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Artist Studio Space Available **Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City**

Ellicott City, MD – The Howard County Arts Council is seeking applications from artists to fill one available resident artist studio space. The studio will become available August 15, 2009. The available studio is approximately 265 square feet, rents for \$159.22 per month and has shared access with two other artists in an adjoining studio. **The deadline to apply is 5:00 PM, Thursday, July 15, 2009.**

HCAC houses accessible studio space for fourteen resident artists, as well as three resident arts organizations representing a variety of disciplines. Resident artists have 24-hour access, natural light and easy access to water. Heat & utilities are included.

HCAC resident artists are required to participate in an annual resident artists' exhibit/showcase, open their studios for up to four open studio events per year, maintain membership in the Howard County Arts Council, use their studio an average of eight hours per week, and carry liability insurance as outlined in their lease. Initial leases are for a one year period and, upon successful completion of a studio review, lease renewals are offered in two-year, renewable terms to artists meeting the conditions of their lease.

Residents are selected based upon their artistic discipline, artistic merit and lifelong commitment. In cases where all other elements of candidates' qualifications are roughly of equal value, Howard County residents will be given priority.

The Howard County Center for the Arts is located at 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

For an application or further information, please call 410-313-ARTS (2787), visit www.hocoarts.org/studios_and_rentals, or email info@hocoarts.org.

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