Christina Frank - Artist in Residence 2024

CITY OF ALBANY

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM 2028

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE OBJECTIVES

The City of Albany Artist in Residence (AIR) program will facilitate annual artist residencies for up to six visiting artists. The AIR program provides visiting artists with the opportunity to develop their practice through self-directed creative projects.

It provides opportunities to share skills and exchange knowledge with the Albany creative community, develop professional networks within the region, contribute to wider community engagement with the arts, discover and share the rich Great Southern heritage and environment and contribute to raising the profile of Albany as a creative city.

The City of Albany (COA)manages the Vancouver Arts Centre, Mary Thomson House Studios and Residency Cottage, the Albany Town Hall and the Albany Public Library.

CITY OF ALBANY ARTS & CULTURE FACILITIES

VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

Situated approximately 1km from the Albany CBD, the Vancouver Arts Centre (VAC) is a unique heritage site and an active community arts centre. The VAC was formerly the original Albany Cottage Hospital but is now home to many arts and heritage craft groups.

MARY THOMSON HOUSE STUDIOS & RESIDENCY COTTAGE

Situated on the same site as the VAC, Mary Thomson House (MTH) is the former Nurses Quarters and is named after Mary Thomson, who campaigned to preserve the Old Hospital as a community arts centre.

Mary Thomson House provides local artists with affordable studio spaces.

The Residency Cottage is adjacent to Mary Thomson House and is entirely self-contained with separate access.

ALBANY TOWN HALL

The Albany Town Hall is in the heart of the Albany CBD. It is the City's primary exhibition venue for the region and houses a multi-purpose auditorium space.

The Town Hall was refurbished in early 2021 and offers an annual exhibition program comprising of national and state touring exhibitions, directly commissioned, independently curated and community art exhibitions. Upstairs is a multi-purpose flat floor venue for the presentation of live music, experimental and hybrid performance, installation, dance, film, civic and cultural events. The building also has a small artisan retail space.

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Albany Public library is situated in the heart of Albany next to the Albany Town Hall. It houses the City of Albany's History Collection and is an invaluable source of information for artists.

OUR OFFER TO ARTISTS

The COA AIR program is dedicated to supporting the creative development of artists – whether they have an individual or community practice. We offer accommodation for one artist (and their partner only) at the Residency Cottage for the duration of the residency. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate your children or pets.

A separate studio / research room (3.8m x 7m) is also available solely for the resident artist and is located next door at the VAC. Please let us know if you have any mobility issues as the studio is on the first floor. The fee per week for both accommodation and studio is $300.

We offer a climate controlled environment, all bed linen and access to washing facilities. Power, water and WIFI costs are included.

A residency of up to 6 weeks will be supported between the period of January 2028 to December 2028 Your residency can be for a minimum of two weeks or for the full 6 weeks. Cancellations within 6 weeks of your residency will incur a $300 fee.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

There are no expectations on the artist to have community outcomes, but if you wish to engage with our community, public outcomes from this residency can take the form of:`

- A temporary installation / exhibition / performance
- Open studio
- Artist talk
- Skills workshop

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Residency applications will be assessed by a panel comprised of industry peer professionals and the City of Albany - Arts and Culture team, based on the following criteria:

- ***Artistic excellence*** – the extent to which the artist's work is recognised as high calibre.
- ***Originality*** – the extent to which the residency proposal is unique and innovative.
- ***Timeliness*** – in the artist's career and in terms of wider events.
- ***Involvement of local community*** – collaboration with user groups, community ownership, captivating for disinclined audiences at the centre, potential for partnerships with other service organisations .
- ***Engagement of local culture and history*** – increasing the research profile – addressing our unique history, heritage, and site significance and engaging with local history.
- ***Multidisciplinary*** – artists from multiple creative disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- ***Diversity*** – artists from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, Indigenous backgrounds, diverse ages, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ people, and people from regional and remote Australia are encouraged to apply.

PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

The COA collects your personal information to deliver services and meet our legal obligations under relevant laws.

We handle your information in line with the Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024. Your information is stored securely, kept only as long as needed, and may be shared with other government agencies if required or permitted by law.

You can request access to or correction of your personal information at any time.
Contact: City of Albany Privacy Officer Phone: 08 6820 3000. Email: prisproject@albany.wa.gov.au

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APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:_____

Address_____ State_____

Phone:_____ Mobile:_____

Email: _____

Predominant Artform: _____

PREFERRED DATES

NUMBER OF WEEKS YOU WOULD LIKE (Between 2 and 6): _____

Please consider this carefully as there will be no scope to select further weeks at a different timeframe. Nominated weeks must be taken consecutively. Any cancelled dates will not be transferable

Please mark from 1 to 6 your preference for the residency timeframe:

10 JAN - 21 FEB	2028		24 JUL - 4 SEP	2028	
28 FEB - 10 APR	2028		11 SEP - 23 OCT	2028	
18 APR - 30 MAY	2028		30 OCT- 11 DEC	2028	SPACED resid.
5 JUN - 17 JUL	2028				

ATTACHMENTS

PROPOSAL

Please provide a short synopsis of the artist's intent for the residency.

(Please attach a maximum of 1 A4 page describing your proposal). This should include a description of your artistic background, concept for your residency, any public programs you may wish to offer, any workshops you may wish to offer and what you would like to achieve in your timeframe.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Please attach at least a 1 page (maximum 3 page) Curriculum Vitae

DOCUMENTATION OF PAST WORKS

Documentation of previously completed works, whether photo files (jpg), audio files or videos of work (preferably shared via a cloud based platform such as dropbox, vimeo or wetransfer). Minimum of 3 - Maximum of 5. Please include an image list of the works.

TO APPLY: Please send this completed cover sheet together with all supporting documents and images to:

arts@albany.wa.gov.au by **30th November 2026**

If you wish to contact the City of Albany Arts and Culture Team to discuss your project please do so at arts@albany.wa.gov.au or (08) 6820 3740.

Successful applicants will be notified by January 2027. If you do not recieve an email confirmation within 3 working days please contact the Arts & Culture team on 6820 3740.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The City of Albany Artist in Residence Program aims to provide visiting artists opportunities to develop their creative practice through self-directed projects and to engage the local Albany community with artistic outcomes.

The fee of $300 per week covers the cost of both a self-contained cottage, a 3.8m x 7m independent studio, utility costs and Wi-Fi. Minimum stay is 2 weeks, and maximum stay is 6 weeks.

Artists are not paid a fee to undertake the residency or to deliver associated public programs such as artist talks or open studio sessions. However, if you would like to share your skills and knowledge by providing a paid workshop, we are able to assist with marketing and provide you with in-kind room hire. Students would pay their fee directly to you and we would not take commission on the fee.

VAC will provide in-kind exhibition space for up to one week to showcase works that have been produced during the course of the residency and make it available during the residency timeframe. This will need to be booked well in advance of your residency timeframe due to the popularity of our venue.

The VAC will also provide the following:

- Access to WIFI
- Assistance in connecting you to relevant artists and arts groups who are part of the VAC.
- Assistance with making contact with relevant Great Southern organisations or businesses.
- Limited access to Vancouver Arts Centre facilities and resources. If you require something specific, please speak to staff prior to your arrival.
- Some administration support relevant to your project such as photocopying or printing
- An introduction to and access to the Albany History Collection.
- Access to the VAC's audio-visual equipment, subject to availability (please check and book this with the front desk staff).
- Marketing support, which can include:
  - Photocopying, printing (not to excess)
  - Promotion of workshops, open studios and any other public program activity
  - Sharing of social media posts and events in connection to your project on the COA Arts and Culture FB page and Instagram account
  - Promotion in the VAC newsletter if possible.
  - Direct e-mail invitations to our subscriber list for public program events

Accommodation is only suitable for the artist and their partner. There is one queen sized bed only. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate your children and pets. You will be responsible for the cleanliness of the cottage. Fresh linen will be available weekly, and you will be required to change your linen.

The work/studio space is offered exclusively for the residency artist. There is 24-hour access. We request that painters do not use solvents in this space. (Vegetable oil is an appropriate substitute). The studio is located on the first level of the Arts Centre, so if you have any mobility issues, please let us know in advance of your residency.

If you require further information, please contact arts@albany.wa.gov.au or call (08) 6820 3740