



The Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality at the St. Francis Retreat Center is now offering an Artist-in-Residence Program. In keeping with the mission of the Retreat Center, offering an opportunity for Spiritual Renewal and in collaboration with the Creative Expression Team whose mission is to provide opportunities to explore the relationship between spirituality and the creative process; the Artist-in-Residence Program is designed to offer artists an opportunity to pursue their artistic discipline and connect their art with their spiritual journey. A recent remodeling and creation of a new 1500 sq.ft. art studio at the Retreat Center offers artists a peaceful sanctuary, located on a quiet 95 acre campus with beautiful landscape, removed from the noise of the world. This residency is offered for Ecumenical, artistic and spiritual pursuits.

Artists-in-Residence are granted access to the Retreat Center and designated studio. Cash stipends and honorariums will be awarded on an individual basis. The artist must be self-sufficient, is responsible for supplying his/her own tools, materials and anything necessary to complete his/her art works. Normal residency stays range between 2 weeks and three months, based on individual need and calendar schedule availability.

The program has an open studio policy, and visitors are allowed to stop in to see the artist's work in process. Studio space may be divided between 2-3 artists depending on project needs.

We honor all art forms except those that manipulate or disturb the St Francis Retreat Center's natural and spiritual environment or anything that may be deemed offensive.

Artists must submit application materials and art samples as indicated below. All application materials may be submitted online or by mail and are reviewed regularly by jurors selected by the Creative Expression Team. Submit online or mail application materials to:

Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality
Attn: Timothy Chon, Director/ Artist-in-Residence
St. Francis Retreat Center
730 East Main St.
Dewitt, MI 48820

_____ Completed application form.

_____ Vitae with list of professional works.

_____ Statement of purpose for residency: explain what you hope to accomplish during your residency at the St. Frances Retreat Center and how you anticipate the stay will contribute to your artistic and spiritual development.

_____ Sample of artistic work is by digital file only. Do not send originals. Samples of work will not be returned.

- Visual artists (painters, photographers, sculptors, etc.): JPEG files of at least 12 different works. (Digital files must be in a JPEG format and must include artists name and title of submission (smithphototitle.jpg). (JPEG files should be no larger than 300 dpi at 4x6 inches.
- Videographers and performing artists (drama, dance, music, composers, etc.): DVD of 3 productions/compositions not to exceed 10 minutes total.
- Literary artists (writers, poets, etc.): 3 samples not more than 4 pages each

_____ Signed contract

_____ Non-refundable application processing fee of \$25.00 payable by credit card or check. Make check payable to SPE.

CreditCard#: _____ VISA ____ Master Card ____
(other?)

Invited Artists-in-Residence are asked to:

- Visual artists: Donate to the Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality at St. Francis Retreat Center artwork from, and representative of, their residency experience to become part of the Center's permanent collection. Piece to be donated will be negotiated with the Director. Artwork from visual artists must be framed/finished appropriately and ready for display.
- Performing artists: Present a one-hour public program during their residency. The program should be tailored to an individual's medium, interest, and experience, related to the spiritual study/experience, and supports the mission and values of the Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality at St. Francis Retreat Center. Programs can be demonstrations, talks, exploratory walks, or performances. Artists must provide their own supplies and equipment for these presentations.

- Comply with all Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality and St. Francis Retreat Center policy.
- The Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality at St. Francis Retreat Center may terminate this contract at any time.

Agreement to the guidelines above does not guarantee selection for the Artist-in-Residence Program at the St. Francis Retreat Center.

I understand and agree to the guidelines above.

Artist Signature: _____ Date: _____