



Request for Qualifications: Artist-in-Residence 2022

Creature Comforts Brewing Co. | February 11, 2022

Residency Facilitator: Madeline Blankenship, CCBC Hospitality Mgr.

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Link to [online application](#) | Deadline: March 13, 2022

Summary

Creature Comforts Brewing Co. seeks an Athens-based visual artist for its next Artist-in-Residence (AiR). The AiR will work with Creature Comforts and local collaborators throughout the year to create artwork and develop a community-based creative project. Additionally, supported by residency funding, the AiR will engage with professional development resources throughout the year (books, courses, workshops.) The AiR will receive a \$5,000 stipend for a commissioned work of art for Creature Comforts' permanent collection and to support their professional and creative development. Qualifications/applications are due online by March 13, 2022.

Program Overview

At Creature Comforts, we believe that investing in individual artists is critical for building a community's capacity for creative problem-solving. Artists are changemakers positioned to catalyze communities toward a better vision of the future. When communities do not maintain the infrastructure artists need to develop and thrive, communities can miss the value that these changemakers bring to the table.

This residency aims to support the need expressed by Athens' creative community for artist-focused professional development. AiRs will build on their continuing creative leadership development through the following activities:

1. **Building skills:** AiRs will pursue professional development courses/resources throughout the year, supported by their residency stipend and guidance from the Artist-in-Residence Program Advisory Committee.
2. **Creating artwork:** AiRs work alongside our staff to create artwork for select beer brand designs *and* utilize dedicated Creature Comforts taproom space to create artwork for Creature Comforts' [permanent collection](#).
3. **Leading a community-based project:** AiRs work alongside a specially appointed Project Team (comprised of internal and external stakeholders) to develop a community-based creative project such as an event or exhibition.

Founded in 2020, the AiR Program has thus far hosted two local emerging artists as AiRs with project focuses on creative waste reduction/reuse and equitable access for marginalized local creatives, respectively. AiRs worked alongside specially designated Project Teams to develop or

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contribute to projects in their chosen community contexts (external or internal to Creature Comforts).

Artists will also have opportunities to participate in formal and informal leadership training sessions throughout the year, shadow the curation and installation of art exhibitions in the CCBC Gallery, and assist with coordinating the [DIY Fair](#) in August.

Outcomes

We hope that after participating in this program, artists will:

1. Feel more confident in their creative leadership abilities.
2. Be equipped to advocate for the role of art in building a thriving community.
3. Use their artistic practice as a medium for influencing community-wide change efforts.

Artist Benefits & Compensation

1. **Stipend:** \$5,000 *plus* \$500 per commissioned Creature Comforts beer label.
2. **Access:** Creature Comforts will provide artists with a monthly material budget and a dedicated, public-facing creative workspace in the downtown taproom.
3. **Mentorship:** Artists will work with Residency Facilitator Madeline Blankenship, who will organize relationship-building lunches with local collaborators, lead 1:1 [GiANT Worldwide](#) leadership tool learning sessions, and provide shadowing opportunities with various local community arts initiatives throughout the year.

Artist Criteria & Eligibility

Successful applicants for the AiR program will be visual artists early in their careers who are passionate about collaboration, dedicated to their leadership development, and interested in community engagement through art.

Additionally, artists must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Location:** Artists must live in or near Athens, Georgia
- **Age:** Artists must be 21 years of age or older to apply
- **Transportation:** Artists must have the ability to transport themselves to the brewery for meetings and live art sessions as scheduled
- **Technology:** Artists must have access to their own computer or equivalent (e.g., tablet), internet, and phone for communication and planning

Application & Selection Process

Interested artists should apply online by submitting the following information:

- Contact information and artist website and/or social media handles
- Qualifications: Resume/CV (PDF, up to three pages) and examples of past work (PDF, up to five pages)
- Brief responses to the following questions:
 - a. Why are you interested in participating in the Creature Comforts Artist-in-Residency Program? (*Up to 1600 characters—about 250 words.*)
 - b. What, in your opinion, is the role of art in contributing to and/or supporting community change? (*Up to 1600 characters—about 250 words.*)

An advisory committee comprised of past AiRs, local collaborators, and Creature Comforts staff led by Madeline Blankenship will review applications. The committee will invite finalists to participate in brief panel interviews (~15 minutes) with members of the advisory committee.

Timeline

While the most active and public-facing portion of the residency occurs during the fall, AiRs engage with Creature Comforts and local collaborators for a significant portion of the calendar year.

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| February 9, 2022 | Creature Comforts releases RFQ |
| March 13 | All applications are due online |
| Mid to late March | Advisory Committee interviews finalists and selects AiR, who will be notified within 1 week from interview |
| April to May | AiR develops artwork commissioned for the <i>Get Artistic</i> beer |
| July to August | AiR develops their community project in collaboration with their Project Team; assists Madeline Blankenship in coordinating the DIY Fair at Creature Comforts' Taproom |
| September to October | AiR develops their artwork through live sessions at the CCBC taproom |
| October | AiR executes community project in Athens |