

The SPACES World Artists Program (SWAP) is a residency program for international, US and local artists to foster cultural exchange between audiences in Northeast Ohio and artists from around the world.

APPLY

SWAP residencies are intensive opportunities for experimental artists to produce and present new work over 6- to 8-weeks, within the unique cultural context of a post-industrial city. SPACES helps facilitate artists' visions by connecting them to resources, tools, and communities. Specifically, SPACES provides each SWAP resident: travel to/from Cleveland, shipping budget, assistance with travel around the city, housing and studio accommodations with wifi, honoraria, a public presentation of new work created, video documentation of the project with critical commentary, and support from SPACES staff in finding materials, developing institutional partnerships, and other residency-related activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists From Northeast Ohio: Artists from Northeast Ohio* can apply to SWAP by filling out the application, or may be invited to apply after being nominated by a SWAP partner. Northeast Ohio artists cannot be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs at the time of a SWAP residency.

International and U.S. Artists: Artists who reside outside of Northeast Ohio are only invited to apply to SWAP if nominated by one of our partners throughout the world. Any candidate outside of Northeast Ohio who has not been specifically invited to apply is ineligible.

* Ashland, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne counties.

DEADLINES

Applications are reviewed once each year. Please email your application so that it arrives at SPACES by **5pm (EST) on December 5, 2014.**

APPLICATION DETAILS

Each application must include:

- Completed application form (on page 3) – PDF format
- one-page C.V. – PDF format
- 150-word artist statement – PDF format
- 150-word SWAP statement – PDF format
- work sample list – TXT format
- Up to 15 still image work samples OR up to 3 two-minute segments of audio and/or video (or appropriate combination of images, video, audio and web-based work)

Incomplete or inaccurately assembled applications will not be considered.

WHAT TO SEND VIA EMAIL

Email complete applications to swap@spacesgallery.org, with "SWAP Application: Your Name" as the subject line, and attach all materials.

Name each file according to the following format where "artistslastname" is the last name of the artist:

- artistslastname-app.pdf
- artistslastname-cv.pdf
- artistslastname-artiststatement.pdf
- artistslastname-swapstatement.pdf
- artistslastname-worksamplist.txt

APPLICATION FORM (PDF)

Print and fill out page 3 of this document, then scan it and save in PDF format, no larger than 1MB.

C.V. (PDF)

Include a one-page C.V. listing birth year (to verify that the applicant is 21 or older), contact information (home address, phone number, email address, website), education, significant exhibitions/events/projects & bibliography.

ARTIST STATEMENT (PDF)

The 150-word artist statement should succinctly describe your work process and/or work.

SWAP STATEMENT

Include a 150-word statement describing why you are specifically interested in a SWAP Residency. To find more information on SWAP please download the SWAP Brief: www.spacesgallery.org/files/downloads/spaces-swap-brief.pdf.

WORK SAMPLES (JPG/MOV/MP3/URL)

Work samples must have been completed within the last two years. Samples can consist of up to 15 still image work samples OR up to 3 two-minute segments of audio and/or video. If you wish to submit work that includes multiple formats, you can calculate the appropriate amount of material to submit by using this equation:

2-minute audio/video clip = 1 website = 5 images.

Please label all images in the following format: number_artistslastname_title.jpg, where “number” is in a two-digit format and refers to the order in which you wish the image to appear; “artistslastname” is the last name of the artist, artist collective, or curator; and “title” is the title of the piece. Use the same format for support sketches, so that they sequentially follow the work samples. Examples look like this:

09-grosse-awalkinthepark.jpg

10-grosse-iknowwhatyoudidlastsummer.jpg

11-grosse-supportsketch.jpg

12-grosse-supportsketch.jpg

- **Images:** 10-15 digital images should be submitted in JPG format, 72 dpi, no larger than 1MB each.
- **Video or Audio:** Send via HighTail, WeTransfer, or Dropbox. Video files should be no longer than 40MB and in MOV format. Audio files should be submitted as separate MP3 files; each track should be no longer than 2 minutes. YouTube or Vimeo are acceptable, but include any necessary passwords to access the link. URLs to the appropriate videos' pages should be provided in the Work Sample List. Please only submit video art, or video documentation of an art piece that requires video to be fully experienced. Do not send video walk-throughs of static exhibitions or video slide shows.
- **Web-Based:** Web-based work should be submitted as URLs in the work sample list. Please only submit web-based projects. A portfolio website that features audio/video art and still images won't be considered.

APPLICATION FEE

There is no application fee this year. Excellent!

WORK SAMPLE LIST (TXT)

The work sample list should correspond to the submitted work samples, indicating file name, title, date, dimensions/duration, media and one brief explanatory note (if applicable) for each piece. The work sample list should also include URLs to video, audio, and web-based work samples. Please save the Work Sample List in TXT format, so that our selection committee members may easily access any URLs provided by the applicant.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications are evaluated by a porous committee of artists, community members, board members and SPACES staff living and practicing within and outside of Cleveland. In some instances, we may consider an artist's SWAP application within the pool of applicants for our R&D program. Applicants will be notified via email about the status of their application as soon as possible after the review. Please do not call or email to follow up.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An extensive FAQ is available at:

www.SPACESgallery.org/artists/apply/swap

Please complete this application and return to SPACES with supporting materials

* Name: _____

* Address: _____

* City: _____ * State/Province/Region: _____

* Country: _____

* Zip/Postal Code: _____ * Phone Number: _____

* Email: _____ Website: _____

If you live outside of Northeast Ohio, who nominated you to SWAP? _____

* Required information

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form (PDF)
- Work samples (images/video/audio/web)
- Work sample list (TXT)
- 150-word SWAP statement (PDF)
- 150-word artist statement (PDF)
- One-page C.V. (PDF)

Please refer to the Application Guidelines for answers to your questions. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Email application materials to:
swap@spacesgallery.org