ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR APPLICATION ENVELOPE PLEASE.**

Application Form\_\_\_; Current Resume\_\_\_; Check/Money Order for \$50\_\_\_;

Self-addressed, stamped return mailer (for materials)\_\_\_

For further information and questions, contact:

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