



## **Drake Devonshire x County Arts**

We are excited to be partnering with Drake Devonshire again in 2024 to offer their Artist in Residence Program to County Arts members!

Residencies provide a valuable opportunity for artists to concentrate fully on, and push the boundaries of, their creative practice. This residency can support production or research. Please note that the resident will be expected to work in a public place in the hotel and engage with the public for a specified number of hours per day (duration and location to be determined based on the nature of the activity in consultation with the Drake Devonshire's General Manager).

### **Eligibility**

All County Arts Artist Members in good standing are invited to apply. Please note that two of the three residency spots will be reserved for Prince Edward County residents.

### **When do the residencies take place?**

The residencies will be 2-3 night durations in January, February and March 2024 on Sunday - Thursday based on hotel availability. Only one residency will be awarded per month. Residencies include free accommodation for one guest, a Drake contra card to be used onsite for food valued at \$100 per day, and access to the property.

### **How will residents be selected?**

A committee of Peer Assessors will review the applications and make recommendations to The Drake Devonshire's General Manager who will make the final selection. The application form also has an optional Self-Identification Survey. For more information on how this information may be used in the assessment process, see description in the form and our Voluntary Self Identification Framework and Equity Priority Policy [linked here](#).

### **Recommendations will be based on the following:**

1. Is the application complete?
2. How compelling are the residency goals and proposed project?
3. To what extent will the proposed residency project/activities positively impact / push the boundaries of / help the artist advance their artistic practice.

**Please note the following Residency requirements:**

**Artists in Residence will:**

- Work in a public place in the hotel and engage with the public for a certain number of hours per day (duration and location to be determined based on the nature of the activity in consultation with the Drake Devonshire General Manager)
- Communicate with the Drake Devonshire General Manager in advance about their residency needs and to coordinate their public engagement hours
- Do two residency-focused social media posts per day during their stay, and tag both Drake Devonshire and County Arts in these posts
- Produce one small-scale work on paper to be auctioned off by the Drake Devonshire in support of their local charity Reaching for Rainbows

**Drake Devonshire will:**

- Communicate with artist residents in advance about their residency needs, and coordinate/schedule community engagement activities
- Upon check-in, meet artists, give them a tour of the property, introduce them to key staff, and assist with setup as needed
- Arrange for signage promoting each artist in residence
- Share the artist's residency-focused social media posts throughout and following the Residency to "Stories" and "repost" at least one of the artist's residency-focused posts to the Drake's IG/FB feed
- Help promote community engagement activities

**County Arts will:**

- Help promote the artist's presence at the Residency, e.g. by share the artist's residency-focused social media posts throughout and following the Residency to "Stories" and "repost" at least one of the artist's residency-focused posts to County Arts' IG/FB feed

**How do I apply?**

Please complete the Application Form [linked here](#).

**Application deadline: November 8th, 2023 at 11:59PM**

**Successful applicants will be contacted by the end of November.**

**About the Drake Devonshire Artist in Residence (AIR) Program**

The Drake Artist in Residence Program provides artists with the opportunity to work in their chosen art medium(s) while residing at the hotel. The residency is a unique opportunity for

artists to live, work, and experiment in a new environment outside of their studio for a few days during the hotel's winter season. The program encourages artists to take the time to disconnect, work through new ideas, explore, and create.

The Drake has hosted local, national, and international artists. The Drake's AIR program has been a successful incubator for the creative talents of Toronto artists including Esmaa Mohamoud, Maya Hayuk, Ness Lee, Peggy Baker, Janieta Eyre and Nick Bierk. The Drake has hosted international artists such as documentary filmmaker Jason DaSilva from NYC, painter Ignacio Itturia from Uruguay, conceptual artist Glen Ligon from NYC, and performance art group My Barbarian from LA, to name a few.

The Drake continues to develop these Artist-In-Residence collaborations with artists because of the unexpected and exciting possibilities the program provides for everyone involved.

#### CHECK IN

When you arrive at Drake Devonshire you will check in at the Front Desk in the lobby of the hotel at 4 Wharf St, Wellington, ON. The front desk staff will greet you and ask for a credit card for insurance/security/damage purposes before keys to your room are issued to you.

#### EATING

You will be provided with a Drake contra card (\$100 per day) with credit to be used in the restaurant. Please note, this amount cannot be used towards gratuity for your server.

#### WORKING

Any materials needed should be brought with you to the residency - please do not use any paint or materials that would damage surfaces in the hotel rooms. Should you need a specific space for working, please let Drake Devonshire staff know in advance of your stay.

#### DRAKE DIGITAL ARCHIVE

The Drake would love to share photos of your residency with Drake blog readers, please share any images you take during your stay with [marketing@thedrake.ca](mailto:marketing@thedrake.ca).